



Minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 12th February 2023 commencing at 2.00pm in the Council Office, 2A Lady Street, Dulverton.

Present: Chairman: Mr Alan Ottey. Councillors: Mrs Christine Dubery; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mrs Louise Parrish and Mrs Ann Van Praag.

Deferment of business for comment by the public: None

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Chairman's Comments and Meeting Management: The Chairman expressed his concern that Dulverton town centre is suffering with regards empty shop premises in line with the situation nationally.

Comment was made concerning the changes in the national planning regulations concerning 'change of use'.

Members discussed the proposal to place large window stickers on the windows of empty shops. A quote is to be obtained.

Matters Arising:

Lion Public Toilets: The Clerk informed members that the outstanding invoice was Danfo will not be paid until the outstanding issues have been resolved.

The electrician has been and fixed the air - conditioning unit and installed a timer. A plumber has investigated and doesn't consider the pipework to be a problem. He still has to check the strength of the flow of water.

Highways Issues:

Vicarage Hill – Kate Brown (S.C. Traffic Engineer) informed Cllr. Mrs Rawle that the sign was delivered to the wrong depot but they have got it back in Minehead now although a bracket has disappeared but they are trying to source another one. They have to complete any works before end of February as their contract comes to an end in March so it will be programmed before then. The only caveat is that there is electric in the footway where the post is to be located at the bottom end, the junction with Union Street, so they will have to hand dig and ensure that there is room to install the post without affecting the electric cable. The road will have to closed while the post is being installed.

Town Centre – With regards the additional blip in Union Street and the removal of one in the High Street, a message has been left with the contractor asking them to respond before the end of today, 12/02/24

Kemps Way: Cllr Rawle has sent Kate Brown (S.C. Traffic Engineer) photos regarding the condition of the road markings in Kemps Way. The arrows over the patches aren't too bad but there is one with the arrow head completely faded located at the beginning of the Lorna Doone Island near the seat. This one is particularly important as it is the point at which vehicles have often shot up the wrong way in the past. The zig zags are patchy in places and the yellow markings near the Fire Station are bad. Members are anxious that vehicles do not park in the Fire Station 'Keep Clear' spot. The white markings at the junctions are not as bright as they ought to be and the 'coaches square' is almost unreadable. A request was made for the road markings in Kemps Way to be refreshed. This road will shortly get very busy when the Caravan Park opens and visitors travel along there to access the car parks. Failure to do so will result in vehicles parking making it dangerous for pedestrians and vehicle access.

Recycling Centre Closure Proposals:

A letter from DTC has been sent to Cllr. Dixie Darch, Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change, Somerset Council concerning DTC's opposition to the proposals.

The local press are to be invited to the public meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

Flower Display 2023:

Members were advised of the quote received from Cove Nursery amounting to £324.00, an increase from last year of £24.

Members requested that a further quote be obtained from Ash Moor Nursery, South Molton.

Correspondence: None

Matters to Report with permission of the Chairman: None

Next meeting: 9th April 2024 at 2.00pm

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