

Dear John,

I suggest that the following is relevant to the present situation.

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BAILIFF AND BURGESSES MINUTE BOOK

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Foreign Butchers at Alresford. 26 Sept 1685.

Whereas at the Court complaint made by Butchers of the Burrow.....
that foreign butchers do on market day offer their victuals in divers
places and before the doors of several inhabitants of the boro' for
their several and private gain and do not make use of the shambles
anciently ? for selling fleash, to the decrease of the Revenue
of the Boro' and against ancient usage and customs of the same.

ORDERED that if the said foreign butchers shall - from the ~~XX~~ day of
this month presume to make sale of their victuals in any part of the
market of the boro' unless in the shambles aforesaid (being the only
place appointed for the same) every offender shall forfeit for every
time he shall offend therein 3s4p. to be levied by distress according
to the custom of the boro', and the Bailiff is ordered to be diligent
in seeing this order observed at his peril.

In my opinion, the Town Trustees should be seen to be doing something
about the Thursday market if it is to continue ~~ix~~ i.e. The Clerk should
be measuring up the space of Broad St occupied by the stall-holders and
submitting a charge for occupation. Such charge having been determined
beforehand by the Town Trustees who should have an emergency meeting forthwith,
at which a member of the Chamber of Trade should be asked to be present.

If, on the other hand, the Thursday market is NOT to continue, it will
be because it is found to be contravening the Highways Act, which is out
of the Town Trustees jurisdiction, but the Town Trustees should have
notice of the fact from the Highways committee of Winchester City Council,
so that, as Trustees of Broad Street on behalf of the people of
Alresford, they can ban the market or if it continues levy the equivalent
of 3/4d in 1685 to each stall holder. The above to be done diligently
by the ^{Chairman} of the Trustees at his peril!

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