

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021**

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, K. Butcher

Clerk: Mrs Jane Bentley

1.	<p>Apologies All members were present.</p>
	<p>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 were no members of the public present and no questions were asked.</p>
2.	<p>Clerk's progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthmatic have finished work on refurbishment of the ladies and are currently working on the disabled toilets. The gents and ladies should be opened shortly and the portaloos returned. A site visit has taken place with the cleaners and the electricians to look at installing hot water. • The Christmas Lights were successfully put up on Long Street and in the Market Place. They have been disconnected but will not be taken down in the current Covid crisis. • The Christmas craft market and the Little Bird Artisan market took place. The Clerk has been in contact with the Little Bird Artisan market and agreed that it will not take place until the Covid restrictions have been lifted. • The Friday market is running with essential stalls only and the absent stall holder's contract has been terminated. <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk should ask the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to turn on the star light on the buttercross to raise spirits.</p>
3.	<p>Market</p> <p>3.1 An update was received on the general running of the market. Post vans have been parking on the market place on a Friday morning, blocking the space for stall holders. It was AGREED that Councillor Shepherd would contact the previous postmaster for contact details of those responsible and Ray Calland-Scoble would contact the relevant authority at the Post Office and report back findings to the Clerk.</p> <p>3.2 The current waiting list was noted. Recent market stall applications received and requests for permanent stalls were considered. It was AGREED that any decision regarding the fish and chip van attending the market would be made once the Covid pandemic situation is resolved. It was AGREED not to expand the current offering of market stalls until the pandemic is resolved.</p> <p>3.3 The storage of the market stalls from February 2021 onwards was considered. Councillor Varney thanked Councillor Shepherd and Chris Jackson for their offers. It was AGREED that the Clerk would confirm times of collection from the Stalls Contractor to Councillor Shepherd and if the times are convenient the stalls would be held under cover in a barn at Far Shires Farm on the A19. Chris Jackson confirmed that a site visit, to ascertain the current items in storage, is required.</p> <p>3.4 Quotes were received for hand sanitiser stations for the entrances to the market. It was AGREED not to proceed with hand sanitisers.</p>
4.	<p>Easingwold Toilets</p> <p>4.1 The up to date Register of Incidents was noted.</p> <p>4.2 There were no other matters to consider.</p>
5.	<p>Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 31/12/2020 was noted and no action was considered necessary.</p>

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6.	Paths & Cobbles – Market Place Councillor Barnes provided an update.
7.	Covid-19 The implications and potential actions required for Easingwold relating to government guidelines/restrictions were considered and it was AGREED to continue to check regularly updated legislation and implement any necessary changes.
8.	Date of Next Meeting To note the next meeting is scheduled for April 19th 2021 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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