

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS** held in the Victoria Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 6 September 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT :

Kathy Head Mayor of Crewkerne (in the Chair)
Peter Davidson Town Clerk
Katharine Sheehan Town Clerk designate

Plus approximately 35 local government electors of the Parish of Crewkerne.

1. WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She said there would be an opportunity for electors to ask questions or to raise matters of concern following the presentations.

2. INTRODUCTION TO TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor introduced the Councillors and thanked them for their support through the year.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Meeting of Electors held on Monday 15 April 2019 were **APPROVED**.

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Constable Paul Nally gave a short presentation, highlighting recent staff changes and the fact that covid had affected policing priorities.

5. MAYOR'S AWARD

Cllr. Head presented the Mayor's Award this year to the Crewkerne Community Church and their "Be a good neighbour" scheme, which had provided invaluable support to vulnerable residents throughout the pandemic. Rev. Stephen Grey, in accepting the award, thanked the Town Council for their excellent support.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Head gave a presentation which summarised the highlights from the year to date and the Council's future priorities.

7. PRESENTATIONS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

Presentations were made by the following community groups:

- Crewkerne Community Church (Rev. Stephen Grey presented)
- Henhayes Centre (Stephanie Upton-Pittaway presented)
- Aqua Centre (Angie Singleton presented)
- Local business group (Leighton Ballantine presented)

- Crewkerne in Bloom (Catherine Bacon presented)

8. MATTERS RAISED BY CREWKERNE REPRESENTATIVES

A member of the public expressed concern that the precept might be raised again next year. In response, Cllr. Pailthorpe emphasised that the Council were acutely aware of the need to balance the provision of services with the need to carefully manage the precept.

A member of the public asked whether the Council had decided to sell the cemetery lodge. In response, the Clerk advised that the cemetery was jointly owned by both the Town Council and West Crewkerne Parish Council. The Councils had yet to make a decision on the future of the lodge but were considering options.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed:

Dated:

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