

Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 March 2022 16:30
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Subject: Re: Shop rent - Sue's News

Thanks Richard, I think that would be a good idea, if you could arrange that would be good. We are available after 1.30pm I thought it would be too late for this full meeting.
Thanks for your help, I will wait to hear from you

Kind regards

Hayley

On 9 Mar 2022, at 15:39, Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Hayley,

I will get this item on a Full Council agenda as soon as I can, but unfortunately it has arrived too late to be considered at this evenings meeting. The Town Council have to place items of a financial nature on a published agenda, in order to make legal decisions. I will let you know in due course which meeting can consider your request, I will make the Mayor and Deputy Mayor aware and we'll take it from there.

I believe that the duration of your lease is coming to an end soon in May/June this year, and we need to discuss the issue of an extension. It may be that the best way forward could be that a small delegation of Councillors could sit down and discuss matters with you, prior to taking these matter to the Full Council for any final decisions.

If you agree, I will sort this out with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor ASAP.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 March 2022 13:03

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

Subject: Shop rent - Sue's News

Good afternoon

I hope you are well?

I would like to ask for a rent reduction for 2022/23 mainly due to us still losing approx 33% of footfall since pre pandemic. unfortunately the high street is just so quiet and doesn't seem to be picking up in comparison to pre pandemic numbers. Fridays and Saturdays are now our quietest days even with the market.

This on top of increasing utilities and inflationary costs is really having an effect on our business.

Increasing difficulties for customers to get parked, due to certain businesses taking up up to 8 parking spaces all day even though there are 2 hour limits is not helping as our customers want to park conveniently and quickly.

Another bank is closing in May and with the potential of McColls that houses the post office on the brink of collapse, this is going to significantly reduce footfall even further.

In this economic climate we are just finding that the ever increasing costs are having a detrimental effect on our business.

We understand that you were able to reduce our rent during the worst of the pandemic, but for us to continue to trade here we need to reduce our costs.

Please could this be put on the agenda to be discussed?

Thank you for your help as always

Kind regards

Hayley Bright

Sue's News