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E&L24.

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE) MEETING 3 MARCH 2020

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillors: (Mrs) K Barber
A Bishop
(Mrs) J H Bishop
G Evans
N Gardiner
(Miss) J Murphy
P Newton-Smith
K Smith
K Saunders
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

2 Members of the Public and one Member of the Press

APOLOGIES

83. Councillors G Olley, (Mrs) M Penny and S Weisinger



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

84. None.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

85. None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

86. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (E&L) HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2020 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

87. Minute 77b.

- a. The overflowing rubbish bin a trailer full of rubbish and the fencing at the Golf Course site has been reported to Swindon Borough Council (SBC).
- b. The overhanging tree on Lechlade Road has previously been looked at by SBC and is of no immediate concern.

WILDFLOWER GROUP

88. Two sites have been prepared in readiness for the sowing of the wildflower seeds, one at the Brewery Street end of Park Avenue and the other in front of the bungalows at Fair View. The weather has delayed the progress. Highworth Community Partnership Group (HCPG) has purchased wildflower seeds consisting of annual and perennial seeds and there is enough to cover their own sites and the sites of Highworth Town Council (HTC).

MEMORY GARDEN

89. Preliminary agreement has been given to HCPG to discuss ideas for a Memory Garden. Ideas are to be brought back to the Council and permission is to be sought prior to any work being undertaken.

CORRESPONDENCE

90. E Mails from two residents of Pentylands Lane. They are concerned with the terminal state of the road surface towards the farm end of the road. Potholes were filled in but due to the choked and neglected ditches, the road has again been flooded several times, the potholes have returned and the surface is being eroded. They have spoken to SBC about the necessity of cleaning the ditches of debris, including dead trees, to no avail. They request that HTC put pressure on SBC to carry out the work. Councillors unanimously agreed to support the residents in their request.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

91. a. Councillor K Saunders. He reported that over 130 people attended the Public Consultation on Climate Emergency, comments were received at the Consultation and also via Social Media. Areas currently being looked at across the Town are: Wildflower sites, Pentylands Park, the Highworth

Neighbourhood Plan, a Cycle path to Swindon and Southfields Junior School have an initiative for a garden. Articles are to be published in the Link Magazine on Climate Change, and Warneford School is working on a Transport Plan to encourage cycling to school.

b. Councillor K Smith:

- The pollarding of the trees in St Michaels Churchyard has begun.
- The Skate Park Committee is aware that the estimate for the build cost is only valid until the end of March 2020.

c. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy. She recommended that due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Highworth Town Council should actively promote hand washing on the Council Website and- put signs in the Public Toilets and in the toilets at the Council Offices to encourage hand washing. Councillors were in agreement.

Meeting closed at 8.56 pm.

Action Points: -

A letter is to be written to SBC regarding Pentylands Lane and the clearing of the ditches.

A notice is to be uploaded to Highworth Town Council website and signs are to be put in the Public Toilets to encourage hand washing.