

**Minutes of the Town Projects Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 6pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea.**

Present: Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Burge, Cllr Ms Lawson, Cllr Jones OBE, Cllr Miss Parkin, Cllr Young  
Mrs D Emery – Town Clerk, Mrs L Williams – Deputy Town Clerk

Beverley Milner-Simmons spoke at the meeting on agenda item no. 3 re-siting of the Farmers Market:

- Markets work best situated in the centre of a town
- Personal interest – helps to promote Farmers Markets
- As last Friday of month they benefit from the change- over day at holiday parks, people stock up with local produce before heading home
- Possible other location – Victoria Street

44/14/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

Cllr Nicholls was not present

*Cllr Hancock rang to apologise after the meeting – he mis- read the start time*

45/14/TPC Possible re-siting the Farmers Market to 'off the' High St

Cllr Jones presented to members his suggestion of moving the market

- to Adam St, by the side of the Amusements and Co-op Funeral Services
- the roads widths are similar & would allow the same amount of space
- questionable if the market brings extra business into the town
- some shops actually lose business
- causes mayhem 8am – 3pm
- suggested that members go and have a look

The Clerk informed members that all new road closures have to be looked at by the Police and Highways and the Town Council have no powers to decide where a Farmers Market can trade. Steph Keeble – the Farmers Market organiser had been aware of this meeting tonight and had been sent an e-mail to explain that this was on the agenda following a councillors' request, but at this time was not a proposal to Town Council.

Several members commented that the suggestion was contrary to the planned Events area in the High St and that a Farmers Market gives an alternative shopping experience.

**ACTION** The Chairman asked the Clerk to invite Steph Keeble to the next meeting of the Town Projects; to ask her members thoughts about possibly moving to another location within the town.

46/14/TPC Update on the Tesco 106 Project

Members considered the report and as the committee have delegated powers made decisions on the following matters:-

**Street Lighting** – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Young & SECONDED by Cllr Lawson and ALL AGREED that existing columns in the High St. were to be

painted with gold rings and that the Town Council will be responsible for this future maintenance, which will be required every 5-6 years at approx. £432 ex vat

**Power Supply** – It was PROPOSED by Cllr Ms Lawson & SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Burge and ALL AGREED that the power supply as reported is acceptable and that an order be placed with Western Power Distribution

**Street Furniture** – Finger Post One (FP1) – to add – Toilets  
FP2 – to add – Pier & Seafront  
FP3 – to delete – Manor Gardens  
FP3 – to add – Hospital & Toilets (at Victoria Inn)  
14<sup>th</sup> Century Church

These amendments were PROPOSED by Cllr Young and SECONDED by Cllr Ms Lawson with 1 abstention

It was noted to ensure that these Finger Posts were placed in a position that they would not interfere with the Carnival Procession.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Miss Parkin and SECONDED by Cllr Jones and ALL AGREED that the Column Mounted Notice Boards (2) were to have the Town Council's crest and the words Burnham-on-Sea at the top of the board

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Miss Parkin and SECONDED by Cllr Young and ALL AGREED that the Hanging Basket Columns with Advertising Banners should have a license to run for 5 years.

Members NOTED the e-mail to SCC and their response concerning the timeline of roadworks in the High Street. The work has been scheduled to be carried out during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter i.e. Jan-March 2015

The Clerk updated members that Highways are well aware of all the Street Furniture etc. going into the High St. and once this work is complete will work with us on the completion of the road surface.

**ACTION** The Clerk was asked to write to Highways to confirm this verbal update.

47/14/TPC Letter to SDC from Hudson St. residents  
Members NOTED the letter that was pointing out many issues they have in their road.

Cllr Ms Lawson updated members as one of the items was a request for anti-dog fouling notices to be put up at both ends of the street. The Youth Council have produced a poster and leaflets on 'picking up your pooches poo'. She will ensure that they have a couple of laminated posters and also put a leaflet in everyone's door.

Can signage along the seafront say 'where dogs can be walked' not where they can't.

**ACTION** The Clerk was asked to contact SDC to ask if they could approach new signage from this more positive approach.

48/14/TPC The plaque on the Esplanade depicting Royal Visitors

The Clerk asked members to consider:-

1. To have the panel re-printed to correct the spelling mistake 'Emporor' to read 'Emperor' and instead of ;Mike Murphy have and Mike Murphy
2. To have it reprinted with: Cllr Neville Jones produced original text for all the panels edited by Mike Murphy
3. Leave the panel as it is.

Cllr Jones informed the meeting that he might be requesting 2 more panels next year to commemorate the 50 vessels given in the 'lendlease' agreement which included HMS Burnham. There were no known memorials to these ships and he hoped to gain support for the panels from various organisations. With this in mind Cllr Jones suggested deferring any alterations to the 'Royal Visitor' panel.

It was AGREED to leave the panel as it was for the time being.

49/14/TPC Fireworks Display for 2014

Members NOTED the report which included the approx. costings of £ 8,800 for this years' display.

The Clerk updated the meeting with further information she had obtained from the organisers – Skyburst. It would be a Neap tide, this means that high tide will be at 14:30. The tide would not come in so far but would be slower going out, , therefore the suggestion was to use trailers for the setting up of the fireworks instead of scaffolding. The trailers would then be towed into position when the tide permitted. The use of trailers would reduce the overall cost slightly.

50/14/TPC Members NOTED the next meeting of this committee was to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at **6pm** at The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Rd.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm