

PARISH OF GODALMING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting **Held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Bridge Street, Godalming** **on Thursday, 19 April 2018**

1. **WELCOME**

The Mayor, Councillor A Bott welcomed all those present particularly those Members of the Public present.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Meeting held on the 9 April 2018, having been previously distributed, were approved by the Meeting and signed by the Town Mayor as a correct record.

3. **REPORT BY THE TOWN MAYOR**

The meeting approved an oral report by the Town Mayor, Councillor Bott, summarising the work of the Town Council since the last Annual Town Meeting. In addition a printed Annual Report 2017/18 was tabled at the meeting and a copy of that report is attached to the official record copy of these minutes.

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS RAISED BY ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTOR CONCERNING THE TOWN'S AFFAIRS.**

Three questions were raised and answered:

The first concerned noisy cars and motorbikes late at night causing a disturbance to residents.

Godalming Town Council have no powers in regards to this matter, which is a policing issue. However, it was agreed that the Town Council would write to the Local Policing Team and inform them of the concerns raised. Mr David Munro, Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner who was present at the meeting asked to be copied in on the letter.

A question was asked about why the pedestrian area of Crown Court, Godalming had been dug up by a utility company and left.

The Town Clerk explained that the pedestrian area of crown court was managed by Waverley Borough Council. However, the Town Council had raised concerns regarding the length of time to reinstate the below ground works had been raised with Waverley. The Town Clerk explained that the utility company's contractors had initiated the works without the correct permissions and had rightly been halted by Waverley. Unfortunately the contractors were Carillion, who are no longer trading. Waverley have taken action to get this rectified and the works are ongoing and will be completed as soon as possible.

When is Boarden Bridge renovation being completed?

The Town Clerk explained that it had been hoped that the works would have been completed by now, however, the unusually wet first quarter of the year, which included snow at Easter, has made works across the river challenging. The Town Clerk made a commitment that the works would be complete by the time of the Town Show.

5. PRESENTATION BY MR DAVID MUNRO, POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SURREY

Mr David Munro gave a presentation on the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the strategic priorities for Surrey Police. Mr Munro took questions from those present.

The Mayor thanked Mr Munro for his presentation.

6. THE MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Bott, announced the recipients of the 2018 Mayor's Award for Volunteers.

Awards, comprising a framed certificate, town badge and a £20.00 gift token were presented to:

Mr David Allen
Mrs Anne Attwater
Mrs Elizabeth Baker
Mr Roger Humphrey
Mr Martyn Sandford