



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Extraordinary Council Meeting

held on Thursday 21 May 2020

Present:

Town Councillors: Cllr Bull (Chair); Cllr Felstead; Cllr Fryer; Cllr Gotts; Cllr Gray; Cllr Heinrich; Cllr Hester; Cllr Jackson; Cllr Melville; Cllr Murphy; Cllr Sims; Cllr Wright;

District Councillors: Cllr N Lloyd

Town Clerk: Ms Shields

Members of Public: 1

The meeting opened at 18.00

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Choudhury; Cllr Edge; Cllr Harris;

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests: None

Pecuniary interests: None

3. PUBLIC FORUM

(Standing Order 3e - Items on this agenda only, Standing Orders 3f - Total duration 15mins max, Standing Orders 3g - Max 3mins per person, - Standing Orders 3h - Questions don't require a response at this meeting)

Temporary Pedestrianisation

- Permanent pedestrianisation action would ruin North Walsham
- Just temporary pedestrianisation to cover Covid19 problem
- It would be interesting to see how it goes

4. TO DISCUSS REOPENING FOOD & PLANT MARKETS

The following points were noted

- Start the Markets from June 4th 2020
- Create a detailed risk assessment (Cllr Bull)
- All stalls to use instant card payment machines (if possible)
- Possibly have hand sanitisers at each stall
- Monitor social distancing - Cllrs Hester & Cllr Bull volunteered to supervise along with the Market Manager
- Traders have continued trading during this pandemic and should already have measures in place
- 2m Social distancing from the pavement
- Social distancing - plastic posts with chains x 42
- Foot stickers x20 (for where to stand at the market stall)
- Social distancing queues – foot stencil and yellow spray paint, (talk to shops to see if they need stencils in place for queues)
- If people don't abide by the rules the Markets will be stopped again
- Trading standards will be monitoring and shut us down if not compliant

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As proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Hester, it was **RESOLVED to reopen the Food & Plant Market as of the 4 June 2020**

5. TO DISCUSS NNDC REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SOCIAL DISTANCING MANAGEMENT

The request for temporary pedestrianisation to enable social distancing was discussed

- Shop keepers concerned that temporary pedestrianisation would lead to back door permanent pedestrianisation without any consultation. It was confirmed that this would not happen and once Covid19 is over, through traffic would be back to normal
- The Town needs temporary pedestrianisation to be able enforce social distancing onto the road when all shops open
- The Town Centre would still be open for access and deliveries
- Bus Stop would be better in the layby at bottom of Town, (as on Market Days) as it will be difficult to social distance on the pavement where the bus stop is
- Have as much substitute parking as possible at Bank Loke car park, ask for all spaces free for 2hrs. The ticket machine has already been adjusted for 2 hrs free so could we keep it. People have to queue in all shops, so they will take longer in town and we want to promote people coming to the Town
- Do we have to liaise with highways to get the road closed to enable the temporary Pedestrianisation and if so, how much would it cost
- To monitor how shop trade continues during the temporary pedestrianisation
- Only Market Place to be pedestrianised not Church Street. Cordon off the narrow corner outside McColls up to the junction with New Rd, because there will be more traffic with the Market Place closed

As proposed by Cllr Bull and seconded by Cllr Hester, it was **RESOLVED that we are happy with the temporary pedestrianisation, as long as we can have free parking at Bank Loke and the Bus stops in the layby at the bottom of Town**

The meeting closed at 19.05

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Date: *29/6/2020*