

SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Market Committee meeting in the Town Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 28th April 2008.

Present:- Mrs. S. Matthews (in the Chair)

Cllrs Mr. D. Harman and Mrs. S. Lister.
Market Traders: Mr. C. Smith and Mr. D. Hackett

Town Clerk: Mr. R. Bishop
Market Superintendent: Mr. I. Livesey
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1. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Mr. F. Sharpe is on holiday.

2. To receive declarations of interest – for items included on the Agenda.

None.

3. To receive minutes of the Market Meeting – held on 28th January 2008.

The minutes were agreed by the Committee and signed as a true record by the Mayor.

4. To receive a report from the Market Superintendent.

4.1 The Market Superintendent reported that there had been two stalls given up since the last meeting.

4.2 A letter had been received regarding the duplication of an egg stall on the Market from G. Smith Egg Suppliers & Packers. The letter requested a reversal of the decision taken at the previous meeting.

It was agreed that the decision to allow two egg stalls taken at the last Committee meeting would stand.

4.3 A letter had been received from Mrs. Balls CE24 reference Rent increase and doubling up of stalls, also requesting to add footwear, leather goods and greeting cards to her license. Letters had also been received regarding rent rises from J. Maslin WM1 and Mr. Wye-Harris. There followed a discussion where it was established that the Town Council set the rent at the time of the budget in December, this decision could not therefore be changed. The Committee may wish to make a recommendation to the Council before the next budget meeting in December.

It was agreed to allow Mrs. Balls to add footwear, leather goods and greeting cards to her license.

4.4 A letter from Mr. Graver requested to add foam to his license.

It was agreed to add foam to Mr. Graver's license.

4.5 Mr. Christie (cheese) wants to make his recent temporary move permanent.

It was agreed to make Mr. Christie's move permanent.

4.6 Mr. Herrell wants to reduce his pitch by 5ft.

It was agreed to reduce Mr. Herrell's pitch by 5ft.

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4.7 Mr. Keeling's (fruit & veg) daughter phoned to ask if she could attend the market. There followed a short discussion on the suitability of this family taking on a stall at the Market.

It was agreed to refuse permission for Mr. Keeling's daughter to come to the Market.

4.8 There has still been no letter from Mr. Warth to inform the Council he has given up his pitch.

In view of the mounting debt of £742 it was decided to take vacant possession of this pitch and to seek to recover the debt in the small claims court.

4.9 Mr. Hunt has been informed his Market Rights have been revoked he currently owes £604.28 a cheque for £198.72 bounced and another for the same amount has been sent in.

4.10 Mr. Badwal wants to leave his large lorry on the centre of the Market.

Mr. Badwal was refused permission to leave his large lorry on the centre of the Market under the current layout.

4.11 A request has been received from West Norfolk retired Greyhounds to come on to the Market as a one off.

Permission was granted for West Norfolk Greyhounds to come onto the Market as a one off.

4.12 A letter has been received regarding how green is your market competition. This has been noted for information only.

4.13 The Market Superintendent circulated details of a proposed re-organisation of the centre Market. There followed discussion amongst the Committee and in particular amongst the traders in the practical side of moving things around to accommodate vehicles behind stalls to close down the open spaces. Then by losing one aisle it achieved both making the centre look much more full as well as giving adequate space for everyone.

It was agreed unanimously to accept the recommended layout No. 2 and to put this in place as soon as possible.

4.14 It was reported that some local people are still using the Market waste bins for their own purposes.

4.15 It was suggested that a price should be obtained for a banner advertising Swaffham Market.

It was agreed to get a price for a banner advertising Swaffham Market.

5. To receive a report relating to the Auction.

The Town Clerk reported that two of the previously agreed dates for the auction had for one reason or another been cancelled by the auctioneer Karl Bennett. The only auction out of the three agreed, is due to take place on 17th May 2008. There has been no contact with the auctioneer regarding extending the trial period.

6. To receive a report of the attendance of a French Market on Sunday 20th April.

The Town Clerk reported that the French Market Brunomart attended on Sunday 20th April in the Market Place. It was very well organised and well attended. The layout was praised as it gave the appearance of being full but spacious at the same time. It is hoped that they will return in the autumn although a date has not yet been finalised. It was stated that this was the first time they had tried a Sunday and it was clear that it was the right day. It was thought that in future perhaps more shops in the town could be encouraged to open when the next visit.

7. To report the forthcoming attendance of an Italian Market on Sunday 1st June.

The Town Clerk stated that Sunday 1st June was the first ever visit of an Italian Market to Swaffham. This Market was owned by Simon Fayo who employed all the staff on each of the stalls. A question was asked whether the French and Italian Markets were paying to come to Swaffham and for clearing up the waste. The answer was yes they are paying, with the French paying for the clearing of their waste and the Italian Market clearing away their own waste.

8. To agree date for Annual Market Traders meeting on Monday 30th June 2008.

The committee was informed of the proposed date for the annual Market traders meeting.

It was agreed that the date for the annual Market Traders meeting would be Monday 30th June 2008
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Meeting closed at 8.50pm

_____Chairman