



### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL 18 FEBRUARY 2020

Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop (In the Chair)

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

3 Members of the Public.

#### APOLOGIES

77. Councillors G Olley, (Mrs) M Penny, (Mrs) L Vardy and S Weisinger



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit)**

78. None.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

79. None.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

80. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020 BE ADOPTED** (The minutes were duly signed)

**MATTERS ARISING**

81. a. Minute 73a. Swindon Borough Council (SBC) has been notified that the bin outside the Golf Shop is again overflowing.
- b. Minute 76a. Councillor P Newton-Smith has offered to investigate the licence for the dyslexia-friendly font once he is provided with the name of it.
- c. Minute 76e. It was reported that the property in the High Street appears better presented since a letter was sent to the Conservation Officer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

82. None.

**REPORTS BY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

83. a. Councillor A Bishop - he reported that he has attended the following meetings:-
- Children's Health,
  - Standards,
  - Transport Appeals,
  - Licensing,
  - Planning (x2),
  - Police Crime Report (in Trowbridge)
  - Gladman Developments with Councillor (Mrs) M Penny to discuss traffic problems and a possible Cycle Path. This was frustrating as no answer could be obtained.
  - Proposed building in Blunsdon with Councillor (Mrs) M Penny, D Dewart (SBC), R Bell (SBC) and Councillor I Jankinson (Blunsdon Parish Council). Although developers can still submit planning applications for Blunsdon, no building is to begin until the Coldharbour Junction and the bridge is resolved.
  - Back Lane at Blunsdon, flooding gullies to be cleared,
  - He also attended Councillors' Saturday Surgery, a very successful Memory Café and dealt with a problem of fly-tipping outside the Lions shop in Newburgh Place.

c. Councillor S Weisinger – He reported that he had attended to the following:

- Councillors' Surgery February,
- Meeting with planning officer in Stanton Fitzwarren for a new planning application,
- Stanton Fitzwarren Parish council meeting
- Resident needed help on council housework - contacted SBC,
- Audit Committee meeting,
- Potholes reported for repair,
- Flooding issue in Hannington Wick,
- School place request for help in getting pupil to a special needs school.

Councillors requested that the Borough Councillors' reports be sent to them by the Clerk prior to the meeting to enable them to consider any questions that may be raised. Councillors would, at the meeting, accept them into the Minutes in their entirety. This is intended to make it unnecessary for the reports to be read out.

## REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

84. a. Highworth Twinning Association (HTA) – Councillor R Williams reported that the AGM is to be held at 7.30pm on 27 February 2020.

b. Highworth Community Partnership Group (HCPG) – Councillor N Gardiner reported that at a meeting held at the beginning of February, proposed projects for 2020 include a Christmas Lunch for lonely residents, a Memory garden opposite the Rose & Crown, and the 'Men's Shed' idea. A letter is to be written to the Clerk asking to make the garden a more usable and genteel space and potentially to lock it.

c. Highworth Action for Fair Trade (HAFFT) – Councillor K Smith reported that an email meeting has been held and that in order to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fair Trade, it is looking to pay for the floodlights on the Church. There is also to be a celebration at the Co-Operative store.

## QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

85. a. Councillor S Wolfensohn. Although there is an opinion that the Town Garden at the Green would benefit from having lower walls to make it more visible, the Conservation Officer, when previously approached, was adamant that they remain at the current height.

b. Councillor K Saunders. The Swindon Cycle Campaign is to meet at the Community Centre on Monday 2 March at 7.30 pm., Councillor (Mrs) M Penny is to be in attendance.

c. Councillor R Williams. Councillor P Newton-Smith advised the Council that the Church has already been approached with the request to floodlight the tower downwards rather than from the ground upwards. Because of the construction of the building, it is not possible to do so.

d. Councillor G Evans. After a meeting with the Church, 'Tommy 2' is to be sited near the War Memorial.

e. Councillor N Gardiner. The new draft lease for the Lower Rec has been agreed by Highworth Town Council and returned to SBC to produce the final document for signing. It is not possible to give a forecast of when this will happen as the process is firmly in the hands of the Borough Council.

**The Meeting closed at 8:26pm**

**Action Points: -**

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