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Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 15th June 2020
via video conferencing in accordance with
The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings)
(England) Regulations 2020

PRESENT

Cllr. R. Widdowson (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. J. Dennis
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. R. Griffiths

IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk
Merrie Kent – Green Spaces Admin.
Cllr. R. Banks
Cllr. J. Cooke
Cllr. I. Spencer
Cllr. T. James – Herefordshire Council
Mairead Lane – Herefordshire Council
Mark Edwards – Herefordshire Council
3 representatives of Kington Chamber of Trade
1 member of the public

Agenda item

Actions

- Serv 001-20** 1. **Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation**
Apologies were noted from Cllr. T. Bounds. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation
- Serv 002-20** 2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019**
It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2019 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Serv 003-20** 3. **Herefordshire Council's proposals for temporary road closures and speed reduction for Kington to support the re-opening of the High Street following Covid 19 restrictions**
Following an introduction by Ward Councillor Terry James, Mairead Lane and Mark Edwards from Herefordshire Council explained proposals to introduce a temporary road closures for the High Street to enable people to maintain social distancing when shopping, once some

of the Covid 19 restrictions on non essential businesses are relaxed. This would be supported by a 20mph speed limit on other roads within the town boundary.

These proposals were then discussed by those present and alternatives considered such as allowing access for deliveries and buses and how these might work in practice. In particular it was noted that a partial closure, i.e. allowing access for deliveries etc. might result in the closure being ignored by some drivers which would impact on the safety of pedestrians/shoppers. It was suggested that limiting the closure to a shorter period of, say, 10am – 2.30pm would enable deliveries outside of those times where possible and would fit with the existing bus timetables whilst still offering a period when shoppers could maintain social distancing and be encouraged to shop locally.

Herefordshire Council confirmed that other stakeholders are being consulted and a leaflet/letter drop was proposed in the coming days to seek the views of those most likely to be affected. Whatever the final scheme is proposed, it was requested that further consultation take place on the nature and location of signage to be used. It was noted that it is unlikely that any measures could be implemented before early July.

All those in attendance were encouraged to discuss the proposals and alternatives with those affected and to provide feedback to Herefordshire Council either via the Town Clerk or copying in the Town Council.

Serv 004-20

4. **Date of next meeting and items for the next agenda**

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed. There were no items raised for the next agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed

Chair of Services Committee

Date

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