

MINUTES of the Annual Town Meeting of the TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 16th March, 2021 at 6.30pm conducted remotely via Zoom

The following were present:

Councillor Mrs A Johnson - Mayor (Chairman)

Councillors Ms L Crawford, J Ellis, Mrs M Ewings, A Hutton (Deputy Mayor), A Lewis, Mrs U Mann, J Moody, G Parker, Mrs G Parker, B Smith, H Smith, P Squire, A Venning, P Ward and P Williamson

8 members of the Public

1 member of the Press

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Assistant to the Town Clerk

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor A Fey

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor welcomed all present and gave a brief address, notes of which are attached to these Minutes (Appendix A).

The Mayor also took the opportunity to thank the staff and her fellow Councillors for their support over the course of the Civic Year.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 10th MARCH 2020

The Minutes of the above Meeting were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Mayor.

3. STATEMENT ON COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

The Chairman of the Budget & Policy Committee (Deputy Mayor) reported on the financial affairs of the Council, notes of which are attached to these Minutes (Appendix B).

4. JESSIE ANN ALFORD CHARITY

The Town Clerk gave a report on the operation of the above Charity (Appendix C).

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman then invited general questions from the public. A member of the public put the following question:

Q1 – How many more years of viable use does the Plymouth Road Cemetery currently have?

A1 (Town Clerk) – This is difficult to answer as the ratio of interments v cremations needs to be factored in, and the green burial area is not currently being utilised fully.

However, we would estimate 20 – 25 years. This however would decrease significantly if there was a return to more traditional burials.

Funds have been set aside to look for suitable land, however this is not easy to find in an appropriate location. If any members of the public, or Councillors, are aware of any land which might fit the purpose, the Council would be grateful to receive this information.

Thanks were conveyed to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their comprehensive reports. Thanks were also conveyed to all Councillors for the part they had played during the pandemic, and for their ongoing commitment to the Town, which was felt demonstrated the importance of Local Government.

There being no more questions, the Mayor thanked everyone for coming to the Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 6.55pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
Town Mayor