

MINUTES OF THE 42nd ANNUAL PARISH OF BELPER MEETING HELD AT ST JOHN'S CHAPEL, THE BUTTS, BELPER ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Daniel Booth (Town Mayor) – in the Chair
Councillors: Joseph Booth, Norman Bull, Melvyne Cluskey, Colin England, Paul Hillier, Peter Hurst, Neil McCready, Ben Miller, John Nelson, David Smith, Gary Spendlove and Timothy Sutton.
38 members of the public.

The Town Mayor presented certificates to the winners of the Art Trail Mayor's Portrait competition.

The Town Mayor presented a cheque to Treetops Hospice for £5071.89, the sum raised by the Mayor.

1/16 APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK

Mrs Elisabeth Page was appointed as Clerk for the meeting.

2/16 MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2015

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Parish of Belper held on 19 April 2015 be accepted as a correct record.

3/16 ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

The Town Mayor invited Councillor John Nelson to speak about the Town Council's Annual Report for the municipal year 2015/16.

Councillor Nelson thanked the Mayor for the work he has carried out during the last year and commented that he was the youngest Mayor in the Town Council's history. Cllr Nelson continued that the year had been extremely busy with the Town Council and other groups doing a huge amount in the Town. He congratulated everyone involved. Of note-

The WWI poppies and Belper Open Gardens. Cllr Nelson especially thanked Cathy Fairweather.

Belper was joint winner with Market Harborough in the East Midlands in Bloom competition.

The Christmas Festival and Summer Food Festival were once more great successes. With the Christmas Carol Service going from strength to strength.

The sheer amount of sponsorship the Council receives for its floral displays.

The large number of organisations the Council supports by way of grants.

The success of the first Mayor's Cadet

Cllr Nelson noted that over the forthcoming year the Council would be acquiring a new allotment site, acquiring the car park at the Chapel and celebrating Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday.

The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Nelson and reported that he had attended 89 events in the town over the last year.

RESOLVED to accept the Annual Report for 2015/16.

Signed..... Date

4/16 TOWN COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS 2014/15

Cllr Hurst reported that the Town Council was in a strong financial position and therefore able to support capital projects including the proposed tea rooms in the River Gardens, the provision of the new allotment site, the Blue Box Scheme and the provision of the car park at the Chapel.

RESOLVED to note the Town Council's accounts for 2014/15

5/16 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016/17

RESOLVED to note the 2016/17 Budget of £238,424 made up of a Precept of £233,037 and a support grant of £5,397.

6/16 ANY OTHER PARISH MATTERS

None raised.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for supporting him during his year as Mayor. He especially thanked the former Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

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Date