



# RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR NESTON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

In attendance: Six Electors (Five NTC councillors, one CWaC Ward Councillor) and Mrs Kunaj (Council Manager).

The Mayor Cllr S Wastell, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

## 1. Record of the meeting

The record of the Annual Town Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was approved, the Mayor signed the record.

## 2. Annual Report from the Town Mayor

Copies of the Annual Report were provided. The Mayor presented the report and asked if there were any question. It was noted that the Community and Environment Committee activities were incorporated into the general report, and that it had been a reasonably productive time for that committee. Thanks were given to Cllr Marple. The Chair of Resources and Policy Committee Cllr Kynaston, gave an overview of her report to members adding that members are working to further build up the market. A new caretaker and market officer has now been appointed, putting the council staff numbers back to pe-covid times.

It was noted that not as many grants and donations had been awarded for 2021/22 as many events had been cancelled and, in some cases, the funds had been held over from 2020 to enable postponed events to take place in 2021/22.

## 3. Question Time

1. Has there been any progress on the town hall?

The Council are moving to a new committee structure for this coming year and will be looking to develop an interim refurbishment, potentially funded from grants.

2. Has the closure of the Post Office at the town hall had an impact?

There has been a financial impact for the town council due to the loss of revenue. Reception is open at the front of the town hall, but going forward investigations for other use of this area will be made, such as pop-up shops.

3. Are you open to ideas?

Yes, we would love to meet with you and listen to your ideas.

No more questions were asked and the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.11pm.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated** \_\_\_\_\_