Yeovil Town Council



Town House 19 Union Street Yeovil Somerset BA20 1PQ

Buildings and Ci

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

Tuesday 25th May 2021

7:00pm

Hybrid Meeting:

Face-to-face at Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil

BA20 1PQ; and virtual using Zoom meeting software

Any members of the public wishing to make comments at Public Comments need to email vtc@yeovil.gov.uk by 9:00am on Tuesday 25th May 2021.

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk.

Amanda Card, Town Clerk 19th May 2021

This information is also available on our website: www.yeovil.gov.uk

Matters Committee

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Nigel Gage Tony Lock

Karl Gill (Vice Chairman) David Recardo

David Gubbins Evie Potts-Jones (Ex-officio)

Andy Kendall (Ex-officio) Rob Stickland (Chairman)

Terry Ledlie Helen Stonier

Information for the Public

In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 as part of the Coronavirus Act 2020, the ability to hold meetings virtually has now ceased. The Council are adhering to guidance set by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local government for the safe use of council buildings to enable face-to-face meetings for Councillors yet continue to provide remote access to the public.

Public Comments at meetings (held via Zoom)

We recognise that these are challenging times but we still value the public's contribution to our hybrid meetings. If you would like to make a comment or raise a question in the meeting, you will need to do this in writing before the meeting. Please email ytc@yeovil.gov.uk by 9:00am on Tuesday 25th May 2021.

If you would like to view the meeting, please e-mail vtc@yeovil.gov.uk by 9:00am on Tuesday 25th May 2021. Instructions will be sent to you to view the meeting.

Equality Act 2010

The general public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age Race

Disability Religion or Belief

Gender Reassignment Sex

Marriage and Civil Partnership Sexual Orientation

Pregnancy and Maternity

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Members of the public exercising their right to speak during the time allocated for Public Comment who do not wish to be recorded or filmed, need to inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording or filming to cease doing so while they speak.

AGENDA

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

Due to the confidential nature of the business of items 10/145 and 10/146, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item will be considered by the Councillors. *Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960* s3

10/136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. LGA 1972 s85(1)

10/137 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

10/138 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 16th March and 4th May 2021.

10/139 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FEBRUARY 2021 / MARCH 2021

To approve the Financial Statement for the period 1st February 2021 to 31st March 2021 attached at pages 3 to 8.

10/140 CORRESPONDANCE

To consider the correspondence as attached at pages 9 to 10.

10/141 NON-DOMESTIC RATING (PUBLIC LAVATORIES) ACT 2021

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 11.

10/142 PUBLIC PAYPHONE CONSULTATION

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 12 to 13.

10/143 <u>DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE</u>

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 14 to 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

10/144 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee will consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public from the *next items* in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

10/145 <u>COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES: NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET</u> (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

To note the report of the Deputy Town Clerk as attached at pages 16 to 19.

10/146 PETER STREET TOILETS (CONFIDENTIAL)

To consider the report of the Town Clerk attached at page 20.

