

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the EARL SHILTON ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

Held at 7:00 p.m. on

Monday 09 May 2022

At The Public Library, Wood St., Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE.

Members, officers and public present:

Councillors: Chairman Cllr R Allen
 Deputy Chairman/Town Mayor Cllr B Granger

Ms D Almey, A Bates, Mrs A Burton, Mrs G Granger, M Lemman, Ms S Mannion and Mrs L Wharton.

In attendance: Town Clerk Mr ME Jackson
 Deputy Clerk Mrs C Houghton
 Office Assistant Miss AL Dowell
 Members of public Nil

AEM 22/1. *Town Council Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.*

After simple words of welcome and thanks for attending, the Chairman of the Town Council and this Electors' Meeting proceeded to the agenda proper.

Noted and received.

AEM 22/2. *Motion to accept the minutes of Electors' meeting of 25 May 2021 as a true record of proceedings.*

Resolved: to accept as a true record the tabled minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2021.

AEM 22/3. *Town Council Chairman's annual address for 2021/2022.*

A precis of Cllr R Allen's verbal address to those attending is as follows:

- a. Valedictory gratitude for contributions made was expressed to former Members who left the Council during the Civic Year, viz., Cllrs Ken Lapsley and Alec Darker.
- b. Salutations go out to Cllrs Bates and Wharton who stepped forward as Members by co-option during the Civic Year with their early positive contributions noted.
- c. Sadly, September 2021 saw family, fellow members of her Church congregation, the wider community of residents, cllrs past or present and ESTC staff mourn the loss of Cllr Mrs Chris Coe due to an untimely illness that may have taken her but never diminished her. Chris was an elected Cllr from May 2012 and Chairman and Town Mayor from the beginning of 2016 until May of 2021. Once Council settles into their new Library home; with approval of Chris' family, the Town Council will look to providing a form of fitting tribute and or memorial to Chris whose home truly was Earl Shilton.
- d. The new Library Office and meeting room is open and functioning along with a first class cost effective public toilet that is bucking the long slow trend of public toilet closures. A ceremony to mark the move and facilities will be

- planned and take place in the near future. For now, the Office move and the new information systems deserves a special thanks to go to Cllr Martin Leman for devoting his undoubted expertise to the project from start to finish.
- e. A search for a permanent suitable premises to house the Town Council's Groundcare Team is gaining focus now the Office function upgrade move has been achieved and a specific *Working Party* has been formed to give the focus impetus.
 - f. Covid is still with us all but gradually life is, thank goodness, returning to social norms.
 - g. The normality referred to above comes with public and civic events hosted by the Town Council. A full programme of popular and successful events returned for the 2021 season. Kudos and thanks should be credited to the Chairman and Members of the ESTC Events Cttee ably supported by, non-Cttee cllrs, staff and volunteers.
 - h. One extra ordinary event in 2022 to look forward to is HRH The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations Nationwide. Many residents will mark this Jubilee in their own way. ESTC will mark it for the Town with a simple beacon lighting event at the QEII Hall Field Park on Thurs 02 Jun 22 which will match beacons being lit all over the UK.
 - i. Forward issues. Planning of significant housing developments in and around the Town will need careful attention to detail and engagement with the City, County Hall, the Borough Council and the Planning Inspectorate. Whilst Shelton Village is seemingly growing into being part of the Town's community, the City of Leicester's significant '*unmet need*' of housing numbers over the next decade or more is a worry for settlements such as Earl Shilton if not planned with sufficient infrastructure at all levels.
 - j. Lastly, the Chairman praised the small cadre of ESTC cllrs and staff for their good works over the last year. The coming year will, the Chairman is sure, provide residents, cllrs and staff with more challenges to tackle and opportunities to grasp.

Noted and received.

AEM 22/4 *Annual addresses from County and Borough Councillors.*

Traffic flows and speeding remain a high priority for residents particularly on Station Rd and the 40 mph stretch of Clickers Way that includes the junction into Masefield Dve.

County Cllr Richard Allen is using his £25k LCC Highways allocated fund from last year and the same for this year to pay for appropriate extra road markings and 'vehicle activated signs' (VAS) to persuade drivers to moderate their driving habits in these speeding hotspots. CCllr Allen's main aim and objective for this year is to see a zebra crossing installed on Station Rd between the junctions with Breach Ln and Stoneycroft Rd.

AEM 22/5 *Electors' Time.*

As there were no Electors present on this occasion the Town Council Chairman moved to close the meeting. **Last item.**

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, contributions and closed the meeting in good order at 7.26 p.m.