

PARISH OF GODALMING

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting Held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Bridge Street, Godalming on Thursday, 20 April 2017

1. **WELCOME**

The Mayor, Councillor D Hunter welcomed all those present particularly those Members of the Public present.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 14 April 2016, 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 Hunter, summarising the work of the Town Council since the last Annual Town Meeting. In addition a printed Annual Report 2016/17 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.**

Two questions were raised and answered:

Having read the council's annual report, I find nothing regarding the absence of the Town Clerk or the current positions held by staff members, can you explain to me what the situation is regarding the Town Clerk.

This is a confidential staffing matter and cannot be discussed at this meeting.

Having an interest in sustainable transportation and in light of recent developments and increases in the town's population, the current frequency of trains to and from London stopping at Godalming on a Sunday is 1 per hour. As more and more people are using the trains on a Sunday, would now, in light of the pending change in franchise operator, be a good time to lobby for an increased Sunday train service?

The issues surrounding sustainable transportation are being considered as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan; the plan will form recommendations and policies which could be used to influence provision.

5. **THE MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hunter, announced the recipients of the 2017 Mayor's Award for Volunteers.

Awards, comprising a framed certificate and a £20.00 book token were presented to:

Mr Andrew Fergusson
Mrs Cath Lovell
Mr Ray Pont
Mrs Alison Sargeant