



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, 7pm  
At the Community Centre**

**Present:** Keith Smith Ken Saunders Ian Webb Sandra Rendall  
Phil Baker Peter Arnel Paul Newton-Smith Adrian Hares  
Sarah Olnier Alison Durrant Nick Gardiner

**1. Apologies:** Matt Goddard Mark Pritchard Shirley Colbeck-Smith

**Visitor:** Lou Ashford

**Welcome:** To Lou Ashford, a relatively new resident of Highworth interested in what the group is about. Lou introduced herself and vice versa.

**2. Minutes of November Meeting:**

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **PNS** seconded by **PB**

**3. Matters Arising:**

**6. Nexus Project** – have decided to become a Charity. A grant of £1,000 received from SBC

**11. WfCAP** – next years' HCPG insurance looks as if it is okay. Meeting in January to determine what Community Area Partnerships want this will enable WfCAP to know where they stand. Funding still an issue.

**12. Fox Roundabout** – Money is still there for fox refurbishment but it needs to be spent soon, HTC pushing for this. **PB** worried from HCPG's point of view that 106 monies set aside will disappear into the SBC pot if not spent soon. **KS** will write on behalf of HCPG to HTC and SBC Chief seeking assurance that 106 monies set aside for Highworth are safe, as some monies promised for projects have already been used elsewhere.

**13. Puddleducks Breakfast** – 5 of us attended a well-attended and delicious breakfast. Money raised £486

**From Septembers:**

**11. Post Boxes** – **KS** will write to Chief of Post Office to request a post box in the High Street

**4. Report from HTC representative: NG**

- Twelve Oaks has been purchased by Swindon Town Football Club as a training ground. Previous planning application for Holiday Cottages which won on appeal; will this still be happening?
- Nat West is to be turned into a coffee shop accessible to all, with mums and prams in mind. Original bay window to be put back in. 2,000 sq. ft. upstairs could be used for community space.
- HTC website needs updating. **NG** will take to next HTC meeting on behalf of HCPG.
- REC – 28/10 was the final first round with 3 formal bids, 12/11 a Q & A with the 3. 7/12 closing for final bids, with the Trustees making the final decision 2 weeks later. Staff will be transferred to the new Company. SBC have set aside £340k for the entire Centres upgrades, £175k of which to be used on the main hall but only when new company have made decisions.

**5. Smartwater: PNS/KS**

Meeting with PCSO Lee who said 'there other things that could work' UV pen. Bob Warton, Crime Prevention and Sgt Copeland both said excellent product, expensive at £25 per household and aimed mainly at large commercial companies. Crime levels in Highworth are very low, 3 burglaries on the outskirts in 3 months.

- [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) you can list and photograph items for free, if burgled this can be given to the police.
  - Homeline or Bobby van is there to assist older members of the community.
  - Are people afraid? Do we need to do a survey? Police have 5 questions they ask, cadets available to help with this.
  - Streetlife – Mentioned in Link. A Facebook page which keeps you informed of what's happening locally
  - If perceived a need we could resurrect Neighbourhood Watch. Decide on what to do at February meeting. **PNS** to report back.
6. **Big Potential: KS/SR**  
This is Big Lottery funded. They have £10m to give away to those setting up a Social Enterprise who is ready to put applications for funding in. A grant of £20-75K is available which pays for an advisor to get them to the point of applying. An insight into Social Impact and Crowd Funding was also on the Agenda. HCPG not yet ready for this stage.
7. **Totally Locally** – Plan to do more (craft sheds) with the Christmas Lights in 2016. Discussion with traders to do Fiver Fest or Magic Tenner for Feb/March time. On 12/3 HAFFT are doing Stand Up for Farmers Sit Down for Breakfast, maybe TL could get involved.
8. **The Vision and Neighbourhood Plan:**  
**Vision** –  
**Neighbourhood Plan** – met on 23/11 first 15 pages and intro are in draft form. It has emerged that a Strategic Environment Assessment needs to be done, which will take approximately 6 weeks.
9. **Safe Places in Highworth: IW**  
Information, dos and don'ts. It's not complicated and it's free. There is not lot of recorded usage but it is there as a safety net for those feeling vulnerable and in need of help.  
**IW** and **PA** to get a steering group set up for 2016, recruit shops and businesses to take part, TL shops. Need to let community know what it is, that it is available and where, PROMOTE it. It could be further developed with a map of where is safe, get PCSO involved and PCC could fund it.
10. **Members Business:**  
**IW** – Cold Calling Zones, are there vulnerable areas in our town? This could be mentioned at Neighbourhood Watch with police support.
- Attending Meeting on 7/12 on common knowledge in Community Engagement
  - **PB** – CAP nationally have won an Award on Debt Counselling
  - Patient Participation a virtual online survey has restarted on surgery website
  - Highworth Dentist seems to be losing staff at a fast rate
  - Shell Garage – petrol prices higher than normal, taken up with Manager
  - **KenS** – Ranger has left Stanton Park but still supporting Pentylands
  - **PA** – who owns trees down Shrevenham Road? HTC or SBC
  - **KS** – Spoke with SCS at the Library. The SBC Cabinet are discussing all of Swindon's Community Assets on 9<sup>th</sup> December, including Highworth Library, the Rec, Community Centre and Ladybird Centre. HCPG members encouraged to read Cabinet papers. HCPG needs to be aware that massive savings are proposed by SBC that will have a major impact on the town. **KS** will follow up.

Next meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016