



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Markets Committee 27th April 2021, Remote meeting held via Zoom

Committee Members: Cllrs. Linda Banister, Becky Romaine, Phil Rumney, Adrian Rush, Linda Rush, Paddy Smith, Andy Williams (Chair)

Present: Cllrs. Linda Banister, Becky Romaine, Phil Rumney, Adrian Rush, Linda Rush
Andy Williams

Assistant Clerk – Jackie Murley

1. Apologies

Cllr Smith absent.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Williams – item 7 Eat Festival

Cllr A Rush – item 6 Town Events – Remembrance Parade

3. Approval of Minutes of 1st September 2020

Resolved the Minutes of 1st September 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman confirmed he would attend the office to sign the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Budgets

Members noted the spend to 31st March 2021. **Resolved** the Markets Committee finances approved. It was noted the budget was 52% spent and any underspend to go to Councils' reserves.

6. Town Events

As COVID-19 restrictions relaxed post 21st June 2021, Members considered plans for the (1) Mop Fair and (2) Remembrance Parade for 2021.

(1) Mop Fair – The Asst Clerk confirmed a response was awaited from W & K N Rowlands with regard to their proposals for the Autumn Fair. A discussion took place and Members **RESOLVED** that subject to appropriate safety procedures in place, a Licence would be granted for the holding of the Fair in September on the proviso that appropriate contact is made with South Glos Council Safety Advisory Group to ensure the safety of the event.

(2) Remembrance Parade – Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED** that the Remembrance Parade would go ahead in November. The Asst Clerk confirmed a Committee meeting was set for 29th June although due to annual leave, this would be rescheduled.

7. Licence for eat: Chipping Sodbury Festival (draft Licence e-mailed)

Representatives from Eat Festival attended a Full Council meeting in January 2021 and presented to Members their proposals for a festival in August and at that time gave Members an opportunity to ask questions. An application form was subsequently received and a draft Licence circulated. Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Licence on the proviso that contact be made with the Chamber of Commerce and that local businesses be given first invitations/opportunity to be involved with the event.

8. Christmas Trees and Lights

The Council had been advised by the current Christmas Tree contractor that the availability of large trees was becoming increasingly difficult to source. Suggestions of alternative suppliers were put forward and the Asst. Clerk confirmed she would make contact and report back. It was **RESOLVED** to continue with 8 trees as with previous years. With regard to Lights, the Asst Clerk confirmed a meeting would be set up with an electrical contractor to ensure appropriate and compatible lights were purchased. It was noted that £3000 from "Market Pitchings" budget had been ringfenced for Christmas lights 2021.

9. Items to Report

No items to report

10. Date of next meeting: 22nd June 2021.

Meeting closed at 20:00

Signed:  Chairman

Dated 20/07/21