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E&L6.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillors: R Acres
P Adams
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
(Mrs) A M Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
K Smith
S Weisinger
(Mrs) P M Webster

IN ATTENDANCE

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES

18. Councillors C Adams, (Mrs) J Clark and (Mrs) M Penny

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19. None



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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MINUTES OF MEETING

20. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (E&L) HELD ON 3 JULY 2018 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

21. a. Councillor S Weisinger. He has received a request that the Town Council provide more benches around the town. Councillors are to consider potential places in the town that would be appropriate to the siting of a bench; to be debated at a meeting in October prior to the setting of the Precept for the Year 2019/2020. An article for the Link magazine which would offer residents the chance to purchase a memorial bench was suggested.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – 100th Anniversary of End of Great War

22. Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and seconded by Councillor P Adams that Highworth Town Council purchase a “Tommy” for Remembrance Day 2018 to be displayed on the Podium. Voting was eight For, two Against and one Abstention. The resolution was carried and a statue is to be purchased and installed prior to the Remembrance Service.

CULTURAL EVENT

23. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy explained that she wished to proceed with investigating and negotiating with some cultural organisations to bring cultural events to the town. She requested Councillors agree that the Town Council give similar support to any resulting event similar to past events, such as the Festival etc. Councillors did not have any objections to this and she is, therefore, to go ahead with this project.

FIREWORKS

24. Councillors were reminded that the Annual Firework Display is due to take place on Friday 2 November 2018 and Councillor assistance would be welcome. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy reminded Councillors that the Fireworks event is intended for residents and that we do not wish to encourage people from outside Highworth to perceive this as an attraction. Logistically and from a safety aspect, the evening can only manage the numbers of attendees currently from the town.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

25. Councillor P Adams: The Clerk will look into the location of rubbish bins around Rivers Way and report inadequate lighting to Street Smart.

Councillor G Edwards:

- a) Thanked the girls in the office for all their help and also thanks to the Grounds team for the work clearing the hedges in the alley and the maintenance work on the hedge at the Cemetery. It is a real treat to see.
- b) A request from the Twinning Association to be consulted on any new street names with future developments,

Councillor S Weisinger:

- a) He attended a Waste Strategy Meeting at SBC. Questionnaires will be delivered to all households. Councillor S Weisinger is to invite the officers to the Full Council meeting on 18 September 2018.
- b) The job advert on the website was for a part time groundsman 2 days per week to maintain the closed graveyard at St Michael's Churchyard. This was to replace the existing groundsman who had to prematurely finish at the end of August for urgent health reasons.

Councillor (Mrs) P Webster:

- a) The service being received from the Lloyds mobile bank is very poor. Councillor A Bishop will speak with the staff at the mobile bank and request they notify HTC when it is going to be late or not able to attend.
- b) Highworth Festival – Jim Webster has been looking for someone to take over the organising of Highworth Festival. An article has been put in the Link, but so far no one has come forward. If Councillors know of anyone who might wish to take this on, they are to contact the Town Clerk. If no one can be found the festival will not proceed.

Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop: The Shrevenham Road, road closure is scheduled for the half term week; this work should be completed well in advance of the fireworks event.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.