

**Complaint by Jon Miller of Jay Miller Circus**

On the Friday of Queen Elizabeth II's death the Town Clerk and Chair of Amenities went to see Jon Miller of Jay Miller's Circus, as the circus was on Lion Green.

The circus had already decided to close for the day as a mark of respect, and it was verbally agreed they would not open for the rest of the weekend. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council would refund the circus the hire cost of £450 for this three-day period. Mr Miller did not raise any objection at the time and all parties shook hands on the decision.

The following day Jon Miller challenged the decision to ask him to close. The matter was discussed between the Town Clerk and Chair of Amenities and it was decided to offer a further £450 as a goodwill compensatory payment, bringing the total refund to £900. This was refused.

Throughout this, Town Hall officers have received a single complaint from a local resident about the Council's decision.

The circus has requested a refund of this year's hire fee of £1,800, plus the free use of Lion Green next year which it usually hires for 12 days.