

Health and Safety Report – P&R Committee July 2021

Accidents and Near Misses

On 7 June at 11.45am a young child was sat on one of the bench seats outside The Watermark. She tried to get off the seat but because her feet did not reach the floor she slipped backwards, fell off the seat and hit her head on the ground. Her parent said she did not require first aid, however the waitress offered an ice pack which was accepted. The supervisor checked whether she required any further assistance to which the parent confirmed none was needed.

No further action was taken.

Visits and Inspections

None

Staffing

On Monday 17 May, in accordance with Step 3 of the Government's Covid-19 roadmap out of lockdown, the Watermark coffee shop revised its service with longer opening hours, serving food indoors as well as outdoors, adhering to Covid rules. The cinema also re-opened during May half-term, followed by the reintroduction of the Artisan market in June.

Town Hall staff continue to work between the office and home ensuring that Government guidelines are adhered to. There has been reintroduction of some room hire, again managed strictly in accordance with Covid guidelines, as well as Town Council physical meetings also having returned to both the Town Hall and Watermark.

Other

Butterpark

Week commencing Monday 24 May evidence of trespassing in the building was discovered. The police were called and the regular routine patrols performed by staff were also increased. The Town Clerk also visited on his way home from work and witnessed some youths leaving the site. The police advised that they had been called by a resident over the preceding weekend but believed the site still belonged to Devon County Council.

The building has been fully secured again and derelict site notices warning of the dangers, and also requesting parents warn their children of these, have been installed in various places around the outside of the building. The Town Council's phone number has also been displayed to accompany the derelict site notices.

No further action is currently considered necessary.

Longtimber Wood

On Tuesday 15 June emergency services were called to a report of concern for a man who had entered the river to help a child that had got into difficulty. The man was sadly pronounced deceased at the scene.

A member of the family of the deceased has contacted the Town Clerk notifying him of a petition to introduce life-saving equipment in the river. The Town Clerk has responded advising that this request will be considered over the coming weeks and proposes that it is considered by the Parks Committee at their next meeting.

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