

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 7:30 p.m. on
Tuesday 09 June 2020

Vide remote/virtual means on the *Zoom.us* information systems (IS) platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: M Leman, Deputy Chairman and Deputy Town Mayor, Mrs C Allen,* R Allen,* Mrs A Burton, A Darker, R Hills, K Lapsley and Ms S Mannion.

County/Borough Councillors: Mrs C Allen* and R Allen*.

In attendance:

Town Clerk: Mr ME Jackson.

Office Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

Members of public: One, as recorded.

20/007

Deputy Chairman's welcome and opening remarks followed by a written Annual Report from the Chairman & Town Mayor Cllr Mrs CM Coe.

Due to the planned absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman welcomed members to the meeting but referred Cllrs to the Chairman's fulsome Annual Report and busy list of Civic visits by her and her Consort despite further invitations being curtailed by the current COVID19 Pandemic and Lockdown. Cllr Leman drew the attention of members to aspects of this Annual Report such as:

- The success of the 2019 public events, (contrasting with the cancellation of most of the 2020 events starting with VE Day 75).
- The constant concern over the Dalebrook Farm site.
- The continued lack of progress for the 2014 major housing development inside Clickers Way known as the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE). This in turn holds up the hoped for re-generation of Weaver Springs Park facilities.
- The scheduled move of the Town Council Office function to the Town Library and opening of a new public toilet funded by HBBC and ESTC.
- Best wishes and thanks to the voluntary organisation *Earl Shilton in Bloom* for yet again florally dressing the Town to the highest standard.

The full report and visit list can be found at the end of these minutes.

The Deputy Chairman expressed Council's thanks to the Chairman in both of her roles especially as Town Mayor (including her Consort) and likewise expressed members best wishes to her for her a speedy return to full health.

Noted and received.

20/008

To receive apologies for cllr member and other cllr absence.

Town Cllrs: Ms D Almey, Mrs C Coe, Ms J Duplock, B Granger and Mrs G Granger submitted to the Town Clerk, with good reasons, their written apologies for absence in advance of the meeting. These apologies and reasons were

recorded by the Town Clerk and brought forward to the meeting for consideration.

Resolved: to accept the tabled apologies for absence from Cllrs Ms D Almey, Mrs C Coe, Ms J Duplock, B Granger and Mrs G Granger as stated and recorded.

20/009 *Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of member's interests, i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda.*

Cllr M Leman declared a personal interest in item 20/022 as he is related to a particular party referred to in the Town Clerk's general report.

Resolved: Cllr Leman may remain in the virtual meeting room for the declared interest but may not speak unless questioned and my not vote on any motion proposed.

20/010 *To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of Full Council meeting held on 26 May 2020.*

Resolved: to accept as a true record of the Full Council meeting of the 26 May 2020; the minutes tabled for the Chairman's (digital) signature and already distributed in approved draft to members with their agenda packs.

20/011 *Public Participation:*

a. *Public speaking protocol – requests received by the protocol deadline to be submitted to the Clerk with details of the agenda item they may wish to address or relate to if any. None.*

b. *That the meeting be adjourned to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda (Electors' Time). N/A.*

20/012 *To note and receive any reports from County and Borough Cllrs including a request from this meeting Chairman for a brief Borough Cllr written report on the recent 'Horsefair' issue. Full Council will go into 'private session' as per the 1960 Act but only if necessary. The latter to include please:*

- *The lead up to the issue.*
- *Actions taken by Borough/County Cllrs throughout.*
- *Results of actions taken by Cllrs.*
- *Listing of any offences committed as well as any loss, damage, injury and penalties applied to offenders.*
- *Plans if any to prevent such an issue occurring again.*

Borough Cllr R Allen in response to the Chairman's request submitted a written report to the questions set to the satisfaction of members. Cllr Allen additionally verbally confirmed that the improper Horsefair did not take place and expressed his thanks to the Police, fellow Borough Cllrs especially those from Barwell, officers from the Borough and County Councils, the Town Council and our local MP in ensuring that crime and disorder did not take place. It was noted that local shopkeepers felt supported and were particularly relieved that the weekend in question passed off quietly. Cllr Darker pointed out the extent of the Traveller incursion went beyond the Dalebrook Farm and Nock Verges property boundaries into green field areas. Also, that alleged minor car crime had

anecdotally been reported in the Town. Cllr Allen has been informed that the current large concentration of Travellers should have moved on by the end of June 2020.

