



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wellington Held on 29 May 2024 at 6.00pm at The United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington**

**Present:** There were 13 members of the public present including the following Town Councillors: Janet Lloyd (Mayor & Meeting Chair), Catherine Govier, Mark Lithgow, Steve Mercer and John Thorne

Dave Farrow, Town Clerk and Alice Kendall, Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Responsible Financial Officer

1 member of the press

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Chris Booth and Andrew Govier

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous annual parish meeting held on 17 May 2023 had been previously circulated and were received and confirmed as correct.

**3. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/23 FROM THE FORMER MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk gave an overview of what the report contained. He reported that the Council had successfully purchased its office buildings at 28-30 Fore Street and that for the later part of the year; a lot of time had been dedicated to planning for the assets and services that will be devolved from Somerset Council in light of their financial troubles. The full report is available on the website.

**4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FUNDING FROM THE COUNCIL IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR**

Presentations were made by representatives of the following organisations setting out how the funding provided by the Town Council had supported their work. The Mayor thanked each of them for the important work they each carry out.

- Citizens Advice Taunton
- Reminiscence Learning
- Wellington Community Counselling

**5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE COUNCIL IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR**

Presentations were made by representatives of the following organisations setting out how the funding provided by the Town Council had supported their work.

- St John's Church
- Wellington Cricket Club

- Transition Town Wellington
- Wellington Street Pastors
- Wellington Twinning Association

## **6. ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE PUBLIC WISH TO RAISE**

A member of the public reported the following items:

- He reported that it was his understanding that a large amount of money had been spent on Project Management services leading to the demolition of the Longforth Road toilets and that he would not be in favour of a re-build.
- He expressed disappointment that there is no flagpole in the Town Centre. The Mayor reported that the matter had been looked into several times previously and explained the issues that had arisen. i.e. planning issues for placing on a list building at 28 Fore Street, and health and safety issues for the erecting of the flags.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm.