



**Minutes of the Community & Open Spaces Committee Meeting  
on  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Chairman:** Cllr Ledger  
**Councillors:** Beer, Singh, Haggerty  
**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Councillor Hartnell (EDDC)

16. **Election of Chair**  
Due to the resignation of Cllr Sanham from the Town Council, Cllr Ledger was elected Chair of the Community & Open Spaces Committee (proposed Cllr Singh; seconded Cllr Haggerty)
17. **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr Rowland
18. **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Ledger declared a personal interest as Councillor with East Devon District Council (EDDC)
19. **Minutes of the previous meetings**  
The Committee approved of the minutes of the meetings held on 28 October 2019 and 27 January 2020
20. **Public Question Time**  
No questions raised.
21. **Artisan Markets**  
Members noted the update on the Artisan markets that there would be 6 this year and between 9 and 16 traders had booked for each. The first would take place on Saturday 7 March at Thury Harcourt. Cllr Haggerty raised the possibility of combining the Artisan Markets and Art in the Garden events and Members agreed that was something they would look into further, in due course.

Th ongoing difficulties of finding appropriate contractors to erect the gazebos at a reasonable cost with appropriate insurance was discussed, along with the possibility of not supplying gazebos at future markets to alleviate this problem. After some discussion, Members,



**RESOLVED** to continue running the markets but, as of the Artisan Market in May, going forward gazebos and tables would no longer be provided. Members noted that someone would still need to attend to manage the set up each month but this would present less risk and less cost than supplying gazebos as currently happened (proposed Cllr. Beer; seconded Cllr. Haggerty)

22. **Consideration of budget 2019/20**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

23. **Play Park Inspections**

Members received and noted the play park inspections with the most pressing works highlighted using the traffic light system.

24. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Painting of lamp posts**

Members noted the email from Cllr. Rowland confirming that officers from EDDC would be visiting the town on 13 March for a walkabout and would consider the painting of lamp posts as part of this.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item of business until after that walkabout once more information was available from EDDC. (proposed Cllr. Ledger; seconded Cllr. Haggerty)

The meeting ended at 6.45pm

Signed: 

Dated: 1 July 2020