



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL 20 NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) J H Bishop (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

3 Members of the Public and 1 Member of the Press, Mrs Susan Lambert (Dementia Friendly Co-ordinator Swindon Borough Council)

APOLOGIES

54. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant, (Mrs) L Vardy and (Mrs) P Webster C Adams (Mrs) M Penny



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit)

55. Mr S Martin Councillors unanimously agreed for the Town Clerk to contact the King and Queen Public House regarding the A Board that is currently on the pavement.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

56. None

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COORDINATOR

57. There are currently 2 Dementia Friendly Champions in Highworth. The Alzheimer's Society is actively trying to set up 'memory cafes' but need more volunteers and working groups for it to be a success. If any Councillors are interested in volunteering the Town Clerk will pass contact details to Susan Lambert. Full training is provided.

MINUTES OF MEETING

58. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2018 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.**

MATTERS ARISING

59. None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

60. The Mayor reported that she has recently attended the following events:

CLLR MRS JULIA BISHOP 2018 - 2019
MAYOR OF HIGHWORTH
ATTENDED FUNCTIONS

- **SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2018** – Chippenham Town Council, Annual Civic Celebrations, St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham
- **SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018** – Highworth Produce Show, Warneford School, Highworth
- **MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018** – RAF Fairford, Civic Open Day, Fairford
- **SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018** – Wilton Town Council, Civic Service, St. Mary & St. Nicholas, West Street, Wilton
- **WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018** – Women's Health Evening, BMI The Ridgeway Hospital, Wroughton
- **SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018** – Highworth Choral Society, Autumn Concert, Methodist Church, Highworth
- **SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018** – Cream Tea & Raffle, Mayor of Highworth, Flower Demonstrations by H.A.D.F.A.S, (Charity Alzheimer's Society) Community Room, Council Office, Highworth
- **SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018** – Warminster Town Council, Civic Reception, Warminster
- **SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018** – Highworth Twinning Association, Dinner, Italian Restaurant
- **FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2018** – The Field of Remembrance, Lydiard Park, Swindon

- **FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2018** – Calne Civic Ball, Calne, Wiltshire
- **SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2018** – “A Fantastic Musical Evening”, Mayors Charity Alzheimer’s Society, Highworth Methodist Church
- **SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018** – Highworth Remembrance Parade, Podium, Highworth
- **SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018** – Faringdon Town Council, Battle’s Over – A Nations Tribute Commemorations Dinner, the Corn Exchange, Faringdon

CLLR RYAN ACRES 2018 – 2019
DEPUTY MAYOR OF HIGHWORTH
ATTENDED FUNCTIONS

- **THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018** – Grove Hill Care Nursing Home, Grove Hill, Highworth, Raising Funds for Gloucester House, Highworth, (The Salvation Army, Drugs & Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre), Dr John Bestwick cycling to Gibraltar.
- **THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018** – Royal Wootton Bassett, Mayor Making Ceremony, St Bartholomew & All Saints Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon.

CORRESPONDENCE

61. a. Email to the Town Clerk from Councillor S Weisinger. A request that the CEO of the West Midlands Co-operative Society be invited to a Council Meeting. Councillors agreed they were happy with the response already received and didn’t want to invite the CEO at this time. Voting was 6 in favour, 2 against.
- b. Letter from St Michael’s Church, Highworth. The Church wished to publicly thank the occupant from Gloucester House who painted the railings around the Churchyard at St Michael’s Church. The Town Clerk is to write a letter of thanks to the resident.
- c. Email received from the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting attendance at the Council Meeting in January 2019.

REPORTS BY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

62. a. **Councillor S Weisinger** – reported that he has attended:-

Licensing Committee
 Full Council and Blunsdon Council meeting
 Councillors Surgery

- b. **Councillor A Bishop** – reported that he has attended the following meetings:-

Planning and Planning Training
 Licensing Committee
 Full Council and Blunsdon Council meeting
 Councillors Surgery

Addressed the following issues:

Kitchen units in a property in Home Farm still of concern
 Queens Avenue water leak
 Windrush/Stapleton Close has been dealt with under planning

Notified that Fairford would be taking a complete unit from Mildenhall in 2023 which includes about 1200 personnel.

c. **Councillor (Mrs) M Penny** – Councillor Penny was prevented from attending the meeting as she had to attend Swindon Borough Council meetings. She did provide a written report that is available to view in the office.

REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

63. a. **Swindon Transportation** – Councillor (Mrs) M Penny is attending a meeting at Swindon Borough Council and therefore unable to give a report.

b. **Highworth Twinning Association (HTA)** – Councillor G Edwards reported Highworth Twinning Association has been very busy. There have been visits to and from Wassenberg and Pontorson and the Committee is trying to encourage younger people to become involved. The AGM is to be held on 21 February 2019. Highworth Twinning Association is also involved with the May Day scheduled for 4 May 2019. Europe Day is the 30 May 2019 and 9 June 2019 is the Safari lunch. Pontorson are scheduled to be visiting between 27-30 September 2019. A grant has also been received from the EU to support the liaison between communities.

c. **Highworth Community Partnership Group (HCPG)** – Councillor R Acres reported that the AGM was held recently which outlined the year's activities. The most significant is the opening of a Credit Union which runs at the Library on Tuesday mornings between 10:00-12:00 and Saturday mornings between 10:00-11:00. HCPG is currently supporting the Town Council on improving visitor experience. As well as working on websites, town trails, liaising with coach companies HCPG is also exploring opening a museum and visitor information point in the town centre.

d. **Highworth Action For Fair Trade (HAFFT)** – Councillor (Mrs) A M Durrant was absent due to family illness and not able to report.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

64. **Councillor G Edwards:** The Town Clerk is to invite a representative of Twigmarket to a Council Meeting.

Councillor A Bishop: A second tent has been erected at the Lower Recreation site, the PCSO has been informed.

Councillor N Gardiner: Swindon Town Football Club planning applications have been received and will be put before Highworth Town Council on Monday 10 December 2018. Agenda documents have been posted.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 pm