

Highworth



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36.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL 20th FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT

Councillor N Gardiner (in the Chair)

Councillors: R Acres
A Bishop
(Mrs) J H Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
(Mrs) A M Durrant
G Edwards
(Mrs) A H Livall
(Mrs) M R Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

4 Members of the Public, 1 Member of the Press,

APOLOGIES

90. Councillors C Adams, P Adams and (Mrs) P Webster

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit)

91. Why does the Council not urge Aldi to apply to build its proposed Supermarket on Crane Furlong Land instead of at Blackworth? Councillors rejected this suggestion as it is Aldi's decision of site and the Council has no powers or influence to interfere with that. HTC wrote its Neighbourhood Plan in which it was decided that this site should be allocated to housing.



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Twinned with Wassenberg



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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

92. None

MINUTES OF MEETING

93. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2018 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED**

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

94. **RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
- a. **Planning Committee 6th February 2018 and 13th February 2018**
 - b. **General Purpose and Finance Committee 6th February 2018**
 - c. **Leisure Committee 6th February 2018**

MATTERS ARISING

95. a. Full Council Minute 79. The average £1.00 increase per household for the Police Precept has now been agreed by the Police and Crime Panel.
- b. Full Council Minute 84a. Swindon Borough Council has been pursued for a quotation for works to the Fox Roundabout, a response from 'Lighting' is currently awaited.
- c. Extra-Ordinary Planning Meeting, Minute 89. Should a resident wish to organise a petition regarding the Aldi Planning Application, the Council Office would be willing to have a copy for people to sign, but it would be up to the organiser to ensure it is delivered to SBC. Councillors believe that a petition organised by residents would carry more weight than if it were put forward by HTC which has already responded to the Consultation.
- d. General Purpose & Finance, Minute 70. Leon Bolton is to be asked to distribute said figures to Highworth Town Council.
- e. General Purpose & Finance, Minute 72. Councillors have been contacted by email regarding a date for the invitation to tea in the Mayor's Parlour at Swindon Borough Council.
- f. Leisure Meeting, Minute 51. The Football Foundation has pledged up to 50% of the funding for a 3G pitch, there are other organisations that can be approached for the remainder.
- g. Leisure Meeting, Minute 56b. The Conservation Officer is to be advised of a property in Swindon Street that requires her attention.

HTC RERESENTATIVE AT WILTS FA MEETINGS

96. Councillors agreed that the Chair of Leisure together with Councillor R Acres be selected to represent the Town Council on this Committee.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

97. a. Councillor A Bishop. He has attended and dealt with the following as Borough Councillor:-
- Police and Crime Commissioners meeting in Salisbury,
 - Adult Health Committee meeting at SBC,
 - Budget meeting for the Police and Crime Commissioners,
 - Archaeological Advisory Board,
 - Arranged for the felling of a tree on Sevenfields,
 - Arranged for bins to be collected in Blunsdon, and received a letter of thanks for it,
 - Arranged for paving slabs outside Tesco's to be replaced on the same day that they had lifted,
 - Attended the Alcohol Licensing meeting for Roves Farm,
 - Met with Highways and residents of Inglesham regarding reducing the speed limit,
 - An emergency call out to a resident with no heating,
 - Saturday Surgery,
 - Special Planning meeting regarding the Aldi Application, David Dewart from SBC also attended and was informed that the store is wanted,
 - The letters to Windrush people parking on the grass verges seem to be working – a letter of thanks is to be sent to the Link Magazine.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. Attended the following as Borough Councillor:-
- The lack of white lines on the A361 from Swindon to S Marston has been highlighted and has been included on the lining improvement programme,
 - Middi Haines Court - more electrical sockets are to be installed in some of the bungalows,
 - A Tree Preservation Order is being issued on a number of trees in Redlands Court, as these are likely to be on a new estate, she has been speaking with Officers to ensure that the Borough will take responsibility for them if they are on 'amenity land'.
- c. Councillor s Weisinger. Attended the following as Borough Councillor:-
- Resources and Corporate Scrutiny committee at SBC,
 - Joint Safety Committee Meeting at SBC,
 - Full Council Meeting at SBC,
 - A Digital Processing Workshop,
 - A Meeting with Highways, Inglesham residents and other Borough Councillors,
 - Stanton Parish Council meeting,
 - Scrutiny Committee,
 - Standards Committee,
 - A meeting with a Highways Officer regarding Station Road, it has been reassessed and agreed that yellow lines will not extend as far as planned, to allow more parking.

MEMORIAL BENCH

98. Councillors agreed to the installation of a bench to be provided by Tesco, in memory of former Councillor Mike Frost, who worked for Tesco for many years. Tesco will also provide future maintenance of the bench.

CORRESPONDENCE

99. None.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

100. a. Councillor K Smith. Candidates can chose not to state their Political affiliation on the ballot papers, however most do as their election expenses are paid in some way by the Party that they belong to.
- b. Councillor G Edwards. Councillors were told that Swindon Borough Council should follow and clear up behind the bin men if it is reported that a mess has been made.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant.
- Swindon Borough Council is responsible for clearing litter along the verges of the main road through Inglesham.
 - The Borough Councillors will make enquiries about the progress of Superfast Broadband and report back. Councillor N Gardiner provided an update on the installation of 'fibre' in the town.
- d. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. It is to be reported to SBC that a house in Cricklade Road leaves its recycling boxes out all week.
- e. Councillor (Mrs) J Clark. She reported that a property in the Market Square (Conservation Area) has finally had its roof repaired. Councillor A Bishop is to take her concerns regarding another address in Westrop to SBC.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.50 pm