

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the CHARTER MARKET SUB-COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, St Richards House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, on Monday 24 February 2014 at 10am.

PRESENT: Councillor G R Brookes -Chairman
Councillor E Harwood
Councillor R E Murphy
Councillor A Sinton
Councillor P Stevens

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs Janet Yates, Area Partnership Manager, Wychavon District Council; and Messrs Joe and Maxie Jones by invitation for Agenda Item No 9.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting of the Charter Market Sub-Committee held on 3 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. PLANNING APPROVAL W/13/02547 FOR THE CHARTER MARKET IN VICTORIA SQUARE

RESOLVED That the Decision Notice, including conditions relating to the grant of planning approval for application W/13/02547 be noted

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

RESOLVED That the press and public be now excluded from the meeting under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by virtue of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involved financial and legal matters.

CLOSED SESSION

10. PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH MARKET OPERATOR

The Sub-Committee reviewed the Agreement and identified areas for discussion with the Market Operator (*see Minute No 13 below*).

11. FUTURE TENDERING EXERCISE – FRIDAY CHARTER MARKET

The Sub-Committee reviewed the arrangements for the future tendering exercise, should a favourable report be made by the Sub-Committee to the Community & Amenities Committee upon continuing the operation of the Friday Charter Market following the trial period of three months. Once agreed by the Community & Amenities Committee, expressions of interest would be sought by placing the advert in the Market Trade News publication and sending it to the National Market Traders Federation for their use.

12. BUSINESS RATES VALUATION

The Sub-Committee noted the estimate of Rateable Value (RV) for the Market operation provided by the District Valuation Office as follows:

ADDRESS :	ESTIMATED RV
Charter Market, Victoria Square, WR9 8DS	£3,000
Charter Market, Saltbarrow Market, WR9 7DS	£900

The Sub-Committee was aware that this estimate had been made by the District Valuer without prejudice to any change in the list that may eventually be made; it was made without an inspection, and was based on information provided by the Town Clerk with regard to the prospective operation of the markets, namely that the market would operate one day a week, have a maximum number of stalls of 25 at Victoria Square and 13 at Saltbarrow Market, and that the stalls would be provided by the market operator.

13. MEETING WITH MR JONES AND SON

The Sub-Committee met with Mr J Jones and his son to review the Agreement, set timescales and address any other pertinent matters to enable the Friday Charter Market to be established. Following a positive discussion as to the way forward, including promotional activities and the possibility of additional markets, the latter being beyond the remit of the Charter Market Sub-Committee, the Agreement was amended as follows:

- 1.1.8 deleted and incorporated into 3.5
- electricity specifically included at 3.2.1
- parking arrangements to be cleared by DSTC - 3.9
- hours of operation amended to accord with planning approval requirements for Victoria Square, with Saltbarrow Market identified separately
- start date to be set provisionally at 4 April 2014, subject to all matters being settled (such as Road Closure Order).

The meeting ended at 11.20am.

Chairman of Sub-Committee
10 June 2014

Chairman of Community & Amenities
Committee
10 March 2014