Yeovil Town Council February Actual V Budget

| Building & Civic Matt | ters |
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| 2 | Budget | | Budget | | Remaining |
|--|------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Allocation | Actual YTD | YTD | Variance | Budget |
| Income | | | | | |
| PRECEPT | 204,490.00 | 204,490.00 | 204,490.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Monmouth Hall Hire Fees | 4,500.00 | -45.00 | 4,125.00 | -4,170.00 | 4,545.00 |
| Milford Hall Hire Fees | 25,000.00 | 6,903.50 | 22,916.63 | -16,013.13 | 18,096.50 |
| Use of Council Chamber | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,375.00 | -1,375.00 | 1,500.00 |
| | | | | | |
| | 235,490.00 | 211,348.50 | 232,906.63 | -21,558.13 | 24,141.50 |
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| | | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | 0.004.00 | 000.07 | 0.00 |
| Community Safety | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,291.63 | 208.37 | 0.00 |
| CCTV | 32,490.00 | | H==11011취임성 | -24,367.50 | 32,490.00 |
| Litter/Grit Bins | 700.00 | | 641.63 | -453.46 | 511.83 |
| Millennium Clock | 400.00 | | 366.63 | 339.76 | -306.39 |
| Monmouth Hall | 17,340.00 | | | -10,656.66 | 12,101.66 |
| Monmouth Hall Refurbishment | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 55,000.00 | | 60,000.00 |
| Milford Hall | 24,500.00 | 33,144.00 | 22,458.37 | | -8,644.00 |
| Public Toilets - Peter St | 23,000.00 | | 21,083.37 | -1,148.37 | 3,065.00 |
| Public Toilets - Petters Way | 13,000.00 | 18,791.96 | 11,916.63 | 6,875.33 | -5,791.96 |
| Public Noticeboards | 500.00 | | 458.37 | -458.37 | 500.00 |
| Band Costs | 3,500.00 | | 3,208.37 | 291.63 | 0.00 |
| Painting of Town House | 16,890.00 | | | -13,712.73 | 15,120.23 |
| Sports Development Officer | 2,160.00 | | 2,160.00 | -2,160.00 | 2,160.00 |
| Town House - Business Rates | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | -394.25 | 394.25 |
| Town House - (excluding Services) | 6,760.00 | | 6,196.63 | 1,154.33 | -590.96 |
| Town House - Electricity | 1,600.00 | 1,396.92 | 1,466.63 | -69.71 | 203.08 |
| Town House - Gas | 2,200.00 | 1,377.11 | 2,016.63 | -639.52 | 822.89 |
| Town House - Maintenance | 8,000.00 | WALKERSON DE LOCATION DE LA COMPANSION D | 7,333.37 | 7,233.84 | -6,567.21 |
| PA System | 500.00 | | 500.00 | -500.00 | 500.00 |
| War Memorials | 750.00 | | 687.50 | 176.50 | -114.00 |
| Town Centre Environmental Improvements | 8,000.00 | | 7,333.37 | -7,333.37 | 8,000.00 |
| Town House - Water Charges | 400.00 | 181.43 | 366.63 | -185.20 | 218.57 |
| St Georges Day Parade | 300.00 | 0.00 | 275.00 | -275.00 | 300.00 |
| | | 101 115 51 | 011 505 50 | 00 000 == | 11107000 |
| | 235,490.00 | 121,117.01 | 211,505.76 | -90,388.75 | 114,372.99 |
| | 0 | 90,231.49 | 21,400.87 | 68,830.62 | -90,231.49 |
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Dept Number 5

Yeovil Town Council

Nominal Departmental Analysis (Detailed)

Tran Date From 01/02/2021 N/C From 6000

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1,482.13

Tran Date To 28/02/2021 N/C To 6260 Dept

B&CM - Inc - Milford Hall Hire Fees N/C 6005 Name

Credit **Balance** Debit Tran Number Type Date **Details** 735.00 -735.00 SI 08/02/2021 -735.00 735.00

BUILDING & CIVIC MATTERS

Account Totals

6080 Name B&CM - Exp - Monmouth Hall N/C Debit Credit **Balance** Tran Number Type Date **Details** 172.12 172.12 PI 02/02/2021 Electricity 57729 914.82 914.82 57752 JD 27/02/2021 Payments 200.00 200.00 ΡĪ 16/02/2021 Replace Guttering 57772 668.90 -668.90 58018 JC 27/02/2021 Caretaker 618.04 668.90

Account Totals 1,286.94

B&CM - Exp - Milford Hall 6090 N/C Name

Balance Debit Credit **Details** Tran Number Type Date 3,042.00 3,042.00 PΙ 01/02/2021 Milford Hall Recharge - 3rd Qtr 57714 25.30 25.30 57813 PI 05/02/2021 Internet 682.50 682.50 57834 PI 28/02/2021 Cleaning 168.56 168.56 28/02/2021 Mobile Patrols PI 57836 668.90 668.90 JD 27/02/2021 Caretaker 58019 **Account Totals** 4,587.26

4,587.26

B&CM - Exp - Public Toilets Peter St 6100 Name N/C Debit Credit **Balance Details** Tran Number Type Date 90.00 16/02/2021 Clear Guttering 90.00 PI 57773 558.00 558.00 PΙ 01/02/2021 Rates 57812 98.81 98.81 PI 23/02/2021 Consumables 57830 508.54 508.54 57832 PI 28/02/2021 Cleaning 79.00 79.00 24/02/2021 Repair Lock PI 57833 147.78 147.78 PI 26/02/2021 Electricity 57857

> **Account Totals** 1,482.13

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B&CM - Exp - Public Toilets Petters Way N/C 6102 **Name**

Details Debit Credit **Balance** Tran Number Type Date 462.00 462.00 57811 ΡI 01/02/2021 Rates **Account Totals** 462.00 462.00

B&CM - Exp - Town House - (excluding services) N/C 6200 Name

Credit **Balance Debit Details** Tran Number Type Date 45 74 ΡI 01/02/2021 Replacement Carbon Filters 45.74 57709 506.90 506.90 PI 28/02/2021 Cleaning 57831 40.37 40.37 57860 PΙ 28/02/2021 Waste Disposal **Account Totals** 593.01

B&CM - Exp - Town House - Electricity N/C 6210 Name

Credit **Balance** Debit Tran Number Type Date Details 123.43 123.43 02/02/2021 Electricity 57728 123.43

Account Totals

B&CM - Exp - Town House - Gas 6212 Name N/C

Debit Credit **Balance Details** Tran Number Type Date

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Nominal Departmental Analysis (Detailed)

Account Totals

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Department

8,884.74

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7,480.84

Grand Totals

8,884.74

1,403.90

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Yeovil Town Council March Actual V Budget

Building & Civic Matters

| | Budget Allocation | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | Variance | |
|--|----------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|
| Income | 7 0 0 | | | | |
| PRECEPT | 204,490.00 | 204,490.00 | 204,490.00 | 0.00 | |
| Monmouth Hall Hire Fees | 4,500.00 | | 4,500.00 | -4,545.00 | |
| Milford Hall Hire Fees | 25,000.00 | | | -16,969.50 | |
| Use of Council Chamber | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | -1,500.00 | |
| | 235,490.00 | 212,475.50 | 235,490.00 | -23,014.50 | |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Community Safety | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | |
| CCTV | 32,490.00 | | 32,490.00 | 0.00 | |
| Litter/Grit Bins | 700.00 | | 700.00 | -511.83 | |
| Millennium Clock | 400.00 | 706.39 | 400.00 | 306.39 | |
| Monmouth Hall | 17,340.00 | | 17,340.00 | -11,526.84 | |
| Monmouth Hall Refurbishment | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 60,000.00 | | |
| Milford Hall | 24,500.00 | 38,879.79 | 24,500.00 | 14,379.79 | |
| Public Toilets - Peter St | 23,000.00 | 22,062.59 | 23,000.00 | -937.41 | |
| Public Toilets - Petters Way | 13,000.00 | 22,489.96 | 13,000.00 | 9,489.96 | |
| Public Noticeboards | 500.00 | 40.82 | 500.00 | -459.18 | |
| Band Costs | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 0.00 | |
| Painting of Town House | 16,890.00 | 21,017.27 | 16,890.00 | 4,127.27 | |
| Sports Development Officer | 2,160.00 | 2,160.00 | 2,160.00 | 0.00 | |
| Town House - Business Rates | 10,000.00 | 9,605.75 | 10,000.00 | -394.25 | |
| Town House - (excluding Services) | 6,760.00 | , | 6,760.00 | 1,164.24 | |
| Town House - Electricity | 1,600.00 | | 1,600.00 | -85.67 | |
| Town House - Gas | 2,200.00 | , | 2,200.00 | -506.14 | |
| Town House - Maintenance | 8,000.00 | | 8,000.00 | 6,795.21 | |
| PA System | 500.00 | | 500.00 | -500.00 | |
| War Memorials | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 114.00 | |
| Town Centre Environmental Improvements | 8,000.00 | | 8,000.00 | -8,000.00 | |
| Town House - Water Charges | 400.00 | | 400.00 | -218.57 | |
| St Georges Day Parade | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | -300.00 | |
| | 235,490.00 | 188,426.97 | 235,490.00 | -47,063.03 | |
| | 0 | 24,048.53 | 0.00 | 24,048.53 | |

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Details

24/03/2021 Notice Board Fixings

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Time: 13:13:57 Nominal Departmental Analysis (Detailed)

