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From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 15 June 2021 11:01
To: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council; Graham Edwards
Subject: RE: Saturday meeting with residents

Graham/Claire,

I will include this on the July Agenda, as we meet on 14th July and Boris should be opening everything back up on Monday 19th, with the new extended deadline.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



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Subject: RE: Saturday meeting with residents

Good Morning Graham

As the Town Council took the decision to suspend the Saturday market gazebo it needs to be decided by Council to reinstate this. Please find below an extract from the minutes of August 2020.

[Timescale for reinstatement of a Town Councillor drop-in surgery at the Market.](#)

The topic was raised by Cllr Ian Pilcher and it was acknowledged there would need to be a risk assessment carried out and various guidelines would need to be adhered to i.e. social distancing of 2m or 1m+ and hand sanitiser, signage etc. It was a question of timing and the Council needed to decide under the current guidelines, whether this could be safely achieved and if appropriate.

Cllrs debated the topic and it was proposed by Cllr Anscombe, seconded by Cllr Darby to delay the decision of the return of the Town Councillor drop-in surgery at the Saturday Market until the March 2021 Council meeting.

It was agreed to delay the decision of the return of the Town Councillor drop-in surgery at the Saturday Market until the March 2021 Council meeting.

I guess at the time of the decision, to delay until March, we had not appreciated how long this lock down with restrictions in place would go on. However if you feel the time is right I am sure Richard would be very happy to include this on the agenda for the next meeting, would you like him to do so?

Regards

Claire Smith
Deputy Town Clerk



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From: Graham Edwards <cllredwards.swaffhamtc@gmail.com>

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To: Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <deputyclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Saturday meeting with residents

Hello Claire

A couple of weeks ago Ian and I intended to recommence our Saturday meetings with residents especially as everything else including face to face Council meetings are now back.

I was therefore somewhat amazed when I was told by Ruth that you had instructed her not to provide any facilities to make this happen. I also understand from Ruth your argument was that the failure to hold such meetings had been approved by the Councillors.

I do recall that at the height of the Covid shut down we did indeed vote for a limited period to stop such meetings but that was in the context of stopping face to face meetings, cutting back the market etc. It was not an unlimited cancellation.

If you disagree then please show me the minute where this unlimited closure was agreed by the Council.

Best regards.

Cllr Graham Edwards
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