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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL 18 OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT

Councillor A Bishop (In the Chair)

Councillor:

R Acres
(Mrs) J H Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
(Mrs) A M Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) A H Livall
(Mrs) M R Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy
(Mrs) P M Webster
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Rendall (May Day Committee) and 4 Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

63 Councillors: C A Adams & P L Adams (unwell). Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant apologised for being delayed.



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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit)

64. A resident was informed that there has so far been no response from Swindon Borough Council to the letter sent by Highworth Town Council regarding the proposed changes to the Staffing at the Highworth Library. Councillor A Bishop told the Council that the responses to the Consultation are still being collated.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

65. Councillor K Smith. He declared an interest in the item of correspondence regarding May Day. He took no part in the debate save to give information when asked. He did not take part in the subsequent voting.

MINUTES OF MEETING

66. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2016 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED**

MATTERS ARISING

67. a. Minute 50. Progress is being made in the review of Council Policies, but has not yet been completed.
- b. Minute 52. Councillors agreed to purchase the new tipper truck outright.
- c. Minute 54b. The Planters could not be installed earlier in October due to Gas Works on the Fox roundabout. The planters are at no cost to this Council.
- d. Minute 58. The Podium Redevelopment Group is concentrating its efforts on the Podium as the S106 monies from Taylor Wimpey are specifically targeted at it.
- e. Minute 61b. It is anticipated that any changes to the Podium will present complications.
- f. Minute 62c. The Town Cryer anticipates re-commencing in January.
- g. Minute 62e. The monthly Councillor Surgery is to be an Agenda item for the next GP&F meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

68. **RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

Leisure Committee 4 October 2016

General Purpose and Finance Committee 4 October 2016

MATTERS ARISING

69. a. Leisure Committee Meeting, Minute 28b. A letter is to be written to the Senior Football Club regarding its use of part of the area outside the Pavilion as a beer garden and storage area.
- b. Leisure Committee Meeting, Minute 28c. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy reminded Councillors of the Fireworks on 4th November.
- c. GP& F Committee Meeting, Minute 39.
- Councillor S Weisinger is to ask Mr A Reeves from SBC to send the figures pertaining to the Library to the Clerk who is to then send them out to Councillors.
 - Councillor A Bishop is to send a copy of notes made at a meeting with Swindon Borough Council officers regarding the Library to the Councillors.
- d. GP&F Committee Meeting, Minute 40. There has been no further progress in exploring the possibility of 'buying' parking enforcement officer time.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

70. a. Councillor A Bishop. He has attended and dealt with the following for the Borough:-
- Licencing Committee (2 Meetings)
 - Adult Health
 - Streetsmart
 - Archaeological
 - Planning
 - Housing Advisory Forum
 - Braeside Centre
 - City & Country Consultation
 - Dementia Task Group
- For the Town he has:-
- Attended the Saturday Councillor Surgery
 - Been appointed to the Library Task Force
 - Arranged for signs in Newburgh Place for the properties
 - Yellow lines and gullies in Cricklade Road are being re-done
 - Arranged for blue bags to be delivered where they had been missed
 - Is dealing with the lack of 'give way' signs on Folly Drive, Henley Drive etc.
 - The second traffic survey of the Traffic Lights will be on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30am
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. Attended as Borough Councillor:-
- Archaeological Advisory Board
 - Full Council
 - Resources and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee where we talked about Risk areas within portfolios, Implications of Parishing and questioned the Cabinet Member for finance on budget issues
 - Attended Planning training
 - Sat on Licensing Panel for a premises in Moredon
 - Training session for Education Transport Appeals

- Councillor Surgery where we had 3 residents with complaints and 1 resident with a compliment

Attended as Deputy Mayor of Swindon

- Hosted British Citizenship
- Attended many functions as Deputy Mayor for the Twinning with Saltzgitter
- Opened a coffee and cake morning for Macmillan at Moulton Hall, Penhill
- Attended Youth Choir Concert at the Arts Centre
- Charity Cheque Presentation for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

c. Councillor S Weisinger. He has attended and undertaken the following:-

- Economy & Regeneration committee
- SBC Full Council
- Adults health & Social Care committee
- Streetsmart & Highways committee. **Bin collection days are to change, residents will receive letters to advise them of the new days and for the first collection only, bin bags will be collected.**
- Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee
- Councillors Surgery
- Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council
- Brexit Sub Committee
- Dealing with resident in Brewery Street Car Park
- Other Residents issues

Councillors indicated that they would like the Borough Councillors report on all issues affecting Highworth.

CORRESPONDENCE

71. a. Highworth May Day Charter Market 2017. Accounts and Constitution were presented for this event to support the request from Committee for Highworth Town Council is to continue to fund the event with a £3500.00 grant. Councillors agreed to continue to support the Event and will put the funding in the next Precept.
- b. E Mail from Resident Regarding Raised Man Hole Covers in Grassed Areas. The groundsmen are to identify the whereabouts of the iron works, and the relevant Utility is to be asked to do remedial work.
- c. E Mail from HTFC Providing Information on Car Parking to Support their Request to Hold 2017 Football Tournament. Councillors requested confirmation that Warneford School has agreed to the overflow parking and would like a traffic management plan for the most affected areas of The Elms, The Green, Cricklade Road and parts of Swindon Street.
- d. Request by HTJFC - Wrde Up Music Festival on 8th July 2017 Permission sought to use the Rec Fields from 2.00pm to 11.00pm music to finish at 10.30 pm. Councillors unanimously agreed to the request.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

72. a. Councillor N Gardiner. Borough Councillor S Weisinger is to approach Swindon Borough Council, Streetsmart opposing the removal of the Recycling Centres at Newburgh Place and Brewery Street at the end of October and to ask why the Town Council was not consulted.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop. As a matter of courtesy SBC should inform this Council of anything having a direct effect on our residents eg. Changing the Bin Collection days.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) P Webster. She thanked Keith Smith (now a Councillor), the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the work that they have put into the Neighbourhood Plan.
- d. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. Councillors unanimously agreed to introduce a maximum of 10 minutes at the beginning of each Committee meeting for Members of the Public to speak on an Agenda Item. The rules regarding Public Question Time at the beginning of Full Council Meetings will remain unchanged.
- e. Councillor A Bishop. The Council will agree on a plan for the Podium before any action is taken with the tree.
- f. Councillor G Edwards. The Clerk is to make enquiries of the Police regarding recent door-to-door selling activity.
- g. Councillor K Smith. A letter is to be sent to Swindon Borough Council pointing out an erroneous statement in the Cabinet papers served in June regarding minor fly-tipping, and removal of minor acts of graffiti. Confirmation that the error has been corrected is to be sought. The transfer of services and impact of the forthcoming Parishing on Highworth is to be an Agenda Item.
- h. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny informed the Council that a Borough Officer responsible for Finance has moved on. Her replacement is to be invited to visit this Council, once appointed.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.16 pm