

# Highworth



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G33.

**MINUTES  
GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
3 OCTOBER 2017**

### PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Williams (Market Manager) and 3 Members of the Public

### APOLOGIES

36. Councillor C Adams (work commitments)



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

37. Councillors who are members of Highworth Community Partnership Group, have no personal financial interest in the May Day Event and so are not required to declare an interest.

## HIGHWORTH MARKET

38. a. Correspondence. None.

b. Market Manager's Report. The Market Manager's Report is as follows: the number of traders is steady, a new Pet Food stall is yet to commit to attending the market. Cars have been left overnight on both the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and the 30<sup>th</sup> September (the latter from Hayward House B&B) causing inconvenience, but thankfully no stallholders lost their pitch.

The Market Manager is to discuss the findings of the Clerks investigations into parking fines and other options.

- c. Market Accounts. The accounts listed on pages G36 and G37 were agreed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

39. a. E-Mail from Resident Claiming CCTV on the Main Points of Entry into the Town are required to assist the Police in Dealing with the Huge Increase in Crime in the Town.

Councillors agreed that a reply should be sent explaining that in view of the recent crime statistics (which can be seen at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)), the Council does not consider installation of CCTV at the places suggested is necessary at this stage, although it will consult the Police. Councillors also suggest that should residents be concerned about burglary etc. a very efficient means of dissuading criminals is a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

## FOX ROUNDABOUT FUNDING

40. There is approximately £8000.00 from S106 money which is the Public Art contribution, available to put towards the Fox Roundabout.  
SBC is to be questioned regarding the statutory requirements for the chevrons on the roundabout as the current ones would obscure anything designed to enhance the roundabout.

## EXTERNAL AUDIT – ACCEPTANCE ANNUAL RETURN 2016/17

41. Councillors agreed to accept the External Audit and Annual Return 2016/17. Mrs D Halliday and M Keymer were commended by Councillors as this year saw some extra-ordinary expenditure when the Public Lavatories were built – adding to the usual accounting.

## SBC CONSULTATION ON CONSULTATIONS

42. Councillors agreed that they do not wish to comment on the Consultation as a Council.

**MAY DAY**

43. This item is to be postponed until the Full Council Meeting to allow a representative from the Committee to attend.

**ACCOUNTS**

44. The accounts listed on page G38 to G42 were approved and payment of bills authorised.

**MEMBERS BUSINESS**

45. a. Councillor N Gardiner. PCSO Lee Wheeldon is to be moving on to become a PC. A letter is to be written to his Superiors to thank him for his excellent service to the Community.

**Meeting closed 8.12pm**