

**ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**



**Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council**

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on:

**Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, WD6 5BT**

**Annual Parish Meetings**

The Annual Parish meeting must take place between 1 March and 1 June (Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12, Part III Parish Meetings 14(1)) and not earlier than 6.00pm (14(4)).

**PRESENT:**    Councillors:    Cllr Mrs F Turner – Mayor (Chair)  
                                         Cllr Mrs S Parnell – Deputy Mayor  
                                         Cllr C Butchins  
                                         Cllr Mrs P Strack  
                                         Cllr A Collins  
                                         Cllr P Kaza  
                                         Cllr V Eni  
                                         Cllr S Lawrence  
                                         Cllr J Newmark  
                                         Cllr S Rubner  
                                         Cllr M Vince

**OFFICERS:**                            H R O Jones – Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer  
                                         D Salter - Entertainments Officer

**IN ATTENDANCE:**                    In total 27 Electors from the Parish and representatives of Authorities and local organisations.

**1.        WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were duly noted as taken (Cllr R Butler and Cllr R Challice).

**2.        MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting of 3 March 2021 were confirmed as a true record by those present and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a true record.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS FROM LOCAL GROUPS**

The Mayor welcomed speakers (or received written reports) from local groups to speak at the meeting as follows:

Mayoral Engagements (Town Council video)  
Boreham Wood Football Club  
Diversity Festival (with Video of 2021 highlights)  
Band Stand Committee  
Borehamwood Brass  
NSPCC  
Elstree and Borehamwood Community Association  
The Radio Group  
Studios Rotary and Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary  
Woodcock Hill Village Green Committee  
Museum Group  
Borehamwood Food Bank  
Camp Unity  
Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society  
BETTA

Highlights of the presentations included:

- Increase in Foodbank use by 30% and availability of school uniforms from Food Bank
- The success of the Diversity Festival
- Objections to a proposed Solar Farm by the Green Belt Society

### **4. QUESTION TIME / PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION**

Comments and questions were received on:

#### Town Crier Magazine

Representatives of the Twin Town Association welcomed the latest edition of the Town Crier magazine, especially insofar as it promoted twinning activities.

#### Council Staff

It was noted that some Members of the Public queried the benefit and urgency in increasing the number of staff at the Town Council by two persons (Committee Officer and Projects Manager). Members responded that the positions were required due to increases in work levels and an ever increasing population within Elstree and Borehamwood. A comprehensive review of staffing structure had been carried out throughout the course of the year by the General Management Committee.

#### 100 Years of Buses

The meeting welcomed the news of an event in the Summer to commemorate 100 years of a bus service in Elstree and Borehamwood (involving bus rides and a focal point at Allum Manor).

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Inappropriate use of Byways by Motorised Vehicles

The Meeting recognised the ongoing problem of damage caused by inappropriate use of Byways by scramblers and other motorised vehicles in the local area. The problem was shared by Aldenham Parish Council and it was noted that Tykeswater Lane was particularly affected. It was noted that County Council representatives would be asked to help tackle the issue going forwards.

Storage Space at Band Sand

It was noted that some Members of the Public welcomed the introduction of a Band Stand at Meadow Park but also called for adequate storage facilities to be made available on site to facilitate the effective running of concerts.

**5. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

It was noted that the following year's meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 8 March 2023.

Town Mayor:..... Date:.....8 MARCH 2023

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