

DOWNHAM MARKET TOWN COUNCIL MARKETS STRATEGY GROUP
NOTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020 AT 9:30AM

Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic this meeting was held remotely by way of zoom videotelephony system.

‘To research, develop and promote the Markets being mindful of their historic evolution’

	Present: Cllrs Woodmin (Chair) Bulley Hendry, Lightfoot, Westrop, Willow Woodmin & Sharman Town Clerk E Oliver	
1	<u>To receive Members apologies</u> Cllrs Hayes – work commitments Cllr Groom – personal/family Cllr Pickering – Work commitments	
2	<u>To receive any declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations	
6	<u>Issues that may have arisen since last week.</u> Points raised were as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hendry visited the market on Saturday at 2.00 and asked Moyses, Pauline and Knicat to be photographed for publicity reasons. This offer was refused. • Mr Moyses said he was not going to sign the licence. • The Book Heaven stall was not manned for some of the time. • The plan of stalls was not adhered to and caused issues with the electricity and resulted in Solar Shed going home. • It was considered we may need a temporary manager in place due to Dave being off ill. <p>Lee Gaskell entered the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Saturday, a stall was blown over and a finger injury occurred. • Wax melts packed up early • The Market Officer hours were confirmed as 6.00 – 12.30 and then 2.30 – 4.30 • Cllr Sharman felt that the maintenance team should draw lots to man the market and felt that historically the Market Officer did keep an eye on the market. • The Clerk confirmed that she has spoken to the Maintenance team about checking that the correct pitches are used. • It was explained that the maintenance team were covering the market officer’s role on a rota basis • It was felt difficult that we are not being supported by our own Cllrs who are openly discussing market issues in a negative manor 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appears a lot of gossip is going on that is untrue. • We have offered one to one meetings with the traders and only one trader has taken up this offer. • Cllr Westrop reported that the planters have been tested for peat. <i>It has since been reported that the planters are peat free.</i> • Cllr Westrop asked if we could make an exception for a charity stall and give them a free stall. The Clerk reported that the Cat Protection League has also asked for a stall. • Cllr Hendry felt this may be disadvantageous on the first day of the new licence <p>Lee gave an update on the market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra issues reported were as follows • Book Heaven turned his stall a different way • On Friday Knicat set up in the wrong place and Lee wondered how that could be dealt with. • It was thought it would be a good idea to provide a map to Knicat before Friday • Traders sometimes turn up without warning and demand a space. • It was stated that they should be placed at the end of a row, so it doesn't compromise other traders. <p>Cllr Pickering entered the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He stated the clause which confirms traders should set up where they are told. • Cllr Hendry suggested when the plan is sent out the relevant clauses are quoted • Cllr Pickering reported that a licence is fundamentally give for a short time and enables stalls to be moved. If you grant a lease for fixed term of years this can mean a right to assign and rent would need to be paid until the end of the lease <p>Cllrs Bulley & Lightfoot left the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sharman insisted the Maintenance Team were protected, Cllr Hendry queried why the same support wasn't given to a member of staff, who has been a victim of bullying and harassment for months • Cllr Sharman responded by leaving as he had another meeting to attend. 	
8	<p>To agree date of next meeting Friday 30/10/20 at 9.30</p>	