



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held on Monday 12th April 2019 at 6.30pm
under the Coronavirus Regulations via ZOOM

Present: Mrs P Eden (Chair), Town Clerk, District Cllr Grove-Jones and five Councillors.

One minute's silence was held to mark the passing of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Mrs Eden, as Chair of the Town Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2019 meeting

The minutes were AGREED by those present as a true and correct record of the meeting and will be signed in due course.

3. Town Council Annual Report

The Chair thanked Mrs Susan Wellerd who had retired from her post as Town Clerk during the year, and who had worked tirelessly during a difficult year with the COVID rules. Her support had enabled the Town Council to deliver two large projects in the last year, the piling at Stalham Staithe and also the car park at the Recreation Ground. The Council had worked closely with local tradespeople and residents to offer support.

The Council thanked her colleagues on the committees, and those who delivered local services and volunteered their time to work on behalf of the Council.

The Council had worked during the last year maintaining assets and undertaking statutory responsibilities for the benefit of the people of Stalham.

Councillor Glyn Wilson had resigned during the year and his support was missed.

On behalf of the Town Council Mrs Eden expressed her thanks to both District Councillor Pauline Grove-Jones and also County Councillor Nigel Dixon. The local Police officer Mr Tom Gibbs provides regular reports to the Town Council.

The Council has continued to replace three streetlights annually, it is working on a burial ground extension which is now underway. The local Market Towns Initiative has provided funding which has enabled the Town Council to deliver local projects alongside the Business Forum and the Firehouse Museum. The new Jan Mark trail has been

opened, the Recreation Ground Charity has been formalized. No allotments are currently available and the site is fully utilized and kept very well.

In 2021-2 The Council will replace another three streetlights, hopefully complete the burial ground extension, undertake considerable tree work, work alongside the Parochial Church Council in the closed churchyards and also review and start planning the upgrade of the play areas.

It has been a difficult time, but with the support of the Clerk and Councillors the Town Council has continued to work hard and deliver local services.

4. Reports received from other bodies.

Mrs M Baker reported on behalf of the Town Hall Management Committee. The Committee have continued with the renovation works at the Hall as planned despite the lock down. The external pointing has been completed, the damp-proofing has continued with the lobby scheduled shortly, the new door is on order and will be installed in May. Despite the loss of income the Committee has taken full advantage of the time to get many items of work completed. The annual maintenance work and inspections are ongoing.

5. Question and answer session.

The meeting was asked to clarify if the trees removed for the burial extension will be replaced.

The clearance work is not completed, the groundwater survey has been completed but not received and now the hard, then soft landscaping will take place once the grave placement is mapped. The tree planting will take place once the other aspects are decided. Twelve trees are due to be planted to replace those removed.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm