



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee

6th February 2018, STC Offices

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

Present: Cllrs. Rob Creer, Jack Gough, Phil O'Rourke, Phil Rumney, Paul Whittle, Andy Williams

Town Clerk – Mrs C Davidson
Assistant Clerk – Ms J Stallard

Charles and William Porter, W & K N Rowlands

1. **Apologies**
Cllr Nuevo absent.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
None
3. **Approval of Minutes of 5 September 2017**
Resolved the Minutes of 5 September 2017 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising**
None
5. **Budgets**
The Clerk summarised the report (as circulated) and Members noted the spend to date. **Resolved** the Markets Committee finances are approved.
6. **Mop Fair** (item brought forward)
 - The Clerk read out a complaint received from a local resident (received via SGC Environmental Health). Members discussed the matter in detail and the following points raised:-
 - *11.40pm not considered an excessive time for street noise. Pub closure times exceed 11.40pm.*
 - *Fair occurred bi-annually*
 - *The cleaning operation had, in the past, been undertaken on a Sunday morning but was unsuccessful due to parked cars*

Resolved to respond to the Environmental Health Officer that Members considered the complaint and, following discussion, no viable options were deemed practical.

 - It was brought to the Porters attention that fish were being given as prizes at the last Mop Fair. They responded that they were not aware of the incident and in future would carry out closer checks to ensure no live animals were used as prizes as stated in the Licence.

- Following discussion, it was **Resolved** that the Licence Fee for March and September 2018 remain the same at £2,400 and the cleaning aspect to be increased to £350 (total Fee £2,750). To be reviewed in January 2019. One abstention recorded.
- Plan received – the same as 2017. Noted that a larger generator would be positioned by Card Shop which meant that no generator would be situate at Wickwar Rd outside Mr Mainstone’s house.
- Up-to-date insurance received.
- The Clerk issued the new Licence for 2018/2019, signed by William Porter and the Chairman. A scanned copy to be sent to W&KN Rowlands.

7. Christmas Lights

Cllr P Whittle reported that due to increase in size of trees, additional lights would be required and provided a quote for £116.00. In addition, new 12v rope lights would be needed for the stars (£90 x 4). **Resolved** that the costs be approved.

Cllr Whittle was thanked for his time and effort in maintenance of the lights.

8. Christmas Trees

Cllr O'Rourke reported that he had been approached by a resident who had expressed concern at the number of parking spaces lost through Christmas Trees and whether one tree would be more appropriate. Following a full discussion, Members **resolved** to make no change and continue with 8 trees.


9. Items to Report

Cllr Creer reported he had been approached regarding resurrecting a Farmers Market in the town.

Cllr Rumney expressed concern with regard to trucks parking on the Pitchings. Noted – Pitchings private land and Sodbury TC were not able to legislate.

10. Date of next meeting – 22 May 2018 at 19:30

Meeting closed at 20:10 hrs

Signed:  Chairman
 Dated *6th Feb 18*