

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Dursley Methodist Church Meeting Room, Castle Street, Dursley** at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 7th January 2020 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

PRESENT

Councillors: J Ball, P Hayes, A Sheffield, A Whitwell, M Woodward and J Rubin.

In Attendance: J Kay Town Clerk.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, Cllr Ball assumed the role of chair for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr W Thomas (Chair) after the meeting and Cllr J Burdge (Vice Chair) (both personal).

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Town Clerk read out an email received from a member of the public which highlighted that Stroud District Council were not carrying out any air monitoring in the south of the district, all monitoring was being done in the vicinity of the new incinerator.

IT WAS AGREED to write to Stroud District Council to request that Silver Street, Dursley is considered as a suitable location for future monitoring.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Improvements Committee held on Tuesday 15th October 2019, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by Cllr Ball as a correct record.

5. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

In the absence of the Chair, there was no report.

6. REGARDING TOURISM

a) To receive an update on the Visitor Information Centre Trial at Dursley Library

The Town Clerk informed the committee that a meeting with Gloucestershire County Council was arranged for 10am on 21st January 2020.

IT WAS AGREED that the Chair and Vice-Chair should be asked if they are able to attend the meeting.

b) Update on the Cotswold Edge & Severn Vale Tourism Network

Three new representatives attended the informal meeting of network in December. A network meeting is being arranged for February with the new Stroud MP having been invited as guest speaker. The network are going to review their strategy and this would include the role of Dursley Town Council who carry out the administration.

7. FESTIVE DURSLEY

It was noted that the review of the 2019 event would be carried out at 10am on Monday 13th January 2020 by the Festive Dursley committee.

8. SILVER STREET, DURSLEY

The Town Clerk updated the committee on the site meeting held with Mr Paul Helbrow, GCC Local Highway Manager on 3rd January 2020. Cllrs Hayes and Patrick were in attendance. There had been some miscommunication with the reasoning behind our request for footway improvements and whether the carriageway level could be raised. The main factor is to provide an improved gradient and width to the footway located adjacent to the Oxfam charity shop. Mr Helbrow agreed to review what could be done to improve this section of footway.

9. LONG STREET CAR PARK

The Town Clerk confirmed that the new camera had been installed in December 2019 and was awaiting feedback on its connection. The new barrier had not yet been installed and the contractor had been requested to give an update.

The Council had not received any further complaints about anti-social behaviour of cyclists in the car park. Some large stones had been placed within the Long Street Green which have remained in place. The Town Clerk untied some loose BT cable from the bollards which could have caused an injury to any cyclist entering the car park from the Long Street Green area.

The Council had not received any recent complaints regarding misleading descriptions on parking tickets issued by District Enforcement.

10. WORLD WAR 2 MEMORIAL

The Committee discussed options to include a memorial to those who lost their life in World War 2 at the Memorial Gates entrance to St James Church.

IT WAS AGREED that the Town Clerk should discuss options with Cllr Burdge.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:46pm.

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Chairman

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Date