

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Dursley Library, May Lane, Dursley** at 7pm on Tuesday, 18th July 2017 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 1st August 2017.

PRESENT

Councillors: J Burdge (Chair), S Abraham, F Firth, W Thomas M Woodward and P Hayes.

In Attendance: John Kay, Town Clerk.

Absent: Cllrs A Stennett, M Nicholson & W Paice.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Ball & A Sheffield (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 April and Tuesday 9th May 2017, 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. CASTLE STREET: IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk introduced the feasibility quotations for the following:

- a) Cotswold Stone Wall
- b) Decorative Railings

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk should make contact with the landowner (a) and GCC Highways (b) to progress both projects.

- c) It was noted that Stroud District Council would not consider an asset transfer for the raised planters in Castle Street. The Committee would monitor the future maintenance and planting at this location.

8. CASTLE STREET: ADDITIONAL PLANTERS

The committee noted that it had been previously resolved at Council to abandon the hanging baskets project on the lighting columns due to GCC costs. **IT WAS AGREED** that the favoured additional planting project was planters on the proposed new railings.

IT WAS AGREED that the Town Clerk would investigate hanging basket attachments on bordering private buildings which would not require permission from GCC for 2018.

9. LONG STREET – REQUEST FOR DOG WASTE BIN

IT WAS RESOLVED to agree to the monthly charge by SDC for the new dog bin.

10. RA LISTER & CO – BLUE PLAQUE REQUEST

The Chair produced a draft copy of the plaque and proposed that it should be “Lister Green” rather than blue.

IT WAS AGREED that the Town Clerk would obtain an estimate and Cllr Burdge would supply details of the supplier of the previous plaque for “Pederson”.

11. ULEY ROAD: NEW BENCH

Cllr Abraham reported that she had been approached about the lack of a bench between the Highfields estate and the town centre. Uley Road is a popular route for those still able to walk into town but would like the opportunity to rest part way. It was acknowledged that GCC Highways would need to approve the position if it was within the public highway.

IT WAS AGREED Cllr Abraham would investigate the preferred location and that Cllr Hayes would approach the Dursley Lions on possible funding/provision of a bench

14. TOURISM

- a) Cllr Firth presented the strategy document for the Cotswold Edge & Severn Vale tourism group and provided an update on the latest tourism developments, including the roles of the Steering and Network groups.
- b) It was noted that the Deputy Clerk was visiting the Tourist Information and Stow-on-the-Wold Town Council on the 19th July to find out about their joint project to provide a Tourist Information centre in the local library.

13. Christmas Event 2017

Cllr Woodward provided an update on the plans and fund raising for the 2017 Christmas event on the 24th November 2017. It was noted the next meeting of the Christmas Working Group was at 6pm on Thursday 20th July at Jacob’s House.

14. Terms of Reference

The Town Clerk has requested all Committees review the term of reference, the revisions will be presented to Council for approval.

The Clerk noted the comments of the Committee and would draft the Terms of Reference for approval.

The meeting was closed at 7:45pm.

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Chairman

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Date