Cllr Allen went on to assure members that the medium and long term aim and objective to completely remedy the issues caused by the Dalebrook Farm Traveller site will continue to be a priority matter for Borough Cllrs as the Borough Council is the local planning authority to resolve this undoubted problem.

Report noted and received with thanks.

20/013 *To receive any form of Neighbourhood Police report pertaining to Earl Shilton including the local Beat Team reports for Feb to May 2020.*

Members remarked on the reports with interest and thanks plus repeated their appreciation of the service that PCSO Nik Malbasa has given to the Town over the last 3 years. Nik has been accepted on the PCs course and members wish him every success and enjoyment in his new more expansive role.

Reports noted and received with thanks.

20/014 *To note and receive any reports from member representatives to recent (remote/virtual) non-Town Council outside bodies, meetings, events or working parties excluding Police reports and the Town Team Working Group (TTWGp) including relevant late items received since this agenda was published. **None.***

20/015 *To invite/nominate member representatives to attend meetings/events that are not Town Council initiated including remote and late relevant invitations too. **None.***


20/016 *To receive minutes, draft minutes and or a verbal report on Leisure, Parks, Cemetery and Open Spaces (LPCOS) Cttee meetings or business of interest and possible concern plus any immediate recommendations for spending from the annual budget or Reserves.*

Members had received the LPCOS draft minutes of the meeting of 26 May 20 in their agenda packs. There were no material comments arising from these minutes.

Resolved: to note and receive the LPCOS Cttee draft minutes of the meeting of the 26 May 20.

20/017 *To receive a written and or verbal report from the Chairman of the Events Cttee regarding recent meetings and or pandemic lockdown updates concerning 2020 events.*

There were no reports to receive as Town Public Events have been and remain severely curtailed due to the COVID19 Pandemic. Members were informed that, despite social distancing measures, the 08 November 2020 *Remembrance Sunday* War Memorial/Wood St professional road closure works have been ordered.



Noted and received.

20/018

Correspondence received including relevant late items received:

- a. Cllrs B & Mrs G Granger – memo of concern for Groundcare Staff - COVID19.

A suggestion was made that the ESTC Groundcare Staff should be tested for COVID19 as soon as possible. After member consideration of written Bulletin Number 15 from NHS Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland (LLR) such action did not come within the latest Government/NHS guidelines for virus testing.

Resolved: in accordance with current Government/NHS procedures no ESTC Staff will be requested to apply for a COVID19 test unless they or Council feel an individual is displaying symptoms of the virus.

- b. Earl Shilton Charity (ESC) Reg No 1059296 – Trustee appointments.

In accordance with the Charity Commission Trust Instrument, members of ESTC appointed 4 *Nominated Trustees* who had kindly tabled in writing their names and credentials for consideration in advance of this meeting.

Resolved: from the effective date of this meeting the following individuals are appointed as nominated trustees for the terms shown as follows:

A 2 year term:

Mr Roy Charles Longdon

Mr Richard George Allen (a serving Earl Shilton Town Councillor)

A 4 year term:

Mr Stuart William Bacon

Mr Roger Ellis

The Town Clerk will send written confirmation of the appointments to the ESC Ex Officio Trustee and the Administrator to the Trustees.

- c. Wood St bollard shrine issue – HBBC officer response.

The issue is now being escalated to LCC Highways.

Noted and received.

- d. West Leics Community 1st Responders – Annual Report et al.

Members had received an Agenda pack annual report from WLC Responders which they considered impressive. After a short discussion regarding the much appreciated value of the service given cllrs decided a motion as follows.

Resolved: to award this voluntary community group £500 from the precept budget for the current financial year.

- e. Earl Shilton Camera Club – letter of thanks for the 2020 ESTC grant.

Noted and received with gratitude for the 'Club's impressive contribution to local arts and acknowledgement of ESTC

- f. Planned withdrawal of BT public payphone on Mill Lane.



Members discussed the obvious redundant nature of this public telephone box and could not find a telling material reason to justify its retention.

Noted and received.

- g. *Neighbourhood issues – Oaklands Drive.*

Members were informed this was a Housing Association tenancy problem and that ESTC were only copy addressees. As no follow-up has been received it is presumed at this stage that this matter is now settled or at least being handled by the Housing Association in question.

Noted and received.

- h. *Resignation of an Elected Town Cllr, Notice of Casual Vacancy, and Notice of By-election in May **2021**.*

Members noted the resignation of Cllr V Darker, acknowledged her service and wished her well for the future. Borough Council Electoral Services have formally notified ESTC that 10 or more electors have called a by-election to fill the casual vacancy however; because temporary legislation brought in to allow for the COVID19 Pandemic this by-election will not take place until May 2021.

