

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the Methodist Church meeting room at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 8th October 2024 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 1st November 2024.

PRESENT

Councillors: P Hayes (Chair), K Eales (Vice Chair), S Creswick, B Schoombie, T White and A White.

In Attendance: J Kay, Town Clerk and Cllr Loraine Patrick.

1. TO APPOINT A CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Creswick moved that Councillor Hayes be elected Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year. Cllr Eales seconded and there being no other nominations, **IT WAS RESOLVED.**

Cllr Hayes assumed position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

As a result of the vote for Chair of the committee, Cllr Eales remained Vice-Chair of the Committee and no further vote was required.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Councillor A Rowe (personal).

4. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Improvements Committee held on Tuesday 9th July 2024, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chair had no matters to report.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PARKING ON PARSONAGE STREET

The Town Clerk summarised the issuing of friendly parking notices between 16th July and 23rd September with 37 notices issued, and only one serial offender being recorded.

The volume of parking had seemed to decrease during the period. A regular issue is blue badge holders who some have described the existing three disabled bays as either being full in the Castle Street car-park or other carparks located too far from the businesses on Parsonage Street.



The Town Clerk had not noticed many vehicles parking illegally in the Castle Street car-park bays during this monitoring period, but agreed they were regularly full.

It was agreed that occasion monitoring could continue and Councillors could become involved if parking levels increased.

9. REGARDING TOURISM INITIATIVES:

- a) There was no further update on the creation of a Discover Dursley website since Council on the 1st October.
- b) The Town Clerk summarised the Town Map amendments and comments with the final amendment's being sent to the creator after this meeting. The committee were content with the suggested text changes by the Deputy Clerk.

There was some discussion about the colour of the lettering with the current white letters on orange background not being favoured and the blue being considered difficult to read. The committee would like to see some options of text colour on the orange background.

10. TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF A SUNDAY STREET MARKET

Cllr Patrick posed the option of having a regular Sunday street market in Parsonage Street, an idea which she had previously brought to Councillors. The committee agreed it would be good for the town to have a more markets but acknowledge it would need volunteers and potentially a working party to oversee the arrangements.

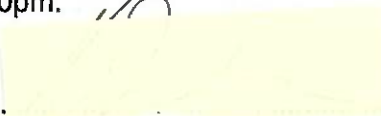
IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Patrick would ask the organiser of the Stonehouse market to attend the next committee meeting and we would advertise this meeting to encourage interested volunteers to attend.

11. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT TOWN IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 2025/2028

The Town Clerk presented the draft budget and responded to queries on the Festive Dursley, notice board, public works loan and electric charge point budgets. There was a request to increase the CCTV budget in 2025/26 to allow for additional coverage with Long Street being the current priority.

IT WAS RESOLVED to for the draft budget with an increased CCTV budget (code 500) for 2025/26 to be presented to the November Council budget meeting for consideration

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:10pm.



 Chair
 14/01/25

 Date