

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes

of the meeting of the Economic Development and STAP Committee held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 20:00 on **Monday 09 March 2020**.

Those present

Cllr Angela Alder
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster
Cllr Craig Chester

Cllr Dinesh Patel
Cllr Greg Rattey
Cllr David Royle
Cllr John Burmicz (ex officio)

In attendance:

3 members of the public

R Bowran – Town Clerk

E 19/37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence
There were none.

E 19/38 PUBLIC FORUM

To receive representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Amenities Committee. There were none.

E 19/39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Pecuniary Interest by Members
There were none.

E 19/40 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2020 (E04)
[prop Cllr Alder; secd Cllr Burmicz]

To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda. There were none.

E 19/41 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To review proposals for promoting economic development.

- Weekly market as a destination – clerk reported a helpful meeting with the EHDC licensing officer, next step is negotiating an arrangement with Bishops Stortford Town Council. Location confirmed, target market start date 06 May. Branding and publicity work contracted with Chambers at The Maltings.
- Support from EHDC – clerk reported that he had been in conversation with senior officers at the District Council and was waiting for a meeting date to further discussions on the possibility of support. The response to the planning application SAWB4 will form an important part of ring fencing funding for the benefit of the town.
- Town Green – Pocket Park application has not been successful. Future action is for the clerk to prepare a Business Plan justifying the development of the area.

E 19/42 TOWN ACTION PLAN

To initiate the preparation of a third Town Action Plan to cover the years 2020 to 2024.

The draft structure of the 2020-24 Town Action Plan was reviewed and agreed to be used as a basis for presentation to the Annual Town Meeting.

Agreed that the best forum for a public appraisal of the TAP would be at the ATM. The ATM to be convened on a Saturday, date to be arranged. Publicity via Newspapers, web-site and banners. *(Now arranged for 02 May 2020.)*

E 19/43 NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME PACK

To consider the publication of a new residents welcome pack

Members agreed that help besought for this project from the three major developers of new housing in the town. Town Clerk to make contact with them in this respect.

E 19/44 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas.

- Town Green Business plan.

Meeting Closed at 20:40