



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wellington Held via Zoom on 4 May 2021 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillor Janet Lloyd, Mayor.

Councillors M Barr, C Booth, A Govier, J Hunt, M Lithgow, M McGuffie, N. Powell-Brace, S Pringle-Kozikowski, V Stock-Williams and J Thorne

Dave Farrow, Town Clerk, Annette Kirk, Deputy Town Clerk, Alice Kendall, Deputy Responsible Financial Officer/Assistant Clerk

No members of the public were present.

The mayor opened the meeting by reporting the sad news of the death of Carlos Bernardes, Mayor of Torres Vedras. She expressed sympathy on behalf of the Town Council to Sr Bernardes family and the residents of Torres Vedras. There then followed a minute's silence.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors W Battishill, C Booth and D Bradley

Absent: Councillors R Henley and N Smith

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual parish meeting held on 13May 2019 had been previously circulated and were received, confirmed and signed as correct with the suggestion that the year should be added to the heading.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Dave Mitton had questioned where Wellington would fit into the new Somerset West and Taunton District Council. He was concerned that Wellington had not been treated fairly in the past and was now being asked to supplement services by the rise in council tax. To make this more fair a Taunton Town Council should be created from the unparished areas of the town.

The Mayor reported that this had been an ongoing issue over the last two years which those councillors on the District Council were seeking to resolve. She noted that both unitary authority proposals recognised the need for a Town Council for Taunton to be established.

3.2 Diana Land had drawn attention to the fact that the flagpole at 28 Fore Street had still not been replaced and it was now impossible to fly a flag on important occasions. The Assistant Clerk reported that a replacement flagpole was still being looked into.

The Town Clerk reported that since taking up post had had picked up this work and that quotes were being sought to have a flagpole reinstated. He advised that both Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent would be required.

4. To Receive the Annual Report of the Town Mayor and Town Clerk

The report had been previously circulated with the agenda. It was noted that under paragraph 15 reference to the 'Town Centre Working Group' should be replaced with 'Town Centre Committee' and under paragraph 18 the number of allotments should be 102 and not 100.

It was **Resolved** that with those amendments the report should be accepted and noted.

5. Any other Matters which the Public Wish to Raise

There being no members of the public present no matters were raised.

The meeting ended at 6.20 pm.