



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL 22 JANUARY 2019

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
(Mrs) M Penny
(Mrs) P Webster

IN ATTENDANCE

Two Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

65. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant, C Adams, (Mrs) A H Livall, (Mrs) L Vardy and S Weisinger.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit)66. Mr P Newton-Smith.

- a. He was advised that the Skateboard Group is waiting for costings from three companies that have been approached following the demise of the company that the Group was originally dealing with.
- b. Councillors agreed to write a letter to Cashzone to encourage it to replace the Cash Machine at the Co-op as soon as possible.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

67. None

MINUTES OF MEETING68. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2018 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.**MATTERS ARISING**

69. Minute 64b. The matter of the tents at the Lower Rec is in the hands of Swindon Borough Council.

MEETING OF CHAIRS70. Councillor K Smith. He made comment on the notes provided to Councillors from a Meeting of the Chairs.

A reminder to Councillors and Members of the Public to turn off Mobile Phones is to be made at the beginning of every meeting. It is to also be written on each Agenda.

REPORTS BY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS71. a. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny – Councillor Penny reported that:-

- Potholes in Brookfield have been filled and some resurfacing work will be done by the end of March, weather permitting
- Discussed the problems with the Planning meeting with the SBC Officers
- Provided an update on Lower Rec lease
- Thanks to SBC and the HTC team the Cricklade Road and footpaths were successfully cleaned at the same time whilst the road had no parking
- BT manhole cover which was noisy and a concern to residents was replaced in Lechlade Road

- Attended Councillor Surgery: ALDI
Climate Change
Overgrown Trees and vegetation were the subjects that residents wanted to discuss.

b. **Councillor A Bishop** – provided the following report:-

Meetings attended in Swindon:-

- Childrens' Health
- Planning, both December and January, the latter meeting concerned two applications in Highworth, the first being the long awaited Aldi's store, which had its application granted; the other was an application in retrospect which, disappointingly, was also granted.
- Licensing meeting
- Police Crime Commissioner's meeting in Salisbury.

Since the last Full Council there have been two Surgeries, one of which focussed on a resident concerned by Global Warming – this is an Agenda item for the SBC meeting on Thursday 24 January 2019.

Locally, issues dealt with have been:-

- Kitchen at Home Farm
- Two street lights at Bydemill Gardens
- A Planning Application to extend a house in Stanton Fitzwarren.

PRECEPT DEMAND 2019/2020

72. Resolved by Councillor K Smith and seconded by Councillor A Bishop that the Precept Demand of £438,000 (Four hundred and thirty eight thousand pounds) be submitted to Swindon Borough Council. Councillors unanimously agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

73. None.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

74. a. **Councillor G Edwards**.
- The money raised by the Brighter Futures campaign is now sufficient to fund equipment at a new Radiotherapy facility at GWH. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny advised that the Oxford University Hospitals are trying to get the money from Government to put up the building to house it.
 - The Fox is due to be erected on 23 February 2019.
- b. **Councillor P Adams**. The question of the lighting of the footpaths around Westrop School is to be pursued with SBC. The cost of providing extra lighting is to be investigated and to be a future Agenda Item.

c. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. A request is to be sent to the Planning Officers at SBC to include Highworth Town Council in its list of Consultees for the proposed new Solar Farm at Stanton Fitzwarren.

The Meeting closed at 7.55 pm