

## **45th Annual Town Meeting**

To be signed at the next meeting 2019

### **Minutes of the 45th Town Meeting held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon, 7.30pm, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

#### **Present**

Cllr L. Little – Chairman of Clevedon Town Council Presiding

Town Councillors G. Hill, J. Middleton, N. Barton, B. Hatch, J. Geldart, G. Watkins, A. Giles-Townsend, C. Francis-Pester, S. Hale, D. Shopland, A. Shopland, B. Cherokoff, L. Fone

Town Clerk – Ms P Heath MILCM,

Local Government Electors x 7

Press x 1

Apologies for non-attendance had been given by Cllr J. Norton-Sealey (family commitments)  
Cllr C. Blades (another meeting)

#### **TM 18/1 MINUTES OF THE 44th TOWN MEETING**

Proposed and seconded that the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 are a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **TM 18/2 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.**

18.2.1 Chairman's Report; Cllr L. Little presented her report as circulated prior to the meeting, and thanked members of the Council and public for their support.

18.2.2 Allotment Chairman's report; Cllr Middleton presented the report as circulated prior to the meeting.

18.2.3 Finance & General Policy Committee Chairman's report; Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report as circulated prior to the meeting.

18.2.4 Planning Committee Chairman; Cllr Hill presented the report as circulated prior to the meeting.

18.2.5 Property Committee Chairman; Cllr J. Geldart presented the report as circulated prior to the meeting, commenting on the amount of property owned or managed by the Town Council and future plans.

18.2.6 Town Events and Amenities Committee Chairman; Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report as circulated prior to the meeting, thanking all those who worked on the Christmas Lights and the Friends of Herbert Gardens.

18.2.7 Transport & Highways Committee Chairman; Cllr Alex Giles Townsend presented the report as circulated prior to the meeting, commenting on the recent traffic review undertaken by North Somerset Council which would go out to consultation soon.

Proposed seconded and **AGREED** to accept the Chairman's & Committee reports.

**TM 18/3 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented the circulated audited annual accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by the meeting to accept the financial report

**TM 18/4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTOR PARTICIPATION**

**Hither Green – Allotments**

In response to a question it was confirmed that no soil testing had been undertaken on the area proposed for new allotments; the Town Council were still awaiting the license from NSC.

**Dog and Litter Bins**

Several Members of the public raised concerns about the removal of dog and litter bins by NSC without consultation with the Town Council or residents. Comments were made that some of those removed were in high use areas and the effect of the removal was a noticeable increase in litter. Some dog bin removed were adjacent to play areas and dog walkers were being encouraged to put the dog faeces into the normal open topped waste bins in the play areas, leading to concerns about smell and health issues in the summer. Others spoke of the illogical way some of the dog bins had been moved.

Cllr D. Shopland as NSC East Ward Councillor explained that the decision had not been made by NSC Councillors but by officers. He explained the difficulties being faced by NSC over budgeting and financial deficits, with Social Services taking priority over all other front-line services., he suggested that Clevedon Town Council should look to take over the provision and emptying of the dog and litter bins.

Members of the Council responded to the comments expressing concern at the way the District Council acted and the lack of communication. The Town Council was in contact with NSC to discuss the reinstatement of the bins. Should the Town Council consider the taking over of the waste bin contract it would see a large rise in the precept.

Friends of Herbert Gardens reported that of the 3 Clevedon Town Council bins 2 were being emptied as normal but one was repeatedly missed; the Friends had cleared this one. Some of the waste was classified as household but most was dog waste and general litter you would expect in a park.

**District Councillors**

Comment was made that of the 5 NSC Councillors only 1 had attended the Annual Town Meeting. It was noted that Cllr C. Blades as Chairman of North Somerset Council was attending another meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

CHAIRMAN ..... DATE .....