

# Highworth



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G66.

### MINUTES GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 6 FEBRUARY 2018

#### PRESENT

Councillor A Bishop (In the Chair)

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

9 Members of the Public, Phil Baker (HCPG), Leon Bolton (SBC-Libraries) and R Williams (Market Manager) and 1 Swindon Advertiser reporter

#### APOLOGIES

64. Councillors S Weisinger (Meeting at SBC), (Mrs) P M Webster (Holiday) C Adams and P Adams (Holiday), (Mrs) A H Livall (Unwell).



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## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

65. Item 4 - Tourism Strategy, Councillors (Mrs) A Durrant, K Smith and N Gardiner declared an interest.

## HIGHWORTH MARKET

66. a. Correspondence. None
- b. Market Manager's Report: The market continues to do well, regularly having 9 stalls attend. There have been two recent issues with cars being parked in the Market Square.
- c. Market Accounts: The accounts listed on pages G69 and G70 were agreed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

67. a. An email was received from a resident regarding the rubbish in the A361 in the lay-by and bus stop; it was reported to SBC who advised it was the responsibility of HTC. This is Highway rubbish and is the responsibility of Highways, not HTC. Additionally, the area mentioned in the letter is way outside of Highworth and close to South Marston. The Clerk to take this matter up with SBC.
- b. Correspondence has been received from SBC requesting publication of the 'Voter ID' from May 2018 identification will be required to enable the individual to vote. The Clerk has requested the letter from SBC be publicised in the Link magazine 2 issues prior to the election.

## TOURISM STRATEGY

68. Councillors have already, at a previous Full Council meeting, instructed the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party (NPWP) to take on "Tourism" as its follow up to the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors acknowledged that HTC cannot do this alone, as neither can HCPG, and that they agreed that HCPG should have representation on the NPWP. There was a sum of money requested by HCPG, but Councillors agreed that this should be included in the NPWP discussions.

## WALC/NALC MEMBERSHIP

69. Councillors agreed that WALC and NALC membership is to be continued.

## HIGHWORTH LIBRARY

70. Councillors resolved that the on costs/salaries of library staff may rise in future years and this is to be recognised in the Service Level Agreement (SLA), this must be in line with the Local Government pay awards, no more and no less. The wording for this in the new SLA must reflect this and not allow for any pay awards that might be given to SBC staff outside of the Local Government Pay Awards. The updated SLA is to be distributed to Councillors before being signed.

Leon Bolton confirmed the usage figures have been distributed and the library usage continues to rise.

**ACCOUNTS**

71. The accounts listed on page G71 to G75 were approved and payment of bills authorised.

**MEMBERS BUSINESS**

72. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny: Councillors are to be invited to attend tea and biscuits in the Swindon Mayoral Parlour. Details of the date are to be sent to The Clerk who will forward to all Councillors.

**Meeting closed 8.40pm**