



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL MARKETS GROUP 22 AUGUST 2019

**Minutes of the Market Group held on 22 August 2019 at 18 King's Arms Street,
North Walsham NR28 9JX**

Present :

Chair : Mr N Clarke (Markets Manager)

Present :

Cllr B Hester

Cllr B Wright

Mr N Lee

Observer : Cllr J Melville

Deputy Town Clerk : Ms T Foster

Meeting opened at 18.45

1. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Murphy (work).

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

As approved by Cllr B Wright and seconded by Cllr B Hester it was **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Market Meeting of 8 August 2018
are agreed as a true copy**

4. HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS IN MARKET PLACE

The Chair explained that sometimes the parking spaces in Market Place were not clear of vehicles. This week a cherry picker had been parked outside the Barclays Bank building and not moved. He reiterated again Highways had stated the "No Parking" signs "are legal" even though the words do not accord with the Traffic Order. However, the signage is confusing for members of the public.

Could the Town Council pay for new signs if NCC agreed?

It was agreed to contact the County Councillor for the ward to discuss this signage and the way forward to bring the signage in line with the Traffic Order.

A new “Road Closed” sign with stand had been purchased. Such a sign may be used from time to time for the Thursday and Sunday Markets besides Town Council events. The Chair stated a new sign was required to read :

“Keep clear emergency vehicles and access only”

It was agreed this signage should be purchased by all present. The Chair would speak to the Town Clerk.

Entertainment

The Chair advised that entertainment had been organised for the months up to and including December.

Some further entertainers were suggested including the possibility of buskers in the Town which had been used previously. It was reported that buskers had caused disruption for some shop owners using the telephone, and placement of future buskers should liaise with the Market Manager.

It was reported that “Men n Sheds” had made a 3 wooden steps unit to be placed by the Market Cross to create easy access for entertainers to perform on the Market Cross.

Advertising

It was agreed that further adverting for the Thursday and Sunday Markets would be considered.

Finger Posts. Additional sign to be added to the finger post located in the Town Centre with a further sign at the top of the Town advertising “Markets every Thursday”

Any banner, notice or poster should include “Sunday Parking free for the Sunday Market” being beneficial to potential customers who were not aware. Consideration to be given to placement of a banner at Trackside and inclusion of both markets on the Gateway Signs being obtained via MTI.

Cllr B Wright would action the signs on the finger posts, banner and Gateway Signs.

Future Markets

The Chair explained some of the Sunday Market Stalls had gone away for the summer months.

Once the works were complete at the Precinct more stalls could be sited there. A suggested “Flea Market” could be held with the Thursday or Sunday Markets and ideally located in the Precinct. Stalls for either market placed at the top of 4/4A Market Street would attract interest and customers.

It was agreed that the “Flea Market” and placement of stalls would be deferred until the work on the Precinct had been completed.

Date of next meeting To be confirmed.

Meeting closed at : 7.22