

# Highworth



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G71.

### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE MEETING 19 FEBRUARY 2019

#### PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

Councillors: R Acres  
P Adams  
A Bishop  
(Mrs) J H Bishop  
(Mrs) J Clark  
N Gardiner  
K Smith  
(Mrs) M Penny

#### IN ATTENDANCE

R Williams (Market Manager) and one Member of the Public.

#### APOLOGIES

70. Councillors (Mrs) A Durrant, (Mrs) A H Livall, (Mrs) L Vardy, G Edwards and (Mrs) P M Webster

#### MOBILE PHONES

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



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## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

72. None.

## HIGHWORTH MARKET

73. a. Correspondence – None.
- b. Market Manager's Report – He reported that the Footwear stall has been replaced by another selling handbags and luggage etc. There are a number of 'Casual' traders attending, who are becoming more regular – mainly through word of mouth from the other stallholders. The market was cancelled due to the snow at the beginning of February as it was not possible to clear the Market Square.

Councillors congratulated the Market Manager for increasing the number of stalls from when he took on the management of the Market.

- c. Market Accounts - The accounts listed on pages G74 and G75 were agreed.

## MINUTES OF MEETING

74. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING (GP&F) HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2019 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were duly signed.

## MATTERS ARISING

75. a. Minute 68a. The Twigmarket representative is to attend the GP&F Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Angus McPherson is to attend the Full Council Meeting on the same evening.
- b. Minute 68b. A representative from Openreach has been invited to attend a Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- c. Minute 68c. There has been no response as yet from any representative from Early Years regarding the invitation issued to attend one of the Town Council's future meetings.

## FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

76. Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and seconded by Councillor K Smith to adopt the Financial Regulations attached to these Minutes. Councillors unanimously agreed.

## ACCOUNTS

77. The accounts listed on page G76 to G80 were approved and payment of bills authorised.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019/2020

78. Councillors agreed to the Schedule of Meetings for 2019/2020 attached to these Minutes at Page G81. The possibility of holding the Annual Assembly and the Annual Council Meeting on the same evening is to be considered.

## CORRESPONDENCE

79. An email was received from Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant to thank the Council for the letter of condolence sent to her on her recent bereavement.

## MEMBERS' BUSINESS

80. a. Councillor K Smith.
- In reply to his question, Councillor (Mrs) M Penny informed the Council that the £13 million being provided by the Government to Local Authorities for Parks and Play Areas will be used by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) on Coate Water, Lydiard and Stanton Parks. Parish and Town Councils are not able to apply for the funding on their own behalf.
  - Councillor K Smith is to investigate how to apply for some of the £670 million set aside by the Government for Town Centre development.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny.
- A letter is to be sent to TS Tech UK Ltd to offer what limited support that this Council can following the sad news that Honda is due to close its factory at Stratton. TS Tech has been particularly supportive of this Town and community.
  - A letter is to be written to David Renard to ask if a representative of Highworth Town Council can be included in the Committee being formed that will be addressing the closure of Honda. The Council is keen that as a town supplying car seats to Honda, that our workers and residents are not overlooked.
  - A letter is also to be sent to SBC to request that it promotes our Industrial Estate as enthusiastically as it promotes some of the others in the area to encourage new business to Highworth.
  - The accounting information posted on our website is to be reviewed.

**Meeting closed 7.25 pm**