Noted and received.

- i. *Late item: national rough sleeping bi-monthly survey through HBBC.*

As a result of the current pandemic and the central government effort to ensure that no-one is rough sleeping; the annual 1 night 'snapshot' survey of rough sleepers has now had its frequency changed to bi-monthly. Members informed the Town Clerk that they were unaware of any rough sleepers in any of the Towns wards at the present time.

Noted and received with actions-on for the Town Clerk to complete the survey as at the due date.

20/019

To appoint members to Committees and Working Parties of Council for the forthcoming year:

Staffing Cttee, (6 members).

LPCOS Cttee, (6 to 8 members).

Events Cttee, incorporating Public Events, (5 members).

Finance & Policy Working Party, incorporating the Community Fund, Annual Risk Assessment, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Reviews, (5 members).

Planning Cttee, incorporating SUE, Town Plan & Town Team Working Group, (6 members).

(N.B. The Council Meetings Calendar will be updated accordingly as and when the Cttees/Working Parties have their initial meetings and appoint their Chairman and Deputy Chairman).

Resolved: all committees and the working party will remain extant except that Cllr A Darker will now join the LPCOS Cttee.

20/020

To approve:

- a. *The motor mileage rate payable to councillors and staff when travelling on official Council business or training – 45 pence per mile or appropriate refund of public transport costs.*
- b. *To retain current Council subscriptions, (listed in the agenda pack), e.g. LRALC, unless changed by resolution.*
- c. *Banking signatories. Council to decide signatories for the Natwest current account, (Town Clerk and 4 members required) and the Public Sector Deposit Fund/CCLA account, (4 members but not Town Clerk required).*
- d. *To declare the number of the Town's electors as 8,907 and the Section 137 (Local Government Act 1972) expenditure allowed per elector for the financial year 2020/21 to be £8.32 per elector as per promulgated by a higher authority.*
- e. *To confirm Town Council key holders as all appropriate permanent staff and the Chairman.*

Resolved: that all items remain extant and as stated above except sub-para d. which is as promulgated by a higher authority for the current year.

20/021

To receive the Town Clerk's Finance Report including late relevant items and:

- a. *Annual Return (AGAR) and the RBS closedown for the financial year ending 31 Mar 20 linking in to the Internal Audit and External Audit – Town Clerk's priority.*

The Town Clerk reminded members that some of the statutory work of Council has been disrupted/delayed by the current Pandemic this includes the Annual Governance & Accountability (AGAR) return to Council's appointed, (by a superior authority), External Auditor. Whilst the Financial Year End for 31 March 2020 went perfectly well and on time Council require a year end Internal Audit before the AGAR can be completed. The pandemic has delayed the year end internal audit originally planned for the end of May 2020. Revised and delayed submission dates for the AGAR have been promulgated so ESTC will remain compliant.

Noted and received.

- b. *A motion to resolve the receipt and approve of monthly ESTC accounts for 31 Mar 20, 30 Apr 20 and 31 May 20 if the latter is ready.*

Full and reconciled accounts for March 2020 and April 2020 were tabled. The May 2020 accounts were not ready in time and will be presented to the July 2020 Full Council.

Resolved: that the Deputy Chairman may sign the accounts and reconciliations as tabled in the meeting agenda packs for March and April 2020 when next in the Office and as convenient.

- c. *A short briefing about General Reserves and the Earmarked Reserve for Parks improvements and play equipment.*

The Town Clerk explain to members that the General Reserves had increased by just over £30k from a carryover from the previous financial year. This was due not so much because of an underspend of the budget but due to non-

precept s.106 monies coming into account for Parks works that have been delayed because; in the case of the Maple Way Park footpath scheme, persistent late Winter rain making the ground unworkable. The Clerk went on to explain that he will try to account for this belated expenditure from General Reserves or transfer monies from General Reserves to the Parks Earmarked Reserve for clarity of spending against appropriate account codes and cost centres.

Noted and received.

20/022 *To receive the Town Clerk's general report including relevant late items received since this agenda was published.*

a. Late item. Wood St Park – Residents' complaint regarding the grounding feeding of birds which is reportedly attracting vermin (rats) to a border hedgerow.

