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Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Environment Committee of Midhurst Town Council held at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst on 23rd April 2019 at 7:30pm

MEMBERS

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| ✓ Ms J Fowler (Chairman) | Mrs M Guest (Vice-Chairman) |
| ✓ Mr M Purves Chairman of the Council | Mr G McAra Vice Chairman of the Council |
| ✓ Rev. D Coote | ✓ Mr Whittaker |
| Mrs T Truscott | ✓ Mrs J Sutton |

✓=Present

In attendance: Julian Quail (Assistant Town Clerk) and Kayleigh Collyer (Events Manager)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Guest, Mrs Truscott and Mr McAra.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Representations from the Public

None

4. Matters Arising

5. Planters - Midhurst Business Network Planters in North Street

Mr Tordoff had written to the Council asking if it would be possible to place trees, in planters, along North Street. The committee decided that further information was required and asked Mr Quail to write to Mr Tordoff seeking further details.

6. General Update

- Dunford House: No further information had been received on the progress of saving Dunford House. This is a work in progress.

- Red Telephone: Mrs Sutton informed the committee that she is currently working on a design for a leaflet dispenser. An example of what is possible was shown to the committee. The proposed design needs to be discussed with Mr Savill, MTC's Amenity Worker, to allow for his input. In addition, Mrs Sutton suggested that a laminated

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map be placed above the dispenser showing the shops, boutiques and cafes of Midhurst. Mr Quail agreed to update the previous leaflet, with the help of Mr Hill, the local Town's co-ordinator. All were in agreement with the recommended way forward. It was agreed that Mr Quail would speak with Mr Savill, update the town leaflet and organise the internal fitting of the telephone box.

- Statue: Mr Quail explained that he had not received a response to his e-mail which provided the artist with the local utilities' information. Rev Coote agreed to progress responsibility for delivery of the statue. Mrs Sutton was concerned that the proposal did not align with the business case to update the Stag Garden and hoped this would be reviewed in the future. Mr Quail agreed to write to the artist and ask him if he required any further information.

- Floral Collars: Mr Quail summarised the current position with regards to the floral collars. Mr Purves noted that the empty floral baskets opposite the bus station on North Street were unsightly and should be removed if flowers were not going to be installed. Mr Quail explained that it was the intension to use them during the summer of 2020. The committee asked Mr Quail if he would see if Mr Savill would remove the floral baskets.

- Carron Lane Recreation Park: Mr Quail remind the committee of the work currently undertaken, including the survey of children around the Midhurst area, going to schools etc. This resulted in a clear picture of what the children were interested in. This was climbing equipment. The committee had also shown interest in the installation of a MUGA (Multi User Games Area). The future options and the associated timeline for Carron Lane recreation ground will depend on how much we wish to increase the precept.

- French Market: The French Market which will run from 09:00 to 17:00 on the 24th August 2019 within the MADhurst Festival. The market will be held in the old part of the town and will consist of 12 traders covering 120 metres of stalls. It will be all French food. In addition, MADhurst will be bringing some craft stalls to augment the French market. MADhurst will also be providing a stage for acoustic music on the market square. The road closure has been submitted and we await confirmation. St John's Ambulance has been booked. Protec have been booked to cover the road closures. Mr Purves raised concern at the complexities associated with Public Liability Insurance. The committee asked Mrs Collyer to ensure that there was clarity with the MADhurst committee and Mr Hill to ensure that MTC did not take responsibility for all associated insurance.

- Midhurst Carnival: Mrs Collyer briefed those present and informed them that the theme for this year is The Birds and The Bees. All the bands are booked. The road closure has been submitted and we await confirmation. Space at the Grange carpark has been arranged. St John's Ambulance has been booked. Protec have been booked



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to cover the road closures. The committee acknowledged that this is a work in progress.

7. Matters of Report

Rev Coote expressed his sorrow at what had just happened in Sri Lanka and wanted to reassure the local Sri Lankan community that Midhurst Town Council offer our thoughts and prayers and an assurance that Midhurst Town Council affirms its commitment to do all it can to ensure that Midhurst is a welcoming and tolerant place for all, irrespective of race, religion and cultural background.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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