

# Highworth



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### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING 4 FEBRUARY 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  
G Olley  
(Mrs) M Penny  
K Smith  
K Saunders  
S Weisinger  
R Williams  
S Wolfensohn

#### IN ATTENDANCE

5 Members of the Public and one Member of the Press

#### APOLOGIES

71. None



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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## MOBILE PHONES

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

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

73. None.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

74. None

## MINUTES OF MEETING

75. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (E&L) HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2020 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.

## MATTERS ARISING

76. a. Minute 64. The area identified at the Brewery Street end of Park Avenue has been prepared for sowing and the seed is on order. A resident of Fairview has been informed that wildflower beds are being prepared in front of the bungalows. Councillor P Newton-Smith told the Council, that in addition the Highworth Community Association is creating a wildflower area at the Community Centre.
- b. Minute 65. A meeting was held with Mr N Pullen from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to provide support before negotiations with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) for the Acquisition of the Golf Course land. Nothing yet has been heard from SBC on our expression of interest.
- c. Minute 70d. A new Solicitor at SBC has been appointed to negotiate the lease of the Lower Rec, who is very pro-active. It is moving forward.
- d. Minute 61. A letter of thanks has been received by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny for the works undertaken to clear the roadway and the paths at Cricklade Road.

## CORRESPONDENCE

77. a. Two Separate E Mails Regarding Closure of Highworth Golf Course. The request that this site be considered for setting up a Disc Golf Course is premature as none of the land has been offered to Highworth Town Council (HTC). However, the request will be filed pending agreement for any of the site to be offered.
- b. An E Mail from a resident Complaining that Highworth is a Mess. This E mail was discussed between the Town Clerk and the Grounds Manager. The Grounds Manager has visited all the areas mentioned in the E Mail and confirmed that the claims are mainly groundless, apart from agreeing that Lechlade Road has presented problems due to delays to the weed killing programme and the weather making weed killing almost impossible. The claims made about a tree at the junction of Westrop are about a large tree in a private garden which does have a limb growing out over the road, but this branch is well above the height of most vehicles. We will recommend that the SBC Tree Officer makes an inspection and assessment.

Councillor (Mrs) M Penny asked that Councillors inform the office if they spot any areas that need attention.

## **YOUTH PROVISION**

78. This is to be an Agenda item for a meeting of the four Chairmen.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

79. Ideas to extend the Christmas lights are to be considered once it has been established whether S106 monies can be used for the purpose.

## **VE DAY ANNIVERSARY**

80. Councillors agreed to purchase medals for the pupils of the Highworth Schools to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. "Highworth Remembers" is to be inscribed on the reverse of each medal.

## **SITING OF TOMMY IN CHURCHYARD**

81. Councillors agreed to the siting of the 'second' Tommy in the Churchyard, the Vicar and Councillor G Evans (in his capacity as Chairman of the local Royal British Legion) are to meet to discuss.

## **MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

82. a. Councillor K Saunders. The Fly-Tipping at Pentylands Lane has been removed.
- b. Councillor S Wolfensohn. He told the Council that there has been an incidence of Fly-Tipping at Fresden Lane.
- c. Councillor N Gardiner. Six litter picking hoops have been ordered by the Council for the Community Clean-up group.
- d. Councillor A Bishop. He suggested that the Wild-flower group might consider planting daffodil and crocus bulbs on some green spaces. The issues identified would be the cost and that the area could not be mown for weeks after the plants had flowered resulting in complaints of untidiness.

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.**

### **Action Points: -**

SBC is to be asked to inspect the tree at Westrop.

Advice from SBC regarding S106 monies is to be sought.

VE commemoration medals are to be ordered.

Confirmation of the location in Fresden Lane of the fly-tipping is to be ascertained before reporting to SBC.