

# Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council

## Town Projects Committee

Minutes of meeting held at 7pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea

**Present:** Cllrs Clarke (Chair), Mrs Keen (Vice-Chair), Cox, Harvey and Tolley.  
Tatiana Cant: Town Clerk, Lorna Brewer: Accounts and Admin Assistant, 5 members of the public

**77/17/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Burrridge-Clayton (prior engagement), Ms Lawson (health) and Ms Weavell (family commitment).

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations granted.

**Public Speaking**

Members NOTED the following comments from residents:

**1. Railway Memorabilia**

The Burnham Railway Heritage Group had installed various items of memorabilia including: railway signal, weather vane, information boards and name boards. The group requested assurance that the Town Council had taken on the ownership of the items and that they were included in the Asset Register and Insurance.

**ACTION**

The Clerk explained that the items were already included on the Asset Register and would write to the group to confirm.

**2. Budget for Young People**

A resident commented that the Town Council had included considerably more funds in budget towards provision for management of graveyards than for young people, asserted that current youth provision was limited and did not meet the needs of young people and strongly felt that the Town Council should have a strategy to support young people.

**ACTION: The Clerk to include this on the agenda to be discussed at a future meeting.**

**78/17/TPC Action List**

The Town Clerk introduced the new action list as used by other committees and noted that there were no outstanding items of concern.

**79/17/TPC Additional Dog Bins**

Members AGREED to provide two new dog bins for Highbridge at Coronation Road near the entrance to the school and the lane by Morland Hall.

**ACTION: The Clerk to order the bins from Sedgemoor District Council**

**80/17/TPC Highbridge History Panels**

Mr Mike Murphy was invited to speak and reported that the heritage panel at ASDA had become rusty and had been removed and stored at the back of the building. The panel could be re-used. The quote for an aluminium frame was £1,698 + VAT. Arien Signs had surveyed the other two signs which also need replacing and had quoted £180 + VAT each. Mr Murphy had already had a positive discussion with Mick Vaughn the manager at ASDA and would follow this with a written request for a contribution towards the costs.

**81/17/TPC Fireworks Event for 2017**

Members AGREED to proceed with the Fireworks Event which would begin earlier than in the past at 6.30pm to encourage families with young children to attend. Letters requesting support would be sent to local businesses and tourist parks which would benefit from the large number of people who attend the event.

**82/17/TPC Phone Box/Cash Machine, High Street, Burnham-on-Sea**

Cllr Tolley reported to members that the phone box/cash machine was once more in a bad condition despite having been repaired only a year ago. He explained that silicone sealer had been used to fill the holes and then painted. This was now peeling off and was unsightly and potentially dangerous. Members considered the following:

- Most people use mobile phones – could usage statistics be investigated?
- Some shops have ATMs or offer cashback on purchases
- If the facility were actually necessary

***ACTION: The Clerk to investigate contact details for the owners to request repair or removal***

**83/17/TPC Pedestrian Crossing at Market Street, Highbridge**

Members considered the report and raised some concerns regarding the location of the proposed crossing. Members AGREED in principle to support a crossing in this vicinity and noted that a further report was expected before the project would proceed.

**84/17/TPC Shelters on South Esplanade**

The shelters on the South Esplanade were in need of refurbishment but it had not been possible before the meeting to ascertain the ownership of the structures.

***ACTION: The Clerk to investigate ownership.***

**85/17/TPC Nominations for Civic Awards**

Members AGREED for the Clerk to seek nominations for the Civic Awards. The date of the Civic Service had not yet been set.

**86/17/TPC Footfall Statistics**

Mr Turco was invited to speak and reported the following:

- The Tesco project had funded the footfall statistics
- Footfall was higher than last year and was lower at the Railway Pub end
- The sensors were located by the Railway Pub and the YMCA shop in the High Street and recorded both directions
- Victorian Quarter signage had been commissioned by the Tesco Project
- Signs for the town centre could be better
- Brown tourist signs may encourage tourism – especially at motorway exits

***ACTION: The Clerk to chase the order for the Victorian Quarter signs***

***ACTION: The Clerk to investigate brown tourist signs***

**87/17/TPC Next Meeting Date**

Members NOTED the next meeting date for this committee: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.52hrs.