



Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on:

Wednesday 8th March 2023 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 S Parnell – Mayor (Chair)
 Cllr C Butchins – Deputy Mayor
 Cllr Mrs P Strack
 Cllr Mrs F Turner
 Cllr A Collins
 Cllr P Kaza
 Cllr V Eni
 Cllr R Butler
 Cllr J Newmark
 Cllr M Vince

OFFICERS: T Malton – Acting Clerk and Finance Officer
 D Salter - Entertainments Officer
 J Simon – Administrator – Mayor’s Secretary

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 S Rubner
 Cllr R Challice
 Rev Tim Warr
 Rev L Collins
 Y Harris (Dementia Club)
 A Eardley (Neighbourhood Plan)
 A Goddard (Dementia Club)

2. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting of 9 March 2022 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 & ORGANISATIONS

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

Mayoral Engagements (Town Council video)
Visual Presentation deferred.

The Mayor called Julian Milner (Acting Chair of Trustees of the Borehamwood Foodbank – The designated Mayoral Charity) to give a presentation.

This was followed by a donation of £2,815 towards the Mayor's Charity in the form of a giant cheque.

It was noted post meeting that an additional £93.18 had been raised for the Town Mayors Charity.

It was noted that the donation combined various fundraising events including 'Elstree Mozart Players' concerts, Rotary Quiz, and additional charities.

Other presentations were:

Aldenham Country Park Trust (Cllr P Strack)
Woodcock Hill Village Green Society (Cllr P Strack)
Elstree & Borehamwood Green Belt Society (Dr Ann Goddard – Written Report)
NSPCC (Dr Ann Goddard – Written Report)
Elstree Mozart Players (Andy Grady)
Borehamwood Brass (Andy Grady)
Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Clive Butchins)
Visually Impaired Club (Sasha Capocci)
Borehamwood Dementia club (Sasha Capocci)
Borehamwood & District Garden Craft Society (Ann Shuker)
Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association (Nick Male)
Diversity Festival (Martine Eni)
Youth Council (YC Leo Arazi)

Questions were asked between presentations.

Questions:

Cllr J Newmark praised Foodbank representative Julian Milner for his wonderful work with the Foodbank and thanked him for the presentation commenting that it is evident that this kind of work is needed and asking if it was expected that the current trends would indeed get worse given the lack of measurable growth in the current economy. Given that we have a number of other food charities could these be co-ordinated to avoid duplication.

Cllr V Eni – the Job Centre's role, in regard to employment.

Cllr M Vince – is there any other way to help? Matter to be taken to GMC.

Cllr J Newmark commented on the Neighbourhood Plan – results would not be binding on the Hertsmere Borough council Local Plan.

Jubilee Celebration Certificates were presented to:

Sasha Capocci.
Dan Salter.
Andrew Grady.
George Carr.

Followed by the visual presentation of images from Mayoral Engagements throughout the year.
(Deferred from item 1)

4. QUESTION TIME / PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION (two minutes each)

The increase in precept and the financial position of Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council was discussed and the Acting Clerk is to provide a breakdown on the request of Cllr Dan Ozarow and Caroline Pitrakou.

Borehamwood Boundary changes and the ULEZ charges – Cllr R Butler outlined ways to apply for a refund in special circumstances. Cllr J Newmark has set up a meeting with Transport for London (TFL) to raise concerns. Members are invited to attend.

Requests for Assets of Community Value for the former Cannon Public House and the Former Public House Directors Arms. The Mayor Cllr S Parnell said they would be tabled for discussion at an alternative relevant meeting.

Theobald Medical Centre was discussed – but not an item for the Annual Parish Meeting.

A request for the Queen's Jubilee Banners in Shenley Road to be taken down. It was noted that the posts belong to Hertsmere Borough Council and as such, that a request had been made by Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council for them to be removed.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

It was noted that the following year's meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 6 March 2024

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