

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING



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The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELECTORS OF NORTHAM, WESTWARD HO! AND APPLEDORE will be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.30pm. Light refreshments will be served

The agenda for the meeting is set out below. All Northam, Westward Ho!, and Appledore electors are invited to attend and to raise any matters relating to the parish. All electors may vote on any resolutions proposed and the Council will take note of those decisions. This is **the** opportunity to enable the community to make its voice heard.

Cllr Claire Hodson
Mayor of the Town Council

Date of issue: 7th April 2022

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 held via Zoom
- 3 To receive the following report:
**Northam Town Council
Mayor's Welcome**
- 4 To discuss matters raised by Parishioners

The Town Council is dealing with the administration of this meeting. Please direct any questions to the Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam, Bideford EX39 1BY Tel: 01237 474976

This meeting will be followed by the Annual Grants Presentations and light refreshments

**Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2021
Held via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs Chalmers, (Mayor), Davis, Hames, Mrs Hodson, Mrs McCarthy, Himan, Laws, Leather, Newman McKie, Sargent, Shelley and Tisdale

In Attendance: Mrs Jane Mills Town Clerk,
Mr G Langton Deputy Town Clerk,
Mrs P Moores Assistant Town Clerk
Miss T Tucker Administration Assistant
1 Member of the public

Members observed a two-minute silence in respect of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Miss Manley and Edwards.

2 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 17th April 2019 (no meeting 2020)

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2019 as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Leather (Majority in favour, 3 abstentions not present at the meeting)

3. Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained he would handover to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Hodson, to give the annual report.

He advised that we have a Book of Condolence on line and reminded everyone of the request from the Royal Family to give donations in preference to leaving flowers.

4. To receive a report from the Deputy Mayor on the activities of Northam Town Council 2020-21

Cllr Mrs Hodson gave an extensive report on the activities of Northam Town Council for 2020-2021. *(The report is attached to the minutes)*

5. To discuss matters raised by Parishioners

Cllr Laws and Cllr Mrs Hodson spoke about the resignation of the volunteer gardeners in Westward Ho! and the challenges regarding access to water and also that consideration should be given how to utilise money which had been granted to the Group and had now been refunded. Further consideration could be given to seating, sculptures and tubs.

Cllr Leather raised the issue of the appalling state of the finger posts at Westward Ho! and suggested approaching Torridge with an offer to refurbish them for a fee.

Cllr Mrs McCarthy also spoke about possible projects on areas that belong to Torridge but are neglected. This will be an item on the next Town Projects agenda.

Members were also advised of an incident recently where a lady got stuck on the mud flats and had to be rescued by the Appledore Lifeboat. The signs warning of the dangers are very small. It is hoped improvements can be progressed through Torridge District council.

Cllr Davis also raised the issue of a bus shelter at Lenards Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

Signed.....Date.....