Department From 0 Tran Date From 01/03/2021 Tran No From 1 N/C From 6000 **Department To** 999 Tran No To 99,999,999 **Tran Date To** 31/03/2021 N/C To 6260 **Dept Number** 5 **BUILDING & CIVIC MATTERS** Dept 6005 Name B&CM - Inc - Milford Hall Hire Fees N/C Credit **Balance** Debit Tran Number Type Date **Details** 1,127.00 -1,127.00SI 23/03/2021 Hall Hire Fees 57907 **Account Totals** 1,127.00 -1,127.00 6050 B&CM - Exp - CCTV Name N/C **Balance** Debit Credit **Details** Tran Number Type Date 32,490.00 32,490.00 58077 JD 31/03/2021 CCTV Contribution **Account Totals** 32,490.00 32,490.00 B&CM - Exp - Monmouth Hall 6080 N/C Name **Debit** Credit **Balance** Tran Number Type Date **Details** 914 82 914.82 57850 JD 27/03/2021 Payments 148.90 148.90 57859 PΙ 02/03/2021 Electricity 180.00 180.00 57865 PI 12/03/2021 Key Holding Annual Fee 668.90 -668.90 27/03/2021 Caretaker 58024 10 **Account Totals** 668.90 574.82 1,243.72 6090 Name B&CM - Exp - Milford Hall N/C Debit Credit **Balance** Tran Number Type Date **Details** 25.27 25.27 05/03/2021 Internet 57862 PΙ 180.00 180.00 ΡI 12/03/2021 Key Holding Annual Fee 57866 195.00 195.00 57956 PI 24/03/2021 Link CCTV 97.50 97.50 57957 PΙ 31/03/2021 Fault with Intruder Alarm 682.50 682.50 57962 PI 31/03/2021 Cleaning 186.62 31/03/2021 Mobile Patrols 186.62 ΡI 57963 668.90 668.90 JD 27/03/2021 Caretaker 58025 3,700.00 3,700.00 58080 JD 31/03/2021 Recharge - 4th Qtr **Account Totals** 5,735.79 5,735.79 6100 B&CM - Exp - Public Toilets Peter St Name N/C Credit **Balance** Debit Tran Number Type Date **Details** 558.00 558.00 ΡI 01/03/2021 Rates 57929 126.24 126.24 57954 PI 26/03/2021 Electricity 98.81 98.81 PI 23/03/2021 Consumables 57959 508.54 508.54 ΡI 31/03/2021 Cleaning 57961 418.00 418.00 31/03/2021 Foot Patrols 57966 PI 418.00 418.00 57968 PI 31/03/2021 Foot Patrols **Account Totals** 2,127.59 2,127.59 B&CM - Exp - Public Toilets Petters Way 6102 Name N/C Credit Debit **Balance** Tran Number Type Date **Details** 462.00 462 00 57928 PΙ 01/03/2021 Rates 418.00 418.00 57967 PI 31/03/2021 Foot Patrols 418.00 418.00 PI 31/03/2021 Foot Patrols 57969 2,400.00 2,400.00 JD 31/03/2021 Recharge - 4th Qtr 58078 **Account Totals** 3,698.00 3,698.00 B&CM - Exp - Public Noticeboards N/C 6110 **Name**

Credit

Debit

40.82

Balance

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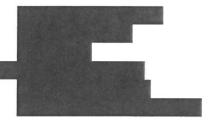
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Nominal Departmental Analysis (Detailed)

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| | | | Account Totals | 40.82 | | 40.82 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| N/C 6150 | Na | me B&CM - Exp - Painting | g of Town House | | | |
| Tran Number Ty | | Details | 9 | Debit | Credit | Balance |
| 57955 PI | | Repairs and Painting Windo | ws | 7,318.00 | 5-43-3-40 | 7,318.00 |
| 57982 PI | | Hardwood Arch Window | | 3,430.00 | | 3,430.00 |
| 58071 PI | | Repairs to Windows | | 4,810.00 | | 4,810.00 |
| 58073 PI | 30/03/2021 | Repairs to Windows and Do | oors | 3,689.50 | | 3,689.50 |
| | | | Account Totals | 19,247.50 | | 19,247.50 |
| N/C 6160 | <u>Na</u> | me B&CM - Exp - Sports | Development Officer | | | |
| Tran Number Ty | oe <u>Date</u> | <u>Details</u> | | <u>Debit</u> | Credit | <u>Balance</u> |
| 58079 JD | 31/03/2021 | Sports Dev Officer | | 2,160.00 | | 2,160.00 |
| | | | Account Totals | 2,160.00 | | 2,160.00 |
| N/C 6200 | <u>Na</u> | me B&CM - Exp - Town H | louse - (excluding service | ces) | | |
| Tran Number Ty | pe Date | <u>Details</u> | | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> | Balance |
| 57911 PI | 17/03/2021 | WD 40 Oil | | 4.17 | | 4.17 |
| 57912 PI | | Door Stoppers | | 7.46 | | 7.46 |
| 57960 PI | 31/03/2021 | | | 506.90 | | 506.90 |
| 57981 PI | | Waste Disposal | | 41.87 10.80 | | 41.87 10.80 |
| 58002 CP 58003 CP | 03/03/2021 | Brass Cleaner | | 2.08 | | 2.08 |
| 30003 CF | 0-7/03/2021 | Diass Cicarici | Account Totals | | | \$000.600.000.000 |
| | | | Account Totals | 573.28 | | 573.28 |
| <u>N/C</u> 6210 | <u>Na</u> | me B&CM - Exp - Town H | louse - Electricity | | | |
| Tran Number Ty | pe <u>Date</u> | <u>Details</u> | | <u>Debit</u> | Credit | <u>Balance</u> |
| 57858 PI | 02/03/2021 | Electricity | | 117.41 | | 117.41 |
| | | | Account Totals | 117.41 | | 117.41 |
| N/C 6212 | Na | me B&CM - Exp - Town H | łouse - Gas | | | |
| Tran Number Ty | pe Date | Details | | <u>Debit</u> | Credit | Balance |
| 57951 PI | 17/03/2021 | Gas | | 316.75 | | 316.75 |
| | | | Account Totals | 316.75 | | 316.75 |
| N/C 6214 | Na | me B&CM - Exp - Town H | louse - Maintenance | | | |
| Tran Number Ty | pe <u>Date</u> | <u>Details</u> | | <u>Debit</u> | Credit | Balance |
| 57876 PI | | Cleared Blocked Gully | | 80.00 | | 80.00 |
| 57877 PI | | Service Boilers | | 148.00 | | 148.00 |
| | | | Account Totals | 228.00 | | 228.00 |
| | | | <u>Department</u> | 67,978.86 | 1,795.90 | 66,182.96 |
| | | | Grand Totals | 67,978.86 | 1,795.90 | 66,182.96 |



