

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**Present:** Councillors R. Varney (Chairman), K. Osborne, R. Tanfield, P. Nottage, C. Barnes, S. Shepherd, C. Fletcher  
Co-opted members C. Jackson, R. Calland-Scoble

**In attendance:** Councillors N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks

**Clerk:** Mrs Jane Bentley

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> All members were present.
	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. There was 1 member of the public present and agenda item 3.3 was moved to this point.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Clerk's progress report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthmatic have begun work on refurbishment of the ladies and the disabled toilets. 2 portaloos have been hired for the duration of the works.</li> <li>• A site visit has been carried out with Hambleton District Council and Easingwold Town Council to review social distancing measures in the town centre and to ascertain if any additional resources are required. The Town Clerk's office will apply distancing stickers on agreed 'pinch points'.</li> <li>• The Clerk has chased NYCC for an update on signage again and is awaiting a response.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Shepherd proposed that the Clerk and Chris Jackson be thanked for their efforts regarding the ongoing management of the public toilets.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Market</b> 3.1 An update was received on the general running of the market and noted. 3.2 The current waiting list was received and requests for permanent stalls were noted 3.3 A request was received from a stallholder and it was resolved to move this item to the start of the meeting. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk's office should give the absent stall holder a deadline to respond to a notice to cancel, otherwise the contract will be terminated. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk's office should carry out a site visit to assess the empty spaces in view of Covid and respond with a proposal at the next full council meeting in November. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the market size should be reviewed at the Operations meeting in April 2021. 3.4 A proposal for a Saturday craft fair was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks and it was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Johnston-Banks request a detailed proposal on the proposed size and layout of the craft fair from the company running the fair and, in addition, their full health and safety proposals particularly with regard to Covid 19. 3.5 There were no other items to consider.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Easingwold Toilets</b> 4.1 The up to date Register of Incidents was noted. 4.2 There were no other matters to consider.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Budget Monitoring</b> The financial position at 30/09/2020 was noted and no action was necessary.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Paths &amp; Cobbles – Market Place</b> Councillor Barnes provided an update.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Flagpole</b> Easingwold Town Council's flag flying policy was received versus government policy. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the item be moved to the Social & Events committee meeting on the 14 <sup>th</sup> December and that Councillors Barnes and Madden propose a recommended policy.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Christmas Lights</b> The Clerk provided an update on the Christmas lights on Long Street.

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<b>9.</b>	<b>Covid-19</b> The implications and potential actions required for Easingwold relating to government guidelines/restrictions were considered. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk's office would investigate hand sanitiser stations at the entrances to the market.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> To note the next meeting is scheduled for January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee

The meeting closed at 20.12 pm  
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