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E&L11.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING 1 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillor: (Mrs) K Barber
G Evans
(Miss) J Murphy
P Newton-Smith
G Olley
(Mrs) M Penny
K Saunders
K Smith
S Weisinger
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

13 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

34. Councillors A Bishop, (Mrs) J Bishop and N Gardiner



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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MOBILE PHONES

35. Reminder to Councillors and Public that Mobile Phones should be silenced.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

36. None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

37. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (E&L) HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2019 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

38. None.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

39. Councillors agreed to discuss ideas to support the Community to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2020 on the next Environment and Leisure Meeting.

SKATEBOARD COMMITTEE REPORT ON ITS CONSULTATION

40. Mr N Costello. He reported to the Council on behalf of the SN-SIX Wheeled Sports group about the results of the Public Consultation held on 7 September 2019. Councillors were told that in excess of 160 people attended, of all ages, postcode and names were noted for veracity. The overall reception was very positive with no completely negative responses, rather suggestions made.

There is to be an item on the next GP&F Agenda.

TO SET UP A WORKING PARTY TO ASSESS AREAS FOR THE PLANTING OF WILDFLOWERS

41. Councillors agreed to set up a working party to explore the viability of creating some areas for wildflower planting in the Town. The members are to be Councillors (Mrs) L Vardy, K Saunders, R Williams and G Evans. The Grounds Manager is to attend all meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

42. a. Letter from Highworth Mayday Market. May Day Committee confirm that they wish to proceed with the May Day Charter Market on Saturday 2 May 2020. Chosen theme is to be VE Day to fit in with the following Bank Holiday weekend celebrations. The organisers are to be asked what specific activities we can expect in relation to VE Day.
- b. E Mail from Wrde Up Music Festival. The Committee wish to hold the event on 11 July 2020 and seeks Council approval. Councillors unanimously agreed to give permission to use the Lower Rec.

- c. E Mail from HTFC. HTFC seeks permission to hold its 28th annual tournament on the Elms Rec on 13 and 14 June 2020. Councillors agreed subject to the usual considerations regarding parking, noise and clearing up afterwards.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

43. a. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. She reported back to Councillors following enquiries that she has made on the issue of speeding in two locations in the town.
- The Coleshill Road through Eastrop – speed 'pipes' were laid and the results are within the government percentile indicating that there is not a speeding issue. She explained that if the majority adhere to the speed limit or below it, the individual cases of vehicles travelling at high speed are mitigated by the lower figures.
 - The Elms – Swindon Borough Council Officers did not put the 'pipes' down, as the very nature of the road makes speeding very difficult'
- As the Officers could not take either case further at this time, both cases are now closed.
- b. Councillor S Wolfensohn. A meeting was held with representatives of the Football Club and it was emphasised that this Council has an obligation to ensure that, as a condition of the transfer of the land to HTC, the Council must maintain facilities to play cricket on the Rec.
- c. Councillor K Saunders. He is to re-arrange a meeting with Cllr. N Gardiner to discuss a Community Litter Pick.
- d. Councillor P Newton-Smith. A representative from Halo is yet to be invited to a meeting and the meeting with the Police is still to be arranged.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.