

THORNBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Town Meeting held on
Tuesday 28th May 2015 at the Town Hall

- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Vincent Costello, and Guy Rawlinson
- OPENING REMARKS:** The Vice Chairman, Cllr.Helen Harrison, welcomed all present.
- MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of 29th April 2014 were read by the Town Clerk, approved by the meeting and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Vice Chairman called in turn on Committee Chairmen to present their reports:
- TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** The Report of the Town Development Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr. Maggie Tyrrell. She concluded her report with thanks to members of the Committee for their help and support during the past year. Adrian Savery who was the Chamber of Commerce representative was also thanked for his time on committee. Thanks were also expressed to the Vice Chairman, Town Clerk, her Deputy and the office staff for their support throughout the year. The report is appended hereto (Appendix A)
- Cllr Benj Emmerson asked if the Chair of Town Development knew when works at the Park Farm development would be commencing as he was concerned that their planning permission would be coming to its expiry date.
- Cllr Maggie Tyrrell informed the meeting that the planning department at South Gloucestershire Council was investigating the finer details of drainage and its effects on the environment but there was no immediate rush as the planning consent had a couple of years remaining before expiry.
- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:** The Report of the Environment Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr. Matthew Stringer. He concluded his report by thanking all outside members, the Town Hall staff, outside staff and fellow members for their support. The report is appended hereto (Appendix B).

There were no matters arising from the report.

**PLAYING FIELDS
AND CEMETERY
COMMITTEE:**

The Report of the Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee was presented by its Chairman, Cllr Clive Parkinson. He concluded his report by thanking the Playing Fields and Cemetery staff for their work in maintaining all of Council's open spaces to such a high standard. He also thanked the Town Clerk and her office staff for their support. The report is appended hereto (Appendix C).

Mention was made of the vandalism leading to the burning of the Thumper Tower in the Mundy Playing Fields and gratitude was expressed to PC Sean White who was able to identify youths who were playing in the aftermath, causing great danger to themselves. The youths in question were spoken to and restorative justice was carried out.

Cllr Benj Emmerson asked if there had been any further progress on the British Legion's request for council to move the war memorial from the churchyard into the town. The Clerk informed that town council only has the power to maintain the existing memorial and is in the process of instigating repair works but does not have the power to supply a new one.

**FINANCE AND
POLICY
COMMITTEE:**

The Report of the Finance and Policy Committee was presented by Cllr. Bob Griffin. He concluded his report with thanks to the committee members and the Town Clerk and her office staff for their support. The report is appended hereto (Appendix D).

CLOSURE:

There being no other business the Vice Chairman formally closed the meeting.