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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING) TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2021

PRESENT

Councillor: K Saunders (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

2 Members of the Public



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

01. Resolved by Councillor (Miss) J Murphy and Seconded by Councillor R Williams that Councillor K Saunders be reappointed as Chairman. Councillor K Saunders was duly appointed as Chairman and remained in the Chair.

APOLOGIES

02. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

03. None

ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

04. Resolved by Councillor K Saunders and Seconded by Councillor K Smith that Councillor N Gardiner be reappointed as Deputy Chairman. N Gardiner was duly appointed as Deputy Chairman.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

05. None

CORRESPONDENCE

06. None

MINUTES OF MEETING

07. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING (E&L) HELD ON 2 MARCH 2021 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were adopted and to be duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

08. None

PLAY AREAS

09. Resolved by Councillor R Williams, Seconded by Councillor G Evans, unanimously agreed a Public Consultation/online survey and publication in the Link Magazine is to be undertaken to request feedback on the play park facilities within Highworth. The results will be brought back to Council and a Working Party is to be set up.

PROPOSAL FOR QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

10. Resolved by Councillor R Williams, Seconded by Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop to set up a Working Party consisting of the following Councillors: (Mrs) L Vardy, (Mrs) J Bishop, R Williams, P Newton-Smith and G Evans to coordinate the event.

FOOTPATHS

11. Resolved by Councillor R Williams, Seconded by Councillor P Newton-Smith and unanimously agreed to support a discussion between Swindon Borough Council and the land owner to look at relocation of the stile on the B4019.

THE OLD GOLF COURSE AND LOWER REC SITE

12. Councillors are increasingly concerned at the possibility of the Golf Course site being developed. Despite several attempts by the Town Clerk and community groups no information has been forthcoming. Councillors unanimously agreed that this open space must be protected. Councillors are to research the ideology of an information campaign and encouraging usage of the site and bring back to the next Environment & Leisure Meeting.

GREAT WESTERN COMMUNITY FOREST

13. A Meeting was held with the Chairman of Environment & Leisure and the Town Clerk, The Grounds Team is to identify areas within the Town that may benefit from tree planting, a follow up meeting with Great Western Community Forest is scheduled for 4-6 weeks.

BLOSSOM TREE PLAQUE

14. Councillors are to send suggested wording to the Town Clerk. This will be an Agenda item at the next Full Council Meeting.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

15. Councillor (Mrs) J Murphy: The Gladman 250 houses application is to be heard at Swindon Borough Council, Planning Committee, on Tuesday 8 June 2021 and she will be making representation on behalf of Highworth Town Council.

Councillor S Wolfensohn: Tree planting along Swindon Street is being reviewed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Meeting closed at 8:47pm

Action Points

- The Town Clerk is to arrange a Public Consultation/online survey and publication in the Link Magazine is to be undertaken to request feedback on the play park facilities within Highworth. The results will be brought back to Council and a Working Party is to be set up
- Councillors are to research the ideology of an information campaign and encouraging usage of the site and bring back to the next Environment & Leisure Meeting
- Councillors are to send suggested wording to the Town Clerk. This will be an Agenda item at the next Full Council Meeting