

Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS held in the Victoria Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 4 April 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Plus, approximately 52 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 at the end of the meeting.

2. ANNUAL HONOURED CITIZENS AWARD 2022

The Mayor presented an Award to Mr Mike Jones. Mr Jones is a regular volunteer in the Council's Local Information Centre and had contributed to or served on many committees and bodies in Crewkerne, including the Museum, the Speedwell Club and the Henhayes Centre.

Mr Jones accepted the award and thanked everyone.

The Mayor then presented an award to Mr David Holmes. Mr Holmes had been a familiar face to many over the years as a dedicated volunteer litter picker throughout the town centre. Often acting as the eyes and ears of the Town Council out of office hours, Mr Holmes is a regular correspondent with the Council Office, highlighting issues in the town which had arisen and required attention.

Mr Holmes accepted the award and thanked everyone, paying thanks to his family for their support.

3. INTRODUCTION TO TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Mayor introduced the Councillors and thanked them for their support through the year. She noted that there were elections in May and that some Councillors would not be seeking re-election.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Town Meeting of Electors held on Monday 6 September 2021 were APPROVED.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS TOWN MEETING MINUTES

None.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Sergeant Rob Jameson gave a short presentation, highlighting recent staff changes, post-covid operations across the local policing area and pressures on the police and their current priorities. The Mayor thanked Sgt. Jameson for his time and noted that the police would be in attendance following the meeting to answer any questions.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

8. PRESENTATIONS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS

Presentations were made by the following community groups:

- Henhayes Centre (Stephanie Upton-Pittaway presented)
- Aqua Centre (Dan Swinnerton presented)
- Crewkerne in Business (Jon Allen presented)
- Crewkerne in Bloom (Catherine Bacon presented)

9. PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The Mayor presented cheques to the following organisations:

- Merriott Majorettes
- Crewkerne Boxing Club
- Speedwell Club
- Severalls Memorial Gardening Club
- Rotary Club of Crewkerne District
- Aquacentre
- Henhayes Centre
- The Shed
- Crewkerne in Bloom
- Crewkerne Tea Dance group
- Citizens Advice Bureau (South Somerset)

The Mayor reminded residents that applications for the next cycle of grants would open in September.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY CREWKERNE RESIDENTS

A member of the public noted that she had some free wildflower seeds and would liaise with Crewkerne in Bloom about making them available for planting across town.

The meeting closed at 8.34 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: