



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
(GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE)
17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor K Smith (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

4 Members of the Public,

Councillors were reminded by the Chairman that Council business should only be conducted in the Council Chamber not via email. He also informed Councillors that if any amendments were proposed to the Standing Orders that they should be put forward on a GP&F Meeting for debate.

APOLOGIES

31. None.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

32. Councillor R Williams declared an interest in Highworth Market. Councillors agreed that Councillor Williams should remain in the Chamber in order to reply to questions raised.

MOBILE PHONES

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

HIGHWORTH TENNIS CLUB – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

34. Having received the accounts and membership information requested at the last GP&F meeting, Councillors agreed to provide the sum of £600.00 (six hundred pounds) towards the improvement works to the Tennis Courts.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DOVECOTE AT SEVENFIELDS

35. Councillors agreed to support the residents by obtaining costings for replacing the Dovecote and pillar. At the suggestion of Councillor (Mrs) M Penny, Councillor K Smith is to investigate the GWR Fund for small projects as well as other funding streams that he is already looking into.

The Council is reluctant to assume responsibility for the structure as it is on unadopted land and to do so would mean assuming liability for something that does not belong to the Council.

HIGHWORTH MARKET

36. a. Correspondence. An email was received from the Market Manager asking Councillors for suggestions on how to expand the area of the Market.
- b. Market Manager's Report. The Market Manager reported that the Market continues to do well, the new Nut and Olive man is proving popular and is now a regular trader.
- c. Catering for an increase in Market Stalls. Councillor K Smith is to accompany the Market Manager to assess where it might be possible to extend the area of the Market.
- d. To review and adopt revised Market Rules. Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy, and seconded by Councillor K Saunders to adopt the updated Market Rules. Voting was unanimous and the Rules duly adopted.
- e. The accounts as listed on pages G26 to G27 were passed.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

37. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE) MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2019 BE ADOPTED** (The minutes were duly signed).

CORRESPONDENCE

38. None.

COUNCILLOR EMAIL ADDRESSES - Policy

39. Resolved by Councillor K Smith and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop that this Council provides @highworthtowncouncil.gov.uk email addresses for all Councillors. Fourteen Councillors voted in favour, one abstained. The Resolution was duly carried.

ALZHEIMER'S NOTICEBOARD, CO-OP

40. Councillor (Mrs) Julia Bishop presented a request from the 'Dementia Friends' co-ordinator for funding to pay for the installation of a Community notice-board at the Co-op. The notice-board would be provided by the Co-op and the cost of installation is £140.00 + VAT.

Councillors requested specific information on where the board is to be sited and who is to install it and if the Council is allowed to donate to charity.

The Dementia Friends Co-ordinator is to be invited to the next GP&F meeting.

ACCOUNTS

41. The accounts as listed on pages G28 to G32 were passed and payment of bills authorised. Allocated Reserves are to be highlighted in future accounting information sent to Councillors.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

42. None.

The Meeting closed at 7.46pm.