



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee

16th April 2019, STC Offices

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

Present: Cllrs. Rob Creer, Phil O'Rourke, Phil Rumney, Andy Williams

Assistant Clerk – Ms J Stallard

2 Broad Street residents present (left at 19:55)

1. **Apologies**
None
2. **Declarations of Interest**
None
3. **Approval of Minutes of 29th January 2019**
Resolved the Minutes of 29th January 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising**
None
5. **Budgets**
Report unavailable.
6. **Mop Fair**
Disappointment was noted that no representatives of W & K N Rowlands were at the meeting and no apology had been received.

The Clerk was in receipt of complaint received via e-mail on Friday 22 March at 19:18 hrs from a resident summarised as follows:-

- o *Unable to park outside property*
- o *Unacceptable noise levels*
- o *A more appropriate site should be sought*
- o *Very disturbing for a picturesque village*

Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to respond that the comments were noted but that it was a bi-annual event which had been taking place for many years and that noise levels were monitored. A range of events took place in the High Street throughout the year, eg Street Fair/Carnival, The Big Lunch & Victorian Day.

A complaint had also been received with regard to over spilling bins which would be referred to W & K N Rowlands.

A discussion took place with regard to the future of the Mop Fair and the following points made:

- *From a local business point of view – trade was adversely affected*
- *A preference for a smaller scale funfair with more traditional rides*

- *It was 'upsetting' to the community*
- *Investigate Charter and Showman's Guild relationship*

7. Farmer's Market

Representation from Enosis Events failed to attend and Asst Clerk to contact and enquire if a proposal forthcoming.

8. Parking on Market Pitchings – e-mails circulated with photos (brought forward)

Two Broad Street residents attended the meeting with concerns of inconsiderate parking on the Pitchings. The following points were made during discussion:-

- *Blocking off of pitchings with bins, cars, sack trucks by a business in Broad Street and 5 or more car spaces taken up*
- *A van parked very close to a shop frontage blocking light causing detriment to business*
- *Abusive staff*
- *The business in question could 'do as it pleased'*
- *The business concerned claimed it paid rent to the council for the pitch*
- *Stress and anxiety to adjacent business owner*

It was noted the Council had no powers to enforce action on the land. The Asst Clerk confirmed a letter had been written to the business in question in October 2018 with regard to blocking off pitchings but no response had been received. Following discussion, it was **Resolved** to write to residents and businesses in the location and facilitate a meeting with a request to provide documentary evidence of pitch ownership/rental arrangements if appropriate. The meeting to be arranged with the impending new Council. In addition, Cllr Creer to liaise with SGC Enforcement.

9. Market Pitchings

- The application received from The Big Lunch Committee was approved and a Licence would be issued for signing
- Cllr P Rumney carried out a Pitchings inspection on the 24th March 2019 and a number of areas noted which required remedial work. The matter would be referred to B. Janes Maintenance.

10. Items to report

Cllr Williams reported (1) had received a report of anti-social behaviour at The Boot PH and that the Police were involved, and (2) exposed cables on the weather station at Old Sodbury (photo to be sent)

11. Date of next meeting – 25th June 2019

Meeting closed at 20:30

Signed:  Chairman

Dated 25/6/19