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Before the Meeting commenced, the Clerk reminded everybody of the location of Fire exits and that all Mobile Phones should be switched to silent

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
(GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE)
18 FEBRUARY 2020**

PRESENT

Councillor: K Smith (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

3 Members of the Public and Angus McPherson (Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC for Wiltshire).

APOLOGIES

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



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR WILTSHIRE

84. A McPherson. He provided a comprehensive overview of Policing in Wiltshire to the Councillors including information that:-

- 41 extra Officers were recruited and will join the Community Policing Team in April following their training,
- A Cyber-crime Unit has been set up to detect, but more importantly to help prevent Cyber-crime,
- Police Training is now to be a 'Modern Day Apprentice' scheme which is to be a three year Degree Course. 6000 new Officers nationally are to be recruited, 49 of whom are to be in Wiltshire. A Government grant has been received to fund their salaries.
- He believes that Wiltshire Police are severely underfunded in comparison to other Forces in the Country and will continue to fight for more,
- Following a Consultation, over 70% of the residents said that they would be happy to pay an extra £1 per month or more to improve Policing. He was allowed to apply for an extra £10 per year per household on the Precept,
- The Government grant only pays for Warranted Officers, 50% of the Policing in Wiltshire is undertaken by non-warranted Officers, like PCSO's, who are currently undertaking more investigation work along with unwarranted Investigators.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit)

85. Mr G Llewellyn. In reply to his three questions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party (NPWP), he was informed that the Members are Councillors (Mrs) M Penny, K Smith, A Bishop, (Miss) J Murphy, P Newton-Smith and that Mrs P Webster was invited to remain due to her long experience of working on the Plan, although she is no longer a Councillor. The Working Party will discuss his question regarding timescales given that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) is aiming to adopt the Local Plan Review in Spring of 2021.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

86. None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

87. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE) MEETINGS HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020 BE ADOPTED** (The minutes were duly signed).

MATTERS ARISING

88. None.

CORRESPONDENCE

89. None.

A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGHWORTH

90. Resolved by Councillor G Evans and seconded by Councillor P Newton-Smith to adopt the Plan shown on Page G 71 as the Strategic Plan for Highworth Town Council (HTC), up to and including May 2023. Councillors voted unanimously in favour and the Resolution was duly carried.

TO ADOPT POLICIES (HTC EMERGENCY PLAN, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT)

91. Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop and seconded by Councillor P Newton-Smith to adopt the HTC Emergency Plan and Training and Development Policy. Councillors voted unanimously in favour and the Resolution was duly carried.

LOWER REC – WRDE UP MUSIC FESTIVAL/HIGHWORTH TOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB (HTJFC)

92. Councillors agreed to:
- The Wrde Up Music Festival request to have music in the beer tent between 7.30pm and 10.30pm on the evening of Friday the 10 July 2020.
 - HTJFC to hold a Fun Day, for their members only, on Saturday 16 May 2020 outside and inside their pavilion. The day is to include a BBQ, bouncy castles, a few football games and a number of other fun activities for their members.

ACCOUNTS

93. The accounts as listed on pages G72 to G78 were accepted and payment of bills authorised.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

94. a. Councillor R Williams. Research is to be undertaken to establish viable options and costings for securely closing the Market Place to parking for events and the Market. Councillors are of the opinion that arranging for vehicles to be towed away would create too much ill will amongst residents.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Action Points: -

- Timescales and reporting to Council by the NPWP is to be considered at its next meeting.
- A reply is to be sent to the Highworth Town Juniors Football Club to convey the Councils agreement to both its requests.
- Temporary Parking prevention solutions are to be investigated by the Office.