

# Highworth



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G32.

**MINUTES  
GENERAL PURPOSES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
4 OCTOBER 2016**

### PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

Councillor: A Bishop  
(Mrs) J H Bishop  
(Mrs) J Clark  
(Mrs) A M Durrant  
G Edwards  
N Gardiner  
(Mrs) A H Livall  
(Mrs) M R Penny  
(Mrs) L Vardy  
(Mrs) P M Webster

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Reeves and Ms A Jordan and 9 Members of the Public

### APOLOGIES

34. Councillor C A Adams and P L Adams (Holiday) and Richard Williams (Market Manager)



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

35. None.

## HIGHWORTH MARKET

36. a. Correspondence. None.
- b. Market Manager's Report. Mr Williams reported in writing :  
Everything continues to tick over nicely. I am still researching places to advertise the market around the local area but hope to have this done by next month.
- c. Market Budget. Held over until the next meeting.
- d. Market Accounts. The accounts listed on pages G35 and G36 were agreed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

37. a. Request for room rentals to be kept at current rates for the Committee Room from 4x4 Family Mediation Service. Councillors agreed to this request for 4x4, but to review again following the Town Council Election in 2019.

## PARISHES AND COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM

38. A letter is to be sent to Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) expressing this Councils opposition to the proposed requirement for Larger Councils to go to Referendum if they wish to increase their Precept by 2% or more. This could then be extended to all Parishes in the future. A letter is also to be sent to the MP Justin Tomlinson encompassing the Town Councils responses to WALC/NALC (National Association of Local Councils).

## HIGHWORTH LIBRARY

39. Mr A Reeves and Ms A Jordan - Officers from Swindon Borough Council. They provided Councillors with information regarding the potential future of the Library. The Consultation closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and they are to attend a further Highworth Town Council meeting in November, once the information from the Consultation is available to share.

## **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

40. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. Councillors agreed that she should pursue the possibility of an arrangement with Swindon Borough Council to have dedicated Parking Enforcement Officers for Highworth.

## **ACCOUNTS**

41. The accounts listed on page G37 to G41 were passed and payment of bills authorised.

## **MEMBERS BUSINESS**

42. a. Councillor G Edwards. Parking Meters in Cirencester have recently been pulled out of the ground so it appears parking is free.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) A Lival. Three yearly projections of Council spending cannot be supplied as there is little reliable data to do so.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant. The Swindon Borough Council publication 'Proposed Swindon Library Service Provision and Delivery Model' is still available on the SBC website.

**The Meeting closed at 8.47 pm.**