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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE) 5 JUNE 2018

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillor: R Acres
P Adams
A Bishop
(Mrs) J H Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
(Mrs) A M Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) A H Livall
K Smith
(Mrs) P M Webster

IN ATTENDANCE

1 Member of the public

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1. Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) A M Durrant and seconded by Councillor G Edwards to elect Councillor P Adams as Chairman of the Full Council Environment and Leisure Group. Voting was 5 for and 7 against. Councillor P Adams was not elected.
- Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) P Webster and seconded by Councillor R Acres to elect Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy as Chairman of the Full Council Environment and Leisure Group. Voting was 8 for and 4 against. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy was duly appointed.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

APOLOGIES

2. Councillors C Adams, (Mrs) M R Penny and S Weisinger (Chairing Audit Committee at SBC)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

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- Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) A M Durrant and seconded by Councillor G Edwards to elect Councillor P Adams as Chairman of the Full Council Environment and Leisure Group. Voting was 5 for and 7 against. Councillor P Adams was not elected.

Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop and seconded by Councillor A Bishop to elect Councillor R Acres as Vice-Chairman of the Full Council Environment and Leisure Group. Voting was unanimous and the resolution was carried. Councillor R Acres was duly appointed Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Group.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. None.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

5. The following Councillors were re-appointed to the following Groups:
- 3G Football Pitch: Councillors (Mrs) L Vardy and R Acres
 - Northview Working Party: Councillors (Mrs) L Vardy, (Mrs) P Webster, (Mrs) J Clark and P Adams
 - Highworth Wheelers Support Group: Councillors P Adams, N Gardiner and (Mrs) J Clark

GRASS CUTTING/LITTER CLEARANCE

6. The winter programme of shrub maintenance was carried out successfully and in full. However, the commencement of this year's grass cutting has been severely hampered by the weather. The weather this year has had a serious affect on all organisations that rely on ground maintenance, from Councils to Golf Clubs, and delayed the start to everyone's summer programme. It can be reported that, once the ground was dry enough for machinery to operate, the grass cutting has very much come back into programme, but the weather continues to be unpredictable. Litter clearing continues to be satisfactory, but areas can be cleared and within a matter of a few hours the litter is back. The problem with littering is that a minority of residents cause the problem.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDING

7. Councillor A Bishop is to consult with SBC on the progress of the demolition of the Youth and Community Centre building.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. An E Mail from a resident complaining about the frequency of grass cuts contributes towards Cricklade Road and Bydemill Gardens looking unsightly. She also complains about the weeds growing on pavements. Councillors did not agree that the approaches to the town, particularly the Cricklade Road were unsightly and that those people who complain should look outside of Highworth and be appreciative of what is being done on their behalf. On the subject of pavement weeds, the complainant is well aware of the fact that weed control is done by Swindon Borough Council and also that particular weather patterns is required to make weed control effective. Councillors did remark that they considered the poppies in Cricklade Road were magnificent and they did not consider them to be just “weeds”.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

9. Councillor P Adams: The pebbled area by the Doctors Surgery is full of weeds and wild flowers, Councillors A Bishop will look into what can be done to tidy up the area.

Councillor (Mrs) A Lival: SBC are awaiting a reply from the Skate Park Group. The Town Clerk has invited the Chairman of the Skate Park Group to come in and discuss with him.

Councillor (Mrs) P Webster: The grounds team will assess the report of a dying tree in the Town Gardens.

Councillor N Gardiner: Councillor N Gardiner wishes to opt out of receiving paper copies of Agendas and Minutes.

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy: Councillors agreed that the new bench that has been situated outside the Fox by the roundabout looks a lot better.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.