



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee

29th January 2019, STC Offices

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

Present: Cllrs. Jack Gough, Phil O'Rourke, Phil Rumney, Andy Williams

Assistant Clerk – Ms J Stallard

Victorian Day Committee x 2 members (left at 19:50)

William Porter, W & K N Rowlands (left at 19:50)

1. **To Appoint Vice Chairman of the Markets Committee**
Cllr J Gough nominated Cllr P O'Rourke; Cllr P Rumney seconded the proposal. With no other nominations, Cllr P O'Rourke was duly elected as Vice Chair of the Markets Committee.
2. **Apologies**
Cllrs Creer and Nuevo absent.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
None
4. **Approval of Minutes of 4th September 2017**
Resolved the Minutes of 4th September 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising**
None
6. **Budgets (report circulated)**
The Asst. Clerk summarised key items and Members noted the spend to date. Resolved the Markets Committee finances are approved.
7. **Victorian Evening (item brought forward)**
 - The Asst. Clerk read out an e-mail received anonymously by the Town Clerk at 02.25 on 01/12/18 summarised as follows:
"At 02.25 hrs the residents living in the High Street are being kept awake as you are setting up for the Victorian Day. Well done, such disregard for residents."

Members discussed the matter and it was confirmed by Mr Porter (W & KN Rowlands) that they were responsible for the noise, which occurred whilst setting up the Mop Fair. An apology was made and a discussion had as to how this could be managed going forward with a suggestion that it be set up the day before.

- At a Full Council meeting held on 11/12/18, a Member had raised concern with regard to the Victorian Day and that it had lost its "Victorian" feel with a request that the matter be considered at the next Markets Meeting and invite Victorian Committee members. A representative of the Victorian Committee responded that, in fact, there were more traditional rides in 2018 and they encouraged stallholders to dress traditionally but many were reluctant. The small Committee work hard to bring the event together.
- An amended Licence was circulated to include provision that setting up and dismantling does not take place between the hours of midnight and 07:00 hrs. Members were asked to consider the amendments and e-mail their approval.

8. Mop Fair

- Mr Porter left the room whilst a discussion took place with regard to the Licence Fee. It was **Resolved** the Fee for March and September 2019 be increased by £100 to £2500 and the cleaning fee to remain the same at £350 (total £2850) with a review in January 2020.
- The Plan was received and noted that there were no changes.
- Up-to-date insurance received
- Mr Porter confirmed the Risk Assessment would be handed into the office

9. Christmas Trees & Lights

- The Asst Clerk reported that no purchases would be required for 2019 and that the lights would be tested in April (as advised by Cllr P Whittle)
- Members agreed the Christmas Trees in the town were of a great standard and to reappoint Cotswold Christmas Trees for 2019.

10. Items to Report

Cllr Rumney reported that there were areas of the Pitchings in need of repair. Cllrs O'Rourke, Rumney & Williams confirmed they would meet on the 24th March (post Mop) to survey and take photos of areas to be repaired.

11. Date of next meeting – 5th March 2019

The Asst Clerk confirmed a revised date for the next meeting would be circulated via e-mail (to be post Mop).

Meeting closed at 20:00 hrs

Signed:  Chairman

Dated 