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MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING 6 APRIL 2021

PRESENT

Councillor R Williams (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

3 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

101. None



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

102. None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

103. None

CORRESPONDENCE

104. a. An email has been received from Highworth Bowls Club requesting permission to place a banner on the fence to advertise the upcoming open days.

Councillors support this request but recommend the Bowls Club make enquires to Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Planning to ensure planning permission is not required.

b. An email has been received from Highworth Town Junior Football Club (HTJFC) requesting approval of a Grant Application to the FA and to request HTC consider funding towards this. This is to be a future Agenda item to be discussed. The Acting Town Clerk is to circulate the information.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

105. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2021 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes are to be duly signed).

MATTERS ARISING

106. Councillor S Weisinger is to contact the SSEZ Team at SBC. The Acting Town Clerk and several Councillors have previously requested the scoring data results and criteria from last year, this was used to assess Highworth Schools. He is to report back at a future Meeting. If this information is not provided a Freedom of information request will be submitted.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

107. Resolved by Councillor R Williams and Seconded by Councillor G Olley to exclude the Public and Press from Agenda items 6 on the grounds of avoiding disclosure of personal information. Councillors unanimously agreed and the Resolution was duly carried.

STAFFING COMMITTEE UPDATE - APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

108. The Chairman reported the process by which the recruitment was undertaken.

Resolved by Councillor R Williams and Seconded by Councillor K Barber to appoint the Acting Town Clerk as Town Clerk following the recruitment recommendation by the Staffing Committee. Voting was unanimously in Favour and the Acting Town Clerk was appointed Town Clerk.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

109.

Councillor K Barber: There are areas around the Town where cars are parking on the grass verges and destroying the grass, they not only look unsightly with large divots but make it inaccessible for the mowers. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny is to take this up with SBC on behalf of HTC, locations and photographs are to be forwarded to Councillor (Mrs) M Penny.

Councillor N Gardiner: The Town Clerk is to contact SBC again requesting they make safe the compound at the Old Golf Course. Not only is it unsightly but also dangerous.

Councillor K Smith: He reported to HTC he has recently been reported to the Standards Committee for a Breach of the Code of Conduct. This complaint was not upheld by the Standards Committee and no further action is to be taken. He appealed to all Councillors to work together for the good of the Town.

Councillor K Saunders: He reported that 5000 trees have been planted by Highworth Community in Pentylands Country Park.

Meeting Closed 8:40pm

Action Points: -

HTJFC Grant Application and possible funding is to be a future Agenda item, the Town Clerk is to circulate the information

Councillor S Weisinger is to contact the SSEZ Team at SBC

Councillor (Mrs) M Penny is to liaise with SBC on behalf of HTC in relation to parking on grass verges, locations and photographs are to be emailed to Councillor (Mrs) M Penny

The Town Clerk is to contact SBC again requesting they make safe the compound at the Old Golf Course