



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee 5 September 2017, STC Offices

Committee Members: Cllrs. Rob Creer (Vice Chair), Jack Gough, Juan Nuevo, Phil O'Rourke, Phil Rumney, Andy Williams (Chair)

Present: Jack Gough, Phil O'Rourke, Phil Rumney, Paul Whittle, Andy Williams

Town Clerk – Mrs C Davidson

Assistant Clerk – Ms J Stallard

Allison Jay, Environmental Health Officer, SGC

Charles and William Porter, W & K N Rowlands

John Mainstone - resident

1. Apologies

Apologies received and accepted for Cllr R Creer. Cllr P Whittle stood in his stead. Cllr Nuevo advised he would be late but failed to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes of 23 May 2017

Resolved the Minutes of 23 May 2017 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- Cllr P Whittle provided a progress report on the Christmas lights/stars.
- The Clerk reported Cotswold Christmas Trees would erect the Christmas Trees on 19th November. Discussion was had with regard to coning off areas to allow access for a crane on the day as it was reported the current arrangement proved problematic as barriers were moved. Rowlands' representatives offered use of their tougher barriers and it was agreed to contact them nearer the time.

5. Budgets

Members noted the spend to date (circulated) and it was **Resolved** the Markets Committee finances are approved.

The Clerk reported the budget for 2018/19 would be carried forward with no change to budget heads.

With regard to the Pitchings, the area outside of the Baptist Church was still in a state of disrepair following works to the Church and the Clerk confirmed a letter should be written from the Chairman to Helm Construction who was responsible for the damage.

6. **Mop Fair** (item brought forward)

- Following a complaint from a parishioner with regard to a generator situated in Wickwar Road, a meeting took place in March with the Town Clerk, Cllr Williams, SGC's Environmental Health Officer and Charles Porter at the site in question to discuss the matter and a way forward. Further discussion took place with Allison Jay and It was **Resolved** that the generator would no longer be placed in Wickwar Road and that an existing one situated in another area would be upgraded.
- W & K N Rowlands reported that (1) they have been unable to obtain a copy of the Market Charter – Showmen's Guild had no record, and (2) a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce had yet to be arranged (JS to action)
- Plan received
- Up-to-date insurances received. W & K N Rowlands confirmed payment would be via bank transfer with a review of the fee at the next Markets Committee meeting.

7. **Market Pitchings**

Following reports of cigarette butts and moss on the Pitchings, a discussion took place to consider a solution. It was **Resolved** the Clerk write to the Festival and Victorian Evening Committees requesting that the Pitchings be cleaned post event, the cost of which to be incorporated in their budget. It was noted that Sodbury in Bloom had, in the past, undertook the task of cleaning the Pitchings, particularly on the run up to competition but it was not a task they could undertake on a regular basis. **Resolved:** On receipt of Licence application from Festival and Victorian Evening, Clerk to advise that clean-up of Pitchings post event be included in budget.

Resolved that a Licence for use of the Pitchings for Victorian Day on Sat 2nd December is approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. **Items to Report**

Cllr Rumney updated with regard to Sodbury 800.

Cllr Williams confirmed he would investigate with regard to a grass cutter for Colts Green.

9. **Date of next meeting** – to be advised

Meeting closed at 20:04 hrs

Signed:

 05/02/18

Chairman