

**Present:**

Councillors: Liz Farnham (Mayor), Peter Coleman (Deputy Mayor), Judith Taylor, Colin Pearce, Kevin Painter, Nikki Ind, Patricia Burrell, Zowie Baker, Xam Macutay-Malloch, Ian Watson, Alison Figueiredo

Officers: Tara Niblett – Chief Executive Officer, Victoria Bolwell – Executive Officer, Roxie Baker - Administrator

Public: Police Sergeant Garrett Gloyn, PC Chris Pritchard, Maria Marsh – Police Museum Curator, Tony Evans – Town Crier and 26 members of the public

**Introductions and welcome from the Mayor, Councillor Liz Farnham:**

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the representatives of St Mary's Primary School for allowing us to use their facilities to hold this event.

All Councillors and officers introduced themselves to the members of the public.

**To approve the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023:**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, were approved as a correct record.

**To receive the Annual Reports from the Town Council Committees, Working Groups, Allotment Association, Visitor Information Centre, Police Museum and Courtroom, Tetbury Police:**

All reports can be found in the May edition of the Tetbury Advertiser.

**Public questions on the Annual Reports:**

Police Sergeant Garret Gloyn provided an overview of the local policing report and the large geographical area it covers. Tetbury is very fortunate to have two Royal households who support the local policing team where possible.

Various questions were asked regarding speeding, Police presence and where on the highway can Police issue parking tickets.

News and up-to-date crime figures can be found on the Gloucestershire Constabulary website and Facebook pages.

Is the Council aware of a benefactor who has offered the Dolphins Hall £50,000 to assist with the completion of Project 1 of the Redevelopment of the Dolphins Hall in exchange for the use of what was known as Plot 8 as burial ground.

Advised that this is not a Town Council issue. The Dolphins Hall AGM will be held in July where members of the public can ask their questions at this meeting.

A member of the public would like to thank Rodney Smith for all his fundraising that he carries out throughout the year for Tetbury Hospital.

A member of the public asked a question on the Heritage & Regeneration budget where the £3,275 projects are going to be spent. The Chair of the Heritage & Regeneration Committee invited the

resident to view all the minutes to find out the response. The Vice Chair of the Heritage and Regeneration Committee advised that the £3,275 will be allocated to the D-Day celebrations.

Mayor Liz Farnham advised that there are currently 10 burial plots remaining in St Saviours Churchyard.

Councillor advised that a neighbouring property of St Saviours has donated part of their land for £1.

Although the land may cost £1, there are cost implications to register the land and borehole testing.

Resident advised that the youth were unable to use the Dolphins Hall due to the drama production and had nowhere to go.

Resident advised that they are currently carrying out £4,000 regeneration for play equipment in the Recreation Ground and thanked the Council for their donation from the Rivals of £750.

Other organisations who have received donations from the Rivals – The Goods Shed (Comic event in October), Woolsack and Club 77.

Are there any updates regarding the new Doctors surgery? The developer is hoping to commence building towards the end of this year.

Could the Town Council promote the market which takes place on Wednesday and Saturday? The details for these markets can be found on [tetbury.gov.uk](http://tetbury.gov.uk)

Mayor read out letter from Tony Evans (Tetbury Town Crier) who won a recent best dressed competition.

The mayor thanked the various volunteers – Lorry watch, speed watch, Tetbury in Bloom, Greening Tetbury, Community Fridge, Friendship Café, Police Museum who have assisted Tetbury Town Council throughout the year.

Tony Evans advised that he will be reading the proclamation at 10am on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Questions were asked about Lloyds Bank, they will be using the Town Council front office every other Thursday starting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 9.30am -11.30am.

Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, starting at 6.30pm, Tetbury Library.

Meeting closed 7.47pm

Chair ..... Dated .....