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G12.

MINUTES GENERAL PURPOSES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 5 July 2016

PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

Councillor: C A Adams
P L Adams
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

Richard Williams (Market Manager) and 2 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

16. Councillors G Evans (Business commitments) and C Cahill.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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Councillors were advised by the Chair that the Public will be asked to leave before item 5 on the Agenda, 'Staffing Matters'.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17. None.

HIGHWORTH MARKET

18. a. Correspondence. None.

b. Market Manager's Report. Mr Williams reported that the Market is going well and there is a happy atmosphere. He is hoping that the Olive Trader will be returning soon and that he has had a number of enquiries from people interested in having a stall.

Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant congratulated him on his use of Facebook to advertise the Market on Saturday mornings.

c. Market Accounts. The accounts listed on pages G15 and G16 were agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

19. None.

ACCOUNTS

20. The accounts listed on page G17 to G21 were passed and payment of bills authorised.

STAFFING MATTERS

21. Extensive research has been undertaken by the Clerk to identify two individuals to take up part-time posts in the Office to support the administrative function and to provide a succession plan for the Council staffing.

Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant and seconded by Councillor C Adams that the two part-time posts identified be advertised with an interview panel including the Clerk and a Councillor. Four Councillors voted in favour and 9 against, not carried.

Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and seconded by Councillor A Bishop that the two individuals chosen by the Clerk be engaged, part-time to work in the Office. Eleven Councillors voted in favour, two Councillors abstained.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

22. a. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant. The Highworth Parish Boundary will not be affected by the current exercise being undertaken by Swindon Borough Council.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. She requested two Agenda Items for the next meeting, an update on the Podium and an update on the replacement of the Public Lavatories.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) P Webster. She thanked the Councillors for their support in the debate regarding Staffing.
- d. Councillor A Bishop. A letter of congratulation is to be sent to the Festival Committee which organised the very successful 'Wrde Up' Festival.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.