



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 at 7pm  
The Library, Highworth

1. Present:  
Keith Smith      Maureen Penny      Sandra Rendall      Ken Saunders      Sarah Olnor  
Shirley Colbeck Smith      Paul Newton Smith

Apologies:  
Anthony Peake      Peter Hinton      Jo Cook      Alison Durrant      Claire Smith      Jo Clark

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:  
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by SCS Seconded by PNS
3. Matters Arising: none
4. Report on Meeting about Connecting People etc: KS and MP
  - The first year will be used to set ground rules for the future, this would be difficult to set as different needs required in different towns of each cluster. Money would be available next year for the clusters, therefore we stand a good chance of receiving monies as we are already set up with the Plan. Quick hits needed and requested - more allotments
  - 19<sup>th</sup> May Stronger Communities Forum meeting. Making our Councillors aware of Connecting People Connecting Places. The community group can act as consultants, if we go out and speak to groups about how to do a Plan, we can ask for payment.
  - Wiltshire County Council Meeting on How Partnerships set up and work. WCC have 20 partnerships. 22 villages are in the Stonehenge Partnership, they all receive £5k each from WCC a year to run. SBC should be budgeting for this!
5. Chairmans Report:
  - Regarding the word "worthlessness" and the unemployed. KS had received a letter back from Michael Wills who had received letter from Hazel Blears. Copy attached
  - Our Insurance is covered through being a member of WFCAP.
  - World Class Place report – use quote "high quality and sensitive treatment gives better quality of life" can use this document when applying with our Plan.
6. Vice Chairs Report:
  - a) Council Update: MP had arranged a meeting with Sarah Tough and our 3 Borough Councillors. Discussed closure of Northview School – less than 25% of places taken for September. All schools in Highworth at risk of closure due to child population, we need to look at how to manage housing needs (low cost housing needed) to maintain our schools.  
Website – HTC still want a website, they have a website name but don't use it, website manager needed to maintain it. (PNS has bought Highworth.org.uk for HCPG)
  - b) Other Matters:
    - The Big Arts Plan was going ahead in North Swindon, Helen Miah was asked by MP why wasn't Highworth included?
    - Brian Mattocks said money would be available for groups next year; we need to make sure it doesn't go to HTC.

- Street Smart Meeting – Advertising community what’s on. We need to find out process of planning permission. How and who does SBC get permission from (when they have events)? MP to set up a meeting.
7. Progress on Grants: Grass Roots Grant we have to reapply as criteria have changed. Taking a long time for responses, if any.
  8. Fox Roundabout – current position: MP Meeting with Bob Saunders, invite planning along to see how much SBC will do free of charge. We need a Manager to take on the project (SR will look into email list of who’s interested). Will talk to Malcolm at TSTech to work with HCPG not HBG as they seem to have pulled out. KS will speak to HBG to see if local business people willing to work for free.
  9. Gilberts Alley: SR and Ken S Where do we get money from? Possible £50k available. Speak to local businesses for donations, fund privately. Estimates from local block pavers. Groundwork needs to be planned, idea of Memory Lane, buy a brick KS and Ken S to do.
  10. Job Club Update: MP Going from strength to strength, although more people needed to help run sessions. One to one works well, changed to 10-12 on a Wednesday morning.
  11. Highworth Year of Culture: KS and PNS Calendar of events being finalized. HBG promoting a Highworth Olympics for local clubs to enter.
  12. Members Business:
    - Ken S – Fair Trade will be holding a tasting of products in the council community rooms on 16/7, businesses at 5.30, public from 6.30
    - Ken S – Meeting with Ruth Parsons regarding conservation with Northview and Eastrop schools.
    - Ken S – The Big Lunch 19/7 – a little late to organize anything. (NB. A BIG LUNCH will take place on Rec – 19/7 1pm to 4pm)
    - PNS - updated website has now been completed, can be viewed at [www.highworthpartnership.org/new](http://www.highworthpartnership.org/new). KS will update text. MP to look at Grass Roots Grant to fund management of website.
    - MP - Highworths Got Talent, highly successful, HCPG congratulated HADs.
    - KS - Village Greens – We have been asked by residents of Windrush to get Village Green status for the land between them and the end of Barra Close. This is to stop Barra Close residents who have been extending their gardens, taking land as their own.

Next meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 09 in the Library.