

Minutes
of the
Annual Town Meeting

Held at the Alton Town Hall, Market Square on Thursday 16 May 1996

Present: Councillors P V Mendham
R Andrews
R Booker
Miss P Bradford
A B Chick
D G Farr
J M J Janes
Ms J Slack

Four members of the public attended.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 1995, which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors P J Legg, Mrs J Martin and P M G Whitmarsh.

3. Public Participation

Mrs Barbara Burfoot expressed concern about the need for adequate publicity over the forthcoming planning application for 25 houses on land to the north of Greenfields Avenue, Alton. Mrs Burfoot also expressed concern at the need for awareness of the Forestry Commission's proposals for selling off woodland in the environs of Alton.

Mr Mike Kirby commented on the likely timescale for the commencement of the main works for the construction of the A31 eastern link road.

Mrs Jane Mann remarked on the deplorable state of the gap site at Crown Hill, Alton and looked forward to the tidying of the site by the landowner. Mrs Mann also noted that recent mail deliveries to Normandy Street had referred to "Upper High Street".

Mr Paul Mann wished to know what had happened to the lower portion of the name plate on the Cairn Memorial which was presently missing. Mr Mann was assured that the Town Council had removed the plaque only to add another name to the roll of honour.

4. Town Mayor's Address

The Town Mayor recalled a number of notable matters which had occurred in the Town, and to him personally, during his term of office and in particular referred to the following matters.

1. Town Council management and meetings
2. Public Gardens play area and working party
3. V.J. Day celebrations
4. Alton Town Centre Improvement Scheme
5. Indoor Bowls Club, Chawton Park Road
6. Guides Headquarters, Chawton Park Road
7. Whitedown School hydrotherapy pool
8. Post Office Counters proposed transfer
9. Mary Rose Project
10. REHAB Unit, Chawton Park Road
11. Bushey Leaze School relocation
12. Town Pages
13. Kings Pond restoration
14. Parish Paths Partnership
15. Planning application - Holybourne Down
16. Tree planting at Assembly Rooms
17. ~~Mayoral visits\functions:~~
 - a) Lord Mayor of London at Alton Station
 - b) President of Finland, Guildhall, London
 - c) Lord Mayor's Show
 - d) Le Court fete
 - e) Townswomens Guild, visit of Princess Royal
 - f) Christmas Lights service in Market Square

The Town Mayor then paid tribute to the following:

Help the Aged
St Lawrence School
Reverend Robert Gussman, Chaplain
The Mayoress, Mrs Annis Mendham
Council employees

J. J. Jones