Yeovil Town Council

2nd May 2021

Dear Yeovil Town Council,

During World War One the well-known Yeovil motor firm, Vincent's of Yeovil, were closely associated with the Yeovil Voluntary Aid Detachment, British Red Cross. I understand that the vehicles used by this unit were provided by Vincent's, although I have no details of this.

The Somerset 19 (Men's) and Somerset 30 (Women's) Voluntary Aid Detachments, British Red Cross, provided the staff and volunteers for a hospital in the old Baptist Church in Yeovil, which still remains to this day. A suitable memorable plaque marks the building as a WW1 hospital.

Although the Voluntary Aid Detachment's were a civilian organisation who were disbanded in 1919, I have found something of unique and historical interest to the town of Yeovil. I have re-discovered an old brass plaque which disappeared many years ago. It appears to have been made from bronze and its dimensions are: height: $14\frac{3}{4}$ " (37.5 cms); width: $13\frac{1}{2}$ (34.5 cms).

The plaque has inscribed upon it:

PRESENTED TO THE 19TH V.A.D. BY VINCENT MOTOR WORKS YEOVIL

I am currently writing a biographical list of all the soldiers from Yeovil who served during World War One and its immediate aftermath. I decided to include the Voluntary Aid Detachments whilst some records still exist. It was during this research that I recently came across the lost plaque.

Before I go any further with the recovering of the plaque and returning it to its rightful home-town, I need to acquire it. The current owner wants £250 but he has no idea of the historical significance of the item he holds.

Would Yeovil Town Council be prepared to provide this sum so that the plaque can be returned to its rightful place of origin?

As to the final location of the plaque that would become a town matter. I would like to generate publicity through the local media sources to seek the town's views. Obviously, it would be nice if it were re-installed somewhere where it was visible. My other thoughts are placing the plaque in the Baptist Chapel where the hospital once was, or possibly in the Borough near the war memorial. All of these ideas have to be pursued further once the

plaque is acquired. There would be a further small cost involved in the placing of the memorial.

Please let me know if you can help, as time is of the essence in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

10/141 NON-DOMESTIC RATING (PUBLIC LAVATORIES) ACT 2021

At the September 2020 meeting of this Committee, a report regarding the legislation giving mandatory 100% relief from business rates from 1st April 2021 for public lavatories was making its way through Parliament.

The Bill to give 100% relief from business rates to public lavatories has been passed by both Houses of Parliament. Royal Assent was gained on Thursday 29 April.

The relief will be backdated to 1 April 2020 (but not earlier years). We await guidance on the procedure for reclaiming business rates paid on public lavatories for 2020/21 and 2021/22. The amount for 2020/21 is £3,190 for Peter Street toilets and £2,640 for Petters Way totalling £5,830. For 2021/22 is £3,190 for Peter Street toilets and £2,640 for Petters Way totalling £5,830.

