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G13.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE MEETING 3rd JULY 2018

PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

Councillors: A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
N Gardiner
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy
(Mrs) P M Webster

IN ATTENDANCE

R Williams (Market Manager) and 1 Member of the Press

APOLOGIES

17. Councillors P Adams, (Mrs) A Durrant, R Acres, C Adams, G Edwards



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18. None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

- 19 **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (GP&F) HELD ON 5th JUNE 2018 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.

HIGHWORTH MARKET

20. a. Correspondence. None

b. Market Manager's Report: An enquiry has been received from a Haberdashery stall-holder, it is hoped that they will join the market towards the end of July or the beginning of August. There has been a problem again with cars parked overnight and then trying to drive off the Market when it is only open to pedestrians. Of the five cars on the 30th June, four of them were Highworth residents. A letter is to be sent to the Police to request the presence of a PCSO to provide assistance to the Market Manager.

A proposal to close off the road in front of the Emporium every Saturday to allow the Market to expand is to be an Agenda item for the next GP&F Meeting.

- c. Market Accounts: The accounts listed on pages G16 and G17 were agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

21. None.

PODIUM WORKING PARTY REPORT

22. Invitations to Tender have been sent out. It is not yet known what lies beneath the current surface, however it is not thought to be too challenging. A protective box is to surround the Warneford Stone and the Christmas Tree support is to be moved to a more central position. The Highworth Crest is to be placed in front of the Warneford Stone.

ST MICHAEL'S AVENUE - RESURFACING

23. Councillor S Weisinger has been advised by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Officers that should Highworth Town Council (HTC) wish to contribute to the cost of road surfacing works on St Michaels Avenue, they can be done more quickly and all together, rather than the urgent works being done first and having to wait for ones they consider to be less urgent. Councillors decided not to contribute as this is considered to be an SBC responsibility; it might also be resented by residents in other parts of the town.

BROADBAND

24. A letter is to be sent to BT Openreach to enquire details of the roll-out of High Speed Broadband. The enquiry is to include a requested timescale.

POLICIES

DRUG AND ALCOHOL

25. Resolved by Councillor A Bishop and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) J Clark to accept the Highworth Town Council Policy on Substance Misuse supported by the existing Internal Drug and Alcohol Policy. Carried unanimously. The Highworth Town Council policy on Substance Misuse supported by the Internal Drug and Alcohol Policy was duly adopted.

DATA PROTECTION

26. Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny to accept the Highworth Town Council Policy on Data Protection. Carried unanimously. The Highworth Town Council policy on Data Protection was duly adopted

ACCOUNTS

27. The accounts listed on page G18 to G22 were approved and payment of bills authorised.
Another approach is to be made to SBC regarding the lease on the Lower Rec Allotments.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

28. a. Councillor K Smith.
- Staff Appraisals is to be an Agenda item on the next GP& F meeting.
 - SBC is currently considering setting up a Trust to run its Libraries.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) P Webster. A Borough Councillor from another Ward has called a Planning Application in to the SBC Planning Committee which Officers are minded to refuse. Councillors are surprised that this Councillor is involving himself in something outside of his Ward, and failed to advise the Chairman of the HTC Planning Meeting of his intention.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) J Clark. A letter is to be written to SBC requesting an expected date for the demolition of the old Youth Centre building at Newburgh and to confirm that this Council would be happy to see the area returned to car parking spaces.
- d. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny has reported to SBC the cars for sale on the verges at Brewery Street and Blackworth Roundabout.

Meeting closed 8.00 pm