

Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

Minutes of THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING of Epworth held in the small room of the Imperial Hall on Tuesday April 17th 2018 commencing at 7pm - ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN MAY SPEAK AND VOTE

The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting explained the fire evacuation procedure, and the clerk signed the forms.

01. Names of those present. Cllr Baker, Chairman of Epworth Town Council presiding: Mr Mitchell, Mr Astle, Mrs Whittaker, Mr Garner & Mr Harm.

02. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Truelove.

03. To receive Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday April 18th 2017. The minutes were proposed by Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mrs Whittaker **RESOLVED** a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. To discuss matters arising from these minutes. The Chairman noted that the CCTV issue was being followed up and the matter was progressing.

05. To receive a copy of the Annual Report, figures of attendance and planning report for 2017, the Chairman thanked the clerk for the reports and information.

06. To take any questions from residents addressed to the Chairman of the Council.

Mr Astle asked if the Mowbray Manor “geo-phys” was being progressed. **The Chairman** replied that further exploration works were planned involving school children and residents. Previous results had been presented at an event at St. Andrew’s Church.

Mrs Whittaker asked, with the CCTV not functioning well, what else is happening to prevent the occurrence of last summers’ events. **The Chairman** answered that it remains a NAT’s priority area and that the police should be attending early evenings. A CCTV meeting had been arranged with the Leader of the Council, Rob Waltham (3rd week in May) for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend. No decision on bench placement had been made.

Mrs Whittaker asked about the “out-reach” youth service team, who were a presence with young people in Epworth. An advantage was that with youth workers who were less official, could engage with the young people. **The Chairman replied** that NAT’s were involved with the young people on Youth Club nights as part of their role; they used to be called the “out-reach” team; that is what is meant to be happening. The Thurlow area is also covered in the same way.

Mrs Whittaker asked how often NAT’s met, and **the Chairman** replied 3 or 4 times a year.

07. The Chairman thanked residents for attending explaining that the Annual Assembly would take place in the second or third week in April 2019, before the (possible) change of Chairman in May.

08. To record the closure of the meeting at 7.19pm.

