

SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Market Committee meeting held on Monday 30th April 2007 in the Assembly Rooms, Swaffham.

Present: Cllr S. Matthews (in the Chair)

Councillors:- Cllr A Greaves, Cllr S Lister, Cllr J Stockdale.

Market Representatives:- Mr T. Bell, Mr D Hackett.

Town Clerk: Mr R Bishop

Assistant Clerk: Mrs R Noble

Market Superintendent: Mr I Livesey

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1. Cllr. I Sherwood (Work Commitments)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1. There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE MARKET MEETING

3.1. The minutes of the Market Committee Meeting of the 19th March 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. MARKET SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

4.1. There has not been any new licences issued since the last meeting, just amendments.

4.2. Mr Dixon (plant stall) would like to add 10ft extra to his stall; the site next to him is empty, it was 18ft but due to the disabled parking bays stalls the stalls cannot come out into the road therefore 10ft is all we can use as it is an awkward shape.

It was agreed for Mr Dixon to add an extra 10ft to his pitch.

4.3. Mr Herrell WM4 (12ft) would like to move to WM2 (15ft).

It was agreed for Mr Herrell to move from WM4 to WM2

4.4. It was reported Mr Green (Auction) has now finished on the market, the Market Superintendent thanked Mr Green for his efforts regarding the Auction on the market.

4.5. A letter has been sent to Mr Pitt (ES1) relating to his pitch giving him the following options:

a) To pull his stall in and leave a 1 metre gap for serving.

b) To move his serving space round to the entrance of Woolworths.

c) To move his pitch to another place on the market.

The Council have not received a reply, his invoice has not been paid and he has not being on the market for 3 weeks. It was agreed to send Mr Pitt another letter relating to the above.

The Town Clerk was instructed to send another letter to Mr Pitt regarding the letter which has already been sent also stating his invoice has not been paid and he has not being on the market for 3 weeks.

4.6. A letter has been sent to the remaining traders on the farmers Market informing them of the decision to stop the Farmers Market as from May 2007, also

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thanking them for their loyalty over the past 2 years and that we will contact them should there be further developments regarding the Farmers Market on a Saturday.

4.7. It was reported there are two new stalls coming onto the market next Saturday, children's clothes and house nameplates.

4.8. It was reported that Wissey Brewery had a casual stall on the Saturday Market. It was stated that Wissey Brewery should have approached Breckland council for an alcohol licence. Following a discussion relating to the sale of alcohol, it was agreed that wine should only be sold by the bottle and not by the glass on the market, although taster cups would be allowed.

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4.9. A discussion took place relating to an auctioneer for the market, it was felt the auction was good as a tourist attraction. There were suggestions to do a press release, advertise and to offer one month free of charge for an auctioneer. It was agreed for the Market Superintendent and Clerk to contact Stephen Roberts at Watton.

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5. Article in the next Newsletter

5. A discussion took place regarding a further article in the next Newsletter, it was suggested the Market Superintendent speak to market trader Dave Johnson.

6. Continental Markets & Feasibility of Farmers Market

6.1. It was stated there were no complaints received from the Saturday Market traders with regards to the French Market last year, the invoice which was sent to the French Market for the waste clearance has not been paid.

It was suggested to hold another continental market and to request a deposit before the event for the waste clearance. The Pedlar Car Park could be used again for the market.

6.2. A discussion took place with regards to holding the Farmers Market on a Saturday. It was suggested to investigate first to see if there would be any objection from the Saturday traders, also to see if the Farmers Market traders would want to come to Swaffham on a Saturday. It was also suggested if the Farmers Market was held on the War Memorial site that the Saturday traders could re-locate to the Pedlar Car Park.

6.3. It was stated the overall feeling from traders was that there has been no recovery to the Market since the Regeneration Scheme took place to the Town Centre.

6.4. Cllr. A Greaves reported to the committee that this would be her last meeting as she would not be standing for Council in the forthcoming elections.

6.5. Cllr. A Greaves thanked Mr Bell for his many years of trading on Swaffham Market also for his contribution on the Market Committee.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1. The next meeting will be the AGM held on Monday 25th June at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

_____ Chairman