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Dear Sir

I am afraid Mr Shackleton has misunderstood the nature of the Annual Town meeting held on 2 April (Observer, 18 April). It was not the Council's Annual Meeting. This meeting is known locally as Mayor Making and this year it takes place on 5 May.

The Annual Town Meeting is a meeting not of Councillors (although they are present) but of townspeople generally, more specifically, local government electors. It is organised every year on their behalf by the Town Council. The content and format is flexible and the Council would welcome suggestions for further improvement.

There is no legal requirement for the Minutes of Town Meetings to be adopted or presented for approval. However, the Minutes of the 2007 meeting were available at this year's meeting to anyone expressing an interest.

Yours faithfully

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