



Dulverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 20th July 2020 commencing after the Grounds Committee meeting, using remote video conferencing.

Present: Councillors: Mrs Christine Dubery; Mr Alan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mr Piers Wood and Mr Gerry Lewis.

Apologies: None

Deferment of business for comment by the public: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Matters Arising: None

Local Business – Effects of Covid19:

Members discussed at length their observations concerning the recovery of local businesses since lockdown and reported that generally the public were appearing to maintain the two meter distancing requirement. People were avoiding each other by walking in the road when necessary and avoiding long queues.

The installation of awnings was suggested to protect the queuing public when the weather was wet, however it was recognised that there would be logistical problems with regards the installation and the width of the pavements.

There appeared to be a considerable amount of footfall but traders were reporting that spending was limited, and there exists considerable anxiety regarding the future once the holiday season is over.

Various funding sources designed to financially help businesses and town centres are being investigated by members. Funding with regards the implementation of safety measures in individual shops will have to be applied for by the businesses. The Caravan Park is apparently fully booked for the next two months.

General Town Maintenance Issues:

The general appearance of the town centre was discussed by members who commented that several areas appeared unkempt and shabby, including Church Lane, Kemps Way and the rear of Risdon Hosegood, Solicitors. Most properties are maintained to a high standard, however the few that aren't detract from the overall impression.

The Clerk is requested to write to Exmoor National Park Authority and enquire if one or two representatives of the Town Council could meet with one or more from the ENPA to look at some of these sites and discuss whether there is any course of action open to either the National Park Authority or the Town Council to address the issue.

Booklet - Tourist Promotion:

The Dulverton Town Guide has been printed, but due to Covid19 is unlikely to be distributed until next year.

Future Events:

Farmers Market: The market is to resume as from 25th July. The success of which, with regards social distancing etc., will be closely monitored by the organisers. A one- way system will be implemented. Unfortunately an application for funding proved unsuccessful.

Dulverton by Starlight: No decision has been made. However, it is likely that it will not be held until December 2021.

No other events are being planned for the immediate or long term future.

Correspondence: None

Matters to Report with permission of the Chairman:

All Saints Church Yard – Members expressed concern regarding a deep gully which runs at the side of and behind Risdon, the memorial garden is situated on the opposite side. The gully feeds a drain at the top of Banks Square which, due to the presence of debris in the gully, could result in flooding.

Bus Shelter: It was reported that the shelter has some general maintenance requirements. Cllr. Mr Piers Wood agreed to investigate.

Battleton - Speed Limit Signage: The overgrown vegetation covering the signage requires urgent attention as the sign cannot be seen by motorists. Cllr. Mrs Margaret Rawle agreed to report the issue to S.C.C.

Date of next meeting: To be determined.

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