## SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Minutes**

of the meeting of the Sawbridgeworth Town Action Plan and Economic Development Committee held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth at 18:00 on **Monday 14 January 2019.** 

#### Those present

Cllr John Burmicz Cllr Angela Alder Cllr Ruth Buckmaster Cllr Heather Riches Cllr David Royle

In attendance:

R Bowran - Town Clerk

J Sargant - Town Projects Manager

#### S 18/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Hall - unwell

#### S 18/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest by Members There were none

#### **S 18/18 MINUTES**

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 12 November 2018 (S02)

[prop Cllr R Buckmaster; secd Cllr Burmicz]

To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on this Agenda.

Minute S18/13. SurveyMonkey poll. Discussion as to what the committee wanted out of the survey and what the questions might be. These were assembled and the Clerk would proceed to create a survey. Report on the outcome to be made at the Annual Town Meeting.

Clerk mentioned the "Pocket Parks Plus" grant scheme announce by the DHCLG. Deadline for application is 25 January2019. Clerk instructed to proceed with such applications that could be made within that time scale...

#### S 18/19 TOWN ACTION PLAN

To review and monitor progress made against the Town Action Plan. Agreed that:

- The post-monitoring version of the plan be loaded onto the town council web-site.
- Re-establish the STAP working parties after the May local council elections.

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#### S 18/20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To review proposals for promoting economic development in the town. There were three proposals put forward for consideration:

- Creation of a town map, some members felt this should be deferred until after the new housing estates were completed.
- Creation of "Welcome Packs" for newcomers to the town. It was revealed that Gt St Marys church were considering such a scheme.
- Establishing a Christmas shopping evening as a separate identity from the Lights Switch–on evening.

#### S 18/21 WEEKLY MARKET

To determine, subject to budget approval, whether to initiate a weekly market on Town Green.

Clerk said that Town Project Manager's priorities for the next few months were on developing the Cemetery offering. Any proposal for establishing a market could not be enacted before the Autumn of 2019. In the meantime a SurveyMonkey poll would be created to establish demand.

#### S 18/22 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

To consider any items for inclusion on future agendas.

Outcome of Survey Monkey survey.

Meeting Closed at 18:58

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