

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 4 August 2020 at 7.00pm
via Video Conference (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Cllrs Jayne Stansfield
Christopher Davies
Benj Emmerson
Bob Griffin
Shirley Holloway
Clive Parkinson
Guy Rawlinson
Matthew Stringer
Angela Symonds
Martin Trueman
Maggie Tyrrell

Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Town Clerk)

(Cllr Ashley Bijster – absent)
(Cllr Eva Fielding – absent)
(Cllr Pam Shipp – absent)

1. **To receive any apologies for absence**

195/20. Cllr Clare Fardell – indisposed
Cllr Helen Harrison – another commitment

2. **To receive any member's declarations of interest**

196/20. There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. **To receive any representations from the public**

197/20. No members of the public had joined the meeting.

4. **To consider issues relating to access to Oakleaze Green**

198/20. The Chair outlined recent events at Oakleaze Green whereby travellers had attempted to gain access to Oakleaze Green, but had been prevented from doing by local residents. A number of requests had been received by Council from local residents requesting bollards or something similar to be installed to prevent a recurrence. The incident was discussed and options for preventing or restricting access were considered, including bollards, boulders, litter bins, planters, etc, as well as the best place to locate these. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that quotes had been sought for installing bollards or bunding. It was also noted that the installation of any of these would involve a utilities search and that there was a manhole cover that would need to be factored in. The utilities search would take at least a few weeks to complete. The need to locate bollards or similar at the Elmdale Crescent side of the Green was considered but it was felt that areas on the Oakleaze Road side of the Green were more of a priority.

199/20. Cllr Benj Emmerson proposed that Council staff investigate the costs and utility implications of installing 2-3 bollards or similar where the path across Oakleaze Green ended on the Oakleaze Road side of the Green and 1-2 bollards or similar opposite

Ashgrove, and then

report back to Council for a decision to be made. This should include investigating the various options e.g. bollards, boulders, bins or planters, and also the possibility that more of these may be needed than set out above. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Guy Rawlinson and unanimously agreed.