

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Methodist Church Rooms, Castle Street, Dursley** at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 10th January 2017 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 24th January 2017.

PRESENT

Councillors: J Burdge (Chair), S Abraham, J Ball, A Stennett & N Grecian.

In Attendance: John Kay, Town Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors F Firth, M Nicholson, A Sheffield and P Hayes (Personal).

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Improvements Committee held on Tuesday 11th October 2016, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

7. TOURISM

The Clerk provided an update on the Tourism Steering Group with the next meeting scheduled for Monday 30th January 2017 at 7pm. Sandy Moeller from Harris Ethical will be providing information on the Cam & Dursley Station Travel Plan and links with tourism in the area. A Council representative is required to attend the meetings of the Strategy Steering Group.

IT WAS AGREED to appoint a representative at the Council meeting on the 24th January 2017.

8. CHRISTMAS WORKING GROUP

It was noted that the next meeting of the Christmas Working Group is at 6pm on 26th January at Jacob's House.

9. CASTLE STREET – SITE VISIT

The Clerk requested members of the Committee to agree a time to meet to discuss the planned 2016/17 project to for improvements to Castle Street.

IT WAS RESOLVED for the Clerk to arrange a meeting following the Clock going forward in the Spring of 2017 on an evening when the Town Improvements Committee is scheduled.

10. REGARDING PLANTING

The Town Clerk reported that the Dursley in Bloom group had requested the Committee to consider funding 11 new wooden half barrels for Parsonage Street. Parsonage Street has been highlighted by the Heart of England judges as an area where planting could be improved. The Clerk had agreed suitable locations with the Chair of the Dursley in Bloom committee and to date the adjacent businesses had not objected to the proposed locations. The type of barrels was discussed and half barrel wooden style was the preferred and would match existing planters in the town.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Committee would fund the new barrels and the Clerk would obtain the best price available from local garden centres etc.

11. DURSLEY PANCAKE RACE 2017

It was noted that the race will take place on Shrove Tuesday – 28th February 2017.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Vale Hospital's League of Friends charitable organisation will be the selected charity to benefit from funds raised via race entries and collection buckets on the day.

The meeting was closed at 7:55pm.

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Chairman

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Date