The Town Clerk brought to members the subject of individuals ground feeding birds in Wood St Park. This in turn has brought 3 complaints from named residents of Mountfield Rd stating that they believe the scattering of bird seed close to the ESTC hedge adjacent to Mountfield Rd has resulted in 'seen' vermin inhabiting the hedgerow and therefore the Park. After the first complaint of vermin being present temporary ESTC signage was placed in Wood St Park asking park users not to ground feed any creatures in the park because it was reportedly attracting vermin. This prompted a vehement complaint from a Cllr and a resident family that a member of the Council's staff had verbally abused an elderly woman known to be ground feeding birds in Wood St Park. For the avoidance of doubt, this is a false premise and absolutely has no basis in fact. Because the elderly woman's daughter identified herself and her partner did so too by means of email and telephone Council were able to identify the elderly lady said to be distressed. The Town Clerk asked members for direction as to what action should now be taken in the best interests of the public at large, Council staff and the reputation of the Council noting that the original temporary signs asking Park users not to ground feed birds have been torn down or pulled out of the ground and shoved under a hedge.

Resolved: the Town Clerk is to write a letter to the elderly resident and her family asking them personally not to attempt to ground feed birds in Wood St Park so as not to attract vermin. Secondly, to re-instate the temporary signs asking residents not to ground feed any creatures in the Park.

20/023 *Planning applications/correspondence received as a Town Council 'consultee' from HBBC, adjacent Districts and or LCC as Local or County Planning Authorities. Also to:*

a. Note, discuss and receive non-private session items from the Planning Cttee:

i). Masefield Dve/Breach Lane householder planning issue.

The Planning Cttee have raised an objection to the Local Planning Authority strongly objecting to the part of the application that seeks to acquire land that belongs in public ownership to establish a tarmac drive

into Breach Ln. An improper act that has already been tried and the house owner has been made to re-instate the highway verge.

Noted and received.

- ii). *Barrow Hill Quarry Landfill Works Application – Planning Inspector’s dismissal of the applicant’s appeal against a refusal notice.*

This is good news for the residents and locality. Members hope the land can come into benign ownership with more environmentally farming use in the not too distant future.

Noted and received.

- iii) *Potential s.106 matters – application 15/00084/FUL.*

An informal question from HBBC has asked what views they have regarding the 190 dwelling application for the east of Earl Shilton.

Resolved: to refer the matter back to the Planning Cttee for a more detailed examination and to report back to Full Council.

- b. Late relevant items to be reported since this agenda was set.

Cllr A Darker wished to ask two questions, firstly about a Barwell village matter to which the meeting Chairman, as a point of order, ruled that it will be improper to discuss a matter that was outside the responsibility of this Town Council. Secondly, Cllr Darker wondered if any progress was likely in the planning application to turn the King William I public house site into apartments? Collectively members said that they were aware of the application but were unaware as to its current state of progress.

Noted and received.

Confidential Items – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the agenda items below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and will be requested to withdraw. Members will resolve to go into ‘Private Session’. So resolved.

- 20/024** *Planning matters which should be heard in private session, e.g. Dalebrook Farm, Barrow Hill Quarry, the ongoing Council Premises Projects and relevant late items received since this agenda was published.*

Cllr R Allen in private session gave more explicit visions and strategies for successful outcomes to the issues that have dogged the Dalebrook Farm and the Barrow Hill Quarry sites for the last 4 years or more.

The Town Clerk gave a short update on the Office move – work is halted due to Pandemic closure of the Library and public toilets. Secondly, the search for the Groundcare Team premises carries on and the ‘Sturgis’ report will be examined at the next Planning Cttee meeting to be held later in June 2020.

Noted and received.

- 20/025** *Staffing Cttee issues including:*



- a. Legacy legal matters. *Jy TOWN CLERK*
- i) Employment Tribunal (ET) – one day to go, for an outcome to be decided at a date to be confirmed with the clear resolve not to 'settle' out of Tribunal.
- ii) Former Cllr potential personal injury claim. Council's Insurers have marked up a contingency sum of £ *Jy TE*
- b. The agenda for the Staffing Cttee meeting Tues 16 Jun 20.
The main items will be to review the probation periods of two of the Groundcare staff.
- c. Relevant late items received since this agenda was published. **None.**
All points noted and received.

20/026

Mill Lane Cemetery grave space deed issue.

