



## **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils**

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# **MINUTES**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils held on Saturday 13 November 2021 at 10.00 am via Zoom**

### **1) Welcome**

The President, Mr John Parker, took the Chair.

He welcomed representatives of member Parish and Town Councils to the AGM, which is being held virtually for the second year running.

The President paid tribute to Cllr. Janet Page who died earlier this year. Janet was a stalwart in DAPTC, having been Chair and most recently, Vice President; a sad loss to the Association. Our condolences were offered to Chris and her family.

### **2) Guest Speakers**

A. David Sidwick – Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset

David ran through a series of slides, outlining his first 100 days in office and the recently published Police & Crime Plan. Questions posed by member delegates following a question and answer session will be forwarded to the PCC to enable him to respond directly.

B. Cllr. Laura Miller – Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services (Dorset Council)

Laura introduced herself, having just taken up the post, and gave a brief outline of how she sees her role progressing, followed by a question and answer session which prompted points from member councils. Laura will take these points forward, with on-going dialogue and discussion.

Both speakers were thanked by John Parker for their presentations and participation in the AGM.

### **3) Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from:

Donna Yea – Honorary Treasurer

Tony Gibb – Vice President

Cllr. Steve Diamond – Broadmayne Parish Council

Cllr. Mary Broughton MBE – Shipton Gorge Parish Council

Cllr. Peter Bowyer – Studland Parish Council

Cllr. Carol Turner – Wareham Town Council

Affpuddle & Turnerspuddle Parish Council  
Iwerne Courtney Parish Council  
Leigh Parish Council  
Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council  
Worth Matravers Parish Council

#### **4) To elect Honorary Officers**

**a. President**

The chair was handed over to Cllr. Jill Crouch, DAPTC Chair, as Mr John Parker is standing for re-election. No further nominations were received. An electronic poll was completed – and confirmed - for the four honorary positions en bloc.

Mr John Parker to continue as President - **CARRIED**

**b. Vice-President**

Vice-President Mr Tony Gibb is standing for re-election. No further nominations were received.

Mr Tony Gibb to continue as Vice-President – **CARRIED**

**c. Treasurer**

Ms Donna Yea is standing for re-election. No further nominations were received.

Ms Donna Yea to continue as Honorary Treasurer – **CARRIED**

**d. Auditor**

Mr Andrew Notley is standing for re-election. No further nominations were received.

Mr Andrew Notley to continue as Honorary Auditor – **CARRIED**

The DAPTC Chair handed the chair back to the President.

#### **5) Approval of minutes for the 2020 Annual General Meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2020, available on the DAPTC website prior to the AGM, were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

An electronic poll was completed and confirmed - **APPROVED**

#### **6) To receive and approve the Annual Report including the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The Annual Report was available on the DAPTC website prior to the AGM.

In the Honorary Treasurer's absence, the DAPTC Chief Executive presented an outline from the Annual Report and made a brief statement in relation to the Accounts.

The Audited Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 were available on the DAPTC website prior to the AGM.

All reports were voted on via an electronic poll – this was completed, and results confirmed. **APPROVED**

Cllr. Lindsey Dedden requested that a vote of thanks was minuted for the work done by Neil Wedge, Debbie Hollings, Lisa Cooper and Donna Yea over the last year with the finances, keeping the Association running and providing timely and excellent advice to the membership.

### **6A) Approve the subscription level for 2022/23**

Information was available on the DAPTC website prior to the AGM proposing that the subscription level increase by 3.2%, as recommended by the DAPTC Executive Committee; in budgeting terms this would support a small surplus.

The increase was voted on via an electronic poll – this was completed, and results confirmed. **APPROVED at 3.2%**

### **7) Motions submitted by Member Councils**

**The AGM will debate the motions and consider giving the Executive Committee delegated power to finalise the wording and any supplementary information to NALC.**

#### **a. Blandford Forum Town Council**

Motion proposed by Cllr. Haydn White and seconded by Cllr. Colin Stevens  
An electronic poll was completed and confirmed

**Motion Vote: CARRIED**

#### **b. Wimborne Minster Town Council**

Motion proposed by Cllr. Carol Butter and seconded by Cllr. Sarah Jackson  
An electronic poll was completed and confirmed

**Motion Vote: CARRIED**

#### **c. Studland Parish Council**

Motion proposer Cllr. Sarah Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Daryle Pearson.

Following significant debate and discussion, two amendments were put forward and accepted by Cllr. Sarah Jackson on behalf of Studland Parish Council and by Cllr. Daryle Pearson.

An electronic poll for the amendments was completed and confirmed – **CARRIED**

An electronic poll for the substantive motion was completed and confirmed

**Motion Vote: CARRIED**

### **8) AGM Close**

The DAPTC AGM finished at 12.20pm

End.