



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
(GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE)
15 OCTOBER 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor K Smith (In the Chair)

Councillor: (Mrs) K Barber
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
N Gardiner
(Miss) J Murphy
P Newton-Smith
(Mrs) M Penny
K Saunders
(Mrs) L Vardy
S Weisinger
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

13 Members of the Public, Nick Costello, Jo Clark, Pam Adams and Pauline Webster (SN6-Wheeled Sports Committee) Mr Ian Webb (Visit Highworth Ltd)

APOLOGIES

43. Councillors G Evans and G Olley.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

44. a. Councillor K Saunders declared an interest in the Agenda Item regarding the proposed Skatepark due to his son's involvement. The Clerk advised that he has no pecuniary or prejudicial interest.
- b. Councillor R Williams declared an interest in the Highworth Market and left the room following the delivery of his report.

MOBILE PHONES

45. Reminder to Councillors and Public that mobile phones should be silenced.

HIGHWORTH MARKET

46. a. Correspondence. None.
- b. Market Manager's Report. The Market Manager reported that the bag stall, which was due to be leaving the Market is now to remain. Councillor K Smith accompanied the Market Manager to identify how more stalls might be accommodated and concluded that it would be possible to rearrange the existing stalls to make room for a further four or five within the current footprint. Councillors find no reason to object to the Graffiti Café stall providing a table and chairs for its customers. The Market Manager is to monitor the build-up of boxes on the market outside the Sue Ryder shop. Councillor S Weisinger is to send some photos to the Market Manager of some traders' vans parked in the market taking up space.
- c. The accounts as listed on pages G37 to G38 were accepted.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

47. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE) MEETING HELD ON 17 September 2019 BE ADOPTED** (The minutes were duly signed).

MATTERS ARISING

48. Councillor A Bishop. Item 35. The Sevenfields Dovecote. Councillor K Smith was invited to visit TS Tech to hear an offer of support work from the Company for the community, possibly to clear/cut back the footpath to Blackworth Industrial Estate. The Dovecote was mentioned and the Company is to investigate if any of its employees would like to make a new one. It was established that HTC will not take any ownership or responsibility for this feature.

CORRESPONDENCE

49. a. E Mail from Jacqui Hall (Assistant to Town Clerk) to request that Councillors set up their new E Mail Accounts immediately.

b. Letter from Resident re Funding for Skatepark. Request to Councillors to delay considering this application at this meeting for the following reasons:

- (1) He understands that funding is already available from a private source.
- (2) There is a complaint lodged about the Planning process with regard to this site and he feels that any decision should be delayed pending the outcome of this complaint.

The majority of Councillors agreed that the request for funding should still be considered at this Meeting as, if funding is agreed, no monies would be released until the group has raised the full Amount, by which time any planning issues should have been resolved.

SN-SIXERS (SKATEPARK COMMITTEE) – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

50. Mr N Costello.

- Information packs have been sent to Councillors intended for potential funders. The construction is to be carried out under a fixed price contract which is guaranteed until March 2020. The group requests the sum of £50,000 (fifty thousand pounds) from Highworth Town Council towards the construction. In response to a question from Councillors, consideration is to be given to noise mitigation, although the concrete construction and proximity of the hedges would dampen any noise.
- An application is to be made to Sport England, which has been supporting Skatepark projects for the past five years subject to proof of Community financial support.

a. Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy that Highworth Town Council provide £65,000 towards the cost of the Skatepark construction. Five Councillors voted in favour and seven Councillors voted against, the resolution was not carried.

b. Resolved by Councillor R Williams and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) K Barber that Highworth Town Council provide £50,000 towards the cost of the Skatepark construction with an extra £15,000 to be put aside for contingencies. Eight Councillors voted in favour and the resolution was carried.

The Skatepark Committee was informed that there will be conditions to receiving the money which will be notified at a future date.

HIGHWORTH VISITOR CENTRE – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

51. In view of the number of Councillors who might be deemed to have an interest in the Highworth Visitor Centre, this item is to be moved to the next Environment & Leisure Meeting and Councillors with an interest are to apply to the Clerk for a dispensation to take part in the debate.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD (REQUEST TO COVER THE COST OF INSTALLATION)

52. Councillor A Bishop reported to Councillors that he has spoken to the Manager of the Co-op. The Community Noticeboard that it has offered to provide is to be located on the wall of the store near the Gilberts Lane entrance. It was suggested that the Co-op had no need of financial assistance to put it up.

ACCOUNTS

53. The accounts as listed on pages G39 to G43 were accepted and payment of bills authorised. Allocated Reserves are now highlighted in accounting information sent to Councillors.

TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT FINAL GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

54. Councillors accepted the final Governance and Audit Report and acknowledged a minor change to the reporting of Direct Debits in the end of year Bank Reconciliation.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

55. a. Councillor (Mrs) K Barber. Councillors were advised that there were no action sheets from the previous GP&F or Full Council Meetings.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. The Minutes of the Meeting held with the Highworth Town Football Club is to be circulated to Councillors.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.