Members were given a comprehensive chronological brief of what has led to an apparent double selling of a grave plot. The first buyer of the plot (14 years ago)

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Last Item.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46 p.m. thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

Chairman's Initials/Signature:

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EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019/2020

This is my fifth Annual Report since my first in 2016, but I never thought to be reporting at such a difficult or concerning time for our community due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We have all been in various states of confinement depending on our state of health and capacity to work since March this year. The times we have been living through brings to mind the fact that Isaac Newton, whilst quarantined from Cambridge University to his childhood home at Woolsthorpe Manor, Grantham, laid the groundwork for his theories of calculus and the laws of motion. He also studied optics and in fact experimented on himself, by poking himself in his eye with a bodkin needle. Swiftly moving on from that thought, William Shakespeare is reputed to have written 'King Lear' whilst he was quarantined from the plague. So, this year my quote is from this play – '*Speak what we feel, not what we ought to say*' which I think is the equivalent of Sir Robert Walpole saying that 'honesty is the best policy'. History will show what creative works and scientific discovery come out of the 2020 quarantine period.

My reports have all started with three main topics, the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE), Dalebrook Farm, and our search for suitable premises. This year is no exception. It would seem that the SUE is virtually without life, but no-one seems to be able to make the final decision to disconnect the life support machine. This still leaves us with the problem of our lack of a pavilion in Weavers Springs Park, which is tied into the option to buy the strip of land for access to the proposed development.

The perennial problem of Dalebrook Farm has this year, and in fact over the last month gone from terrible to appalling. We have had more than one incidence of what the Borough Council consider to be normal incursions, but currently the site is overrun with caravans and their occupants, not just on the field which was given planning permission, but all over the fields on the farm. There has also been the threat, hopefully now receding of a 'horsefair' held between Dalebrook and Nock Verges. There seems to be even less enthusiasm shown by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to sort this problem out than when I reported last year.

The third topic which has been on our agenda for many a long year is the search for new premises. I reported last year on the plan to lease part of

Earl Shilton Library from Leicestershire County Council, which involved a tripartite agreement between ESTC, LCC and HBBC and would provide the long-awaited public toilet. (No pun intended) This lease was ready to be completed at the time when we were overtaken by the pandemic and all such meetings were suspended. Had this not been the case we would by now have our indoor staff working from a new office base, and we would be having our meetings in our new home. The search still goes on for a suitable facility for our groundcare team.

Last year we were promised that our town centre would be improved as part of HBBC plans and was meant to involve the solving of the problem of the car park to the rear of the arcade of shops on Wood Street. This would appear to have fallen by the wayside, as the area is still in the same state that it has been for far too long, and indeed this year was the scene of the 'floating sofa' saga, which took so long to be removed. We can only hope that once our Town Team meetings recommence, discussions can again focus on the necessary improvements.

It is good to see the Westfield Farm development advancing, although again, with Covid 19, things came to a halt for a few weeks. The Birch Close development is virtually complete and we are pleased to welcome the new residents to our town and this is complemented by the pathway works connecting them to our very own Maple Way Park. It's hard to believe now that the path works have been so delayed not so much by the pandemic but by the Winter deluge of rain soaking the park grounds.

As part of our continuing support for our community, we continue to fully fund Helen Cobley as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and also part fund the Community House, and the Early Intervention Worker, (against youth substance misuse), although there is a hiatus in the employment of a worker with the latter, a new Intervention Worker should be in place later in the year. In the interim former Councillor Chris Newlyn has been fulfilling that function. At the time of the commencement of the 'lockdown' Earl Shilton Amateur Boxing Club were at the point of signing the lease on a property in Earl Shilton for their use. We continue to support Earl Shilton residents with our Community Grants and this year Earl Shilton Community Allotments Group, West Leicestershire First Responders, Citizens Advice Hinckley, Earl Shilton Camera Club and Earl Shilton Amateur Boxing Club have benefitted.

In July Earl Shilton in Bloom achieved the gold award in the East Midlands in Bloom competition for the second year running. They keep our town looking wonderful throughout the year, but unfortunately, they too have become casualties of the pandemic and were unable to continue with their work towards a third gold.

Events in Earl Shilton for Spring and early Summer 2020 have been hit by the rules governing gatherings in these difficult times, and the Events Committee have been forced to cancel the VE75 event which should have been held on 8th May 2020, the 'Picnic in the Park', and 'Shilton by the Sea'. It remains to be seen if the last of the Summer Events, the 'Town Show' will be able to go ahead in August. In 2019 Events Chairman Cllr. Debbie Almey and the Committee organised a Wild West themed 'Picnic in the Park' with the crowd following the theme with lots of Stetsons visible, and everyone enjoying the country and western music and dancing.

