

**MINUTES** of a Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT & MARKET COMMITTEE** held at Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham on **THURSDAY 24 March 2015**, at 4.30pm

**PRESENT:**

Cllr T. Duffy (Chairman, Presiding)

Cllrs G. Acheson, A. Vertigan, M. Coates, and J. Holdom

Mrs L. Jennings – Town Clerk

Mrs A. Barnes – Locum Admin Assistant

Market Traders:

H. Badwal

D. Benbow

J. George

I. Jagger

K. Jagger

D. Marsh

R. McKay

N. Oulds

A. Seekings

J. Seppings

D. Staddon

S. Staddon

W. Weston

M. Wye-Harris

**224 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR ELECTORS' QUESTIONS**

Cllr Duffy proposed Standing Orders be suspended for Electors' Questions, seconded by Cllr Vertigan and AGREED.

Cllr Acheson explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the re-development of the Aldiss site in the Market Place and to consider the Market Traders views on how best to continue the Thursday market during the re-build. Under Health & Safety Regulations the site would have to be cordoned off whilst retaining emergency access to the site. This meant relocating at least two market stalls whilst the work was taking place. A suggestion was to move Mr Seekings stall to outside the BetFred shop and Mr Benbow's stall to outside Barclays Bank. Other stalls would be squeezed up to make room.

Mr Keeler's stall may be ceasing to trade and the Clerk should know within the next two weeks. This would allow other stalls to be adjusted to make room.

Cllr Acheson explained that traders might not be able to have their lorries on the market area and these would have to be parked nearby. Aldiss would be asked to cover the parking charges and fees to alter the road closure times.

The meeting was opened up for the market traders to comment as follows:

1. Some traders start at 5.00am and require their lorry on site. This meant there would not be enough room for traders to be both outside BetFred and Barclays Bank as emergency service vehicles would not get through. The road closure would have to start at 5.00am to stop other vehicles from accessing the market during set-up times.
2. Horsford Windows could be moved so that Mr Staddon's stall could take their space.
3. Mrs Sepping's stall will need to be moved nearer to Mr Chapman's.

4. Mr Winter, Mr Oulds and Mr Weston all require an electric supply so will have to remain.
5. Mr James Beck could be asked for parking spaces for the trader's vehicles.
6. The owner of the Crown could be asked for parking spaces.
7. Aldiss' main store will be asked for parking spaces.
8. Some traders have HGV vehicles and following the HGV route to get to a parking space will take time and be a big detour.

Cllr Acheson explained that his plan would be redrawn with all the traders' suggestions and he would share this with the traders at the next Thursday Market.

Cllr Duffy said that the Council would approach Norfolk County Council with regards to the road closure.

Cllr Vertigan said that the Council greatly appreciated the thriving Thursday Market and all the stall holders and Cllr Duffy said the Council would work very hard with the traders to make things work and ensure the market continued to prosper through the re-build. He thanked the traders for coming to the meeting and for working so well together to solve the issues being faced.

**All Market Traders left the meeting.**

Cllr Acheson proposed the meeting be re-convened at 5.10pm, seconded by Cllr Duffy and AGREED.

**225 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R. Smith and J. Sandford-Cooke.

**226 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2016 were on the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Vertigan, AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

**227 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**228 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Minute 213:** An email has been received from Mr Summers, A&B Management Services, in response to questions from the Council on the rebuilding of the Aldiss Store. This was read out by Cllr Acheson and would be circulated.

Cllr Acheson proposed the meeting be closed for a Confidential session to discuss the rebuilding of the Aldiss Store, seconded by Cllr Coates and AGREED.

**See Confidential Minutes No. 228.**

**Cllr Vertigan left the meeting.**

Cllr Duffy proposed moving into Open Session, seconded by Cllr Acheson and AGREED.

**Cllr Coates left the meeting.**

**Recommendation – The following items discussed under Confidential Minute 228 be recommended for approval.**

Cllr Acheson will draw up a revised plan of the market stalls before the next Thursday Market (31 March 16).