The relief applies only to stand-alone public lavatories (whoever operates them and whether or not a charge is made for admission) and not to lavatories forming part of a larger building such as a library or community centre.

The Full Act can be found by following this link: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/13/introduction/enacted

Members are **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

(Amanda Card, Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or amanda.card@yeovil.gov.uk)

10/142 PUBLIC PAYPHONE CONSULTATION

South Somerset District Council have been informed that BT is planning to remove public payphone from South Somerset.

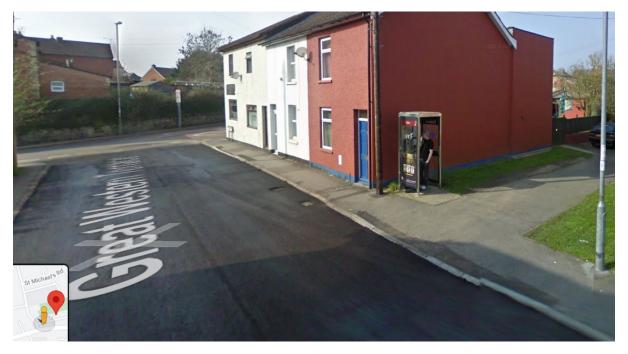
The payphones affected are shown on the attached list supplied by BT. It is understood that BT has placed a notice in each payphone kiosk inviting members of the public to write to SSDC with any comments.

| | Telephone Number | Address | Postcode | Average calls per month |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| | | JCN LARKHILL ROAD/ PCO1 | | |
| 1 | 01935423411 | FREEDOM AVENUE YEOVIL | BA21 3JL | 0 |
| | | | BA21 | |
| 2 | 01935423522 | PCO PCO1 STIBY ROAD YEOVIL | 3EE | 4 |
| | | PCO PCO1 GREAT WESTERN | BA21 | |
| 3 | 01935474691 | TERRACE YEOVIL | 5AA | 4 |

The photographs below show the locations.







Members may wish to consider adopting some/all of the phone boxes, not to provide telephone services but as potential locations for defibrillators in the future. A phone box was removed from the shops on St Johns Road and this would have been ideal to have located the defibrillator in there (see 10/143 Defibrillator Update).

Members are **RECOMMENDED** to decide whether they agree or object to the removal of the public payphones.

(Amanda Card, Town Clerk – 01935 382424 or amanda.card@yeovil.gov.uk)

10/143 <u>DEFIBRILLATORS UPDATE</u>

Background

Yeovil Town Council have committed to budget £9,000 per annum from 2021/22 for 4 defibrillators within the parish of Yeovil Town. It was agreed that the Clerk investigate the following locations: Westfield near the Co-op, Forest Hill shopping centre, St John's Road Shops and the Town Centre (near Boots). This report highlights the progress with the project since the last update.

Procurement process

We engaged in a procurement process is underway to procure 4 defibrillators using the Government's Contract Finder system. We received proposals from 17 organisations. After a thorough and in-depth comparison of the proposals and in accordance with the minutes of the last meeting of this Committee 10/126 (5) " to delegate to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair of Buildings and Civic Matters the commissioning of the defibrillators", Aero Healthcare Ltd have been appointed to provide the defibrillators. In addition to the provision, they will be able to liaise with sites and recommend the most suitable model for each site. They also provide community training events.

The representative from Aero Healthcare Ltd will be visiting Yeovil on Friday 21st May 2021 and we will visit each site. Any further information arising from this visit will be verbally fed back to this Committee on the evening.

Progress of each site

No further progress has been made with the suggested sites at Westfield (Cooperative Food); the shopping precinct on Forest Hill or the Well Pharmacy on St Johns Road. This is because we need to furnish each site with the full requirements of what is needed from each of the premises. It is hoped that following the visit from the representative from Aero Healthcare Ltd we will be able to do this.

As previously stated, the Manager of the Nationwide has contacted the Town Council and has agreed that the defibrillator can be attached to the wall of their premises and has offered to arrange some fundraising to help contribute towards the cost of the defibrillator which has been acknowledged by this Committee at the last meeting. They are going to set up a crowd funding page for the defibrillator which will be available for

contributions from their members, employees and families. As part of this crowdfunding, we will be putting together a little video which will also involve the Mayor.

Future sites

The Council have committed a budget of £9,000 per year subject to annual approval of the budget. Members may wish to consider the suggestion put forward by the Town Clerk within the report 10/141 Public Payphone Consultation

Updates

This Committee will be updated with the progress as appropriate at future meetings of this Committee.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

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