The weather was less kind to us for 'Shilton by the Sea', but in the way of the British holidaymaker this did not deter the families turning up in numbers for our usual recipe, of sand, donkeys, fairground, Punch and Judy, and Earl Shilton sticks of rock.

As ever, the Town Show was a very enjoyable event and the entries into the cake competition, especially, were wonderful, and our member's efforts had definitely improved. Unfortunately, the very dry Spring weather had effected the quantity of vegetable entries, but nevertheless the produce provided by those who did enter was pretty impressive. The craft and flower entries increased this year. It is always a good opportunity for a wander around the exhibits and to enjoy afternoon tea provided by the Women's Institute.

Remembrance Sunday saw fine weather, and the numbers attending increased yet again. We have improved our provision of this event, and the community appreciate being able to safely and soberly pay their respects to the people of the town who gave lives in war so that we can live our lives in peace.

The final Town Council Event of 2019 was the Christmas Light Switch On, with a special guest appearance on stage of Santa Claus, who pressed the plunger which switched on the lights at 7.00 p.m. We were treated to

singing by the Earl Shilton Singing for Health Choir, and on stage by Rachel Ball.

Our indoor staff has remained constant this year, and they have worked efficiently and professionally throughout, attending to the queries posed by the residents, and serving the council members, and, in particular the various committees. Thanks to Mark, Carrienne and Anne the office operates smoothly, which in turn, allows Members the freedom and resources to concentrate on improving and protecting the Town for residents and businesses. During the pandemic, Mark and Anne have continued to work from the office, observing social distancing, and unfortunately, the office has remained closed to residents and other visitors, but operated by telephone and email, so that the best service possible could be provided. Carrienne was self isolating and working from home and this has not proved a problem.

Our outdoor staff has changed again, with only Rob left from when I reported last year. Rob has proved to be an excellent worker, and has been lone working at cemetery in line with the government guidance. Warwick, our new Groundcare Supervisor has proved his worth, and the team is working well together. Our latest addition to the outdoor staff is Aaron, who is currently still on his probationary period. Warwick and Aaron have been working on the rest of our open spaces, whilst social distancing. I have to say that the parks and the cemetery are looking as well as they have looked since I became a Member of ESTC, so many thanks to the outdoor staff.

The legacy issue mentioned in last year's report is in the final stages, but again, as with everything else this Spring, has been caught up in the rules governing meetings and gatherings.

Finally, last week we made history for Earl Shilton Town Council, along with the majority of other Councils, when we ventured into the realms of technological solutions to the pandemic and held our first 'Virtual Full Council Meeting'. It was quite successful, and I'm sure that, as this looks set to continue for some time, our skills will improve. Nevertheless, we look forward to being able to meet in our new meeting area as soon as is safely possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all Members, staff and colleagues for the support extended to me in what, in personal terms, has not been quite the year I was expecting.

Councillor Mrs CM Coe, Chairman & Town Mayor

09 June 2020

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS 2019/2020

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| 14 th May 2019 | Official launch of Heritage Board |
| 6 th June 2019 | Leicester Cathedral –
D.Day Landings Memorial Service |
| 13 th June 2019 | Unveiling of Blue Plaque to Trevor Storer (Pukka Pies) |
| 15 th June 2019 | Parish Church Fete |
| 17 th Sept.2019 | Official opening of Oaklands Way Park |
| 28 th Sept.2019 | Earl Shilton in Bloom
Celebration of Gold Award |
| 8 th Oct. 2019 | Opening of Ada Lovelace Exhibition |
| 13 th Oct. 2019 | Leicester Cathedral
Leicestershire County Service |
| 19 th Oct. 2019 | Model Railway Exhibition |
| 23 rd Oct. 2019 | Leicester Cathedral
Service of Hope & Remembrance |
| 18 th Nov. 2019 | Hinckley Sports Awards |
| 12 th Dec. 2019 | Christmas visit to Parkhouse Grange |
| 13 th Dec. 2019 | Christmas visit to Bethel Bethesda |
| 17 th Dec. 2019 | Christmas visit to Kingsfield House |
| 23 rd Jan. 2020 | Concordia Theatre Pantomime |
| 8 th Feb. 2020 | 100 th Birthday celebration of Mrs. Connie Abbott at
Kingsfield House

90 th Birthday celebration of Mrs Iris Parker
at the Pelican Centre |

(All other invitations were cancelled due to the Corona Virus Outbreak)