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E&L.10.

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT

Councillor: K Saunders (In the Chair)

Councillors: N Gardiner
G Evans
P Newton-Smith
(Miss) J Murphy – No voting rights
R Williams – No voting rights

Town Clerk D Rose

IN ATTENDANCE

4 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

36. Councillors A Bishop, (Mrs) J Bishop, (Mrs) M Penny, S Weisinger and (Mrs) L Vardy



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

37. None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

38. a. Councillor K Smith asked the E&L Committee to consider the following points when discussing Agenda item 5 - Provision for Youth within the Town.
- Employing a Youth Officer.
 - Working with an organisation such as the Plunkett Foundation to secure a facility for a Youth Centre within the Town Centre.
 - To transfer the budget savings made from the dog waste collection in 2021/2022 and use it for youth provision in the 2022/2023 precept.
- b. Councillor K Smith requested the Committee consider applying for a presumption of dedication for the permissive paths on the Old Golf Course and have them included on the definitive map. This is to be an Agenda item at the next Full Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

39. a. An email has been received from Mark Collett the Chairman of Highworth Town Junior Football Club (HTJFC) requesting Councillors consider further funding for the provision of a 3G pitch within the Town. A Meeting is scheduled with HTJFC and Highworth Warneford School on the Monday 25 October 2021 to discuss the future of the 3G pitch, this is to be an Agenda item on the next E&L Meeting when more information will be available to present to the Committee.
- b. The Town Clerk has been contacted by Rebecca Maddern from Benjamin's Smile Accessible Parks Campaign and she is keen to support Highworth Town Council with the Play Area Projects. Councillors unanimously agreed for her to continue to work with the Town Clerk and engage with the local schools to raise greater awareness of the importance of inclusion. The Town Clerk will provide an update at the next E&L Meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING

40. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING (E&L) HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were adopted and to be duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

41. Minute 34 Security of Lower Rec – Swindon Borough Council (SBC) have been asked to provide final costings for the preventative measures and how these measures will be funded. Despite several attempts, no response has been received to date. Councillors requested that The Town Clerk seek support from a Borough Councillor to chase on behalf of Highworth Town Council

PROVISION FOR YOUTH 2022/23

42. The Town Clerk is to investigate the option of a 'buy in service' of hours for a Youth Officer from another Parish Council.

The Town Clerk and the Chairman of E&L are meeting with Swindon Borough Council Officers and local Parishes regarding a Youth Zone and Youth provisions within the Town and will report at a future Meeting.

COMMUNITY MINIBUS

43. Agenda item 6 'To Consider Highworth Town Council facilitating a Community Minibus' is to be deferred to a future Agenda due to Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy requesting the item but not being present.

PRECEPT

44. Councillors discussed possible attainments for the E&L Committee in 2022/2023. Councillors are to email the Town Clerk with any further suggestions and a report will be provided at the next E&L Meeting.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

45. None

Meeting closed at 8:22pm

Action Points

- Old Golf Course Paths to be an Agenda on the next Full Council Meeting
- HTJFC Funding for a 3G Pitch to be an Agenda on the next Full Council Meeting
- The Town Clerk to provide Accessible Parks update at next E&L Meeting
- Reschedule Community Minibus Agenda for next E&L Meeting
- The Town Clerk is to collate Councillor Precept suggestions for a report at the next E&L Meeting
- Town Clerk to send letter of thanks to Swindon Memorials Highworth for providing the memorial plinth