



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2012 at 7pm
The Centre

Present:

Keith Smith	Sandra Rendall	Sarah Olnier	Helen Harris
Ken Saunders	Paul Newton Smith	Shirley Colbeck Smith	

Visitor:

1. Apologies:
Alison Durrant Phil Baker
2. Minutes of February Meeting:
Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS seconded by SO
3. Matters Arising:
6. – On the 26/3 there will be a full planning consultation by Taylor Wimpey regarding the development at Pentylands
4. Correspondence:
 - Mark Pritchard, Locality Facilitator for North Swindon arranging Highworth Forum meetings with Andrea at The Centre in June and October
 - Stuart Henshaw (REC) invited KS to a meeting with regards to the concept of a Sporting Hub on Thursday 15/3
 - Fox Roundabout – Brunel Survey Company have confirmed that gas, electric and water run underneath. Russell Weymouth, landscape architect will redesign plans. Highworth people to do work. HCPG and HTC would like to find a local artist to compete to design and commission the ironwork fox. 106 monies for street art made available. Aim to complete June 2012/September 2012.
 - Chris Annis and Russell Weymouth have walked around the town and would like to do a free brief specification to improve Highworth, this is something positive
 - Jo Clark, Historical Society – A Highworth Heritage Organisation is being set up, does HCPG want to be involved and she would be happy to represent us. All agreed
 - Carmen Chapel emailed KS regarding Link article on changes to St Michaels Church. KS responded that HCPG does not hold joint views and members could give their own views appropriately. This was a matter for the congregation to decide.
5. Report from HTC representative: Written report as follows:
Andrea came to the last full Council meeting to report on her role as Locality Lead and we were encouraged to make use of her and keep her informed. She was liaising with ward councilors to set up a local meeting – but was still waiting for dates.
Neighbourhood Plan is on the agenda of Planning Committee for Tuesday 6/3 at 7.00pm.

HAAFT –AGM is on Tuesday 27/3 at 7.30 in Council Rooms – all welcome. We are looking for new volunteers to join group. It is not onerous. Up to 10 meetings per year (not Aug or Dec). Usually 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm. Cake is often involved!

6. Review of the Vision: report by KS
No meeting of HCPG had been held
MP, KS and the HTC Planning Committee met Phil Smith, SBC re Neighbourhood Plan and The Vision. It was agreed that the two should complement each other but not appear as one document.
- Vision - entails what is happening over the next 20 years which needs to be revised and updated
 - PB, KS, KenS a fourth person needed. Results from Neighbourhood Plan will be used for the Vision, Census details still not published
 - MP and KS would like to attend Training Course on Community Consultation, will use Andrea, locality lead to do this
 - Anne Hinton email – “Totally Locally” are we interested in website that encourages locals to spend £5 a week in their own community. HH will look at and bring to next meeting
 - Neighbourhood Plan – looks at housing, businesses, economics, why where, what and future infrastructure. At the next full council meeting HTC will invite HCPG on behalf of them to do a consultation as they have put forward to do a Neighbourhood Plan. “HCPG will be keen to support HTC in assisting with the Neighbourhood Plan”
 - On 28/2 Neighbourhood Plan workshop which involved the Localism Act. It enables communities to have control (a safeguard) over what happens and where.
 - Only a Parish or Town Council can write a Neighbourhood Plan. SBC will provide technical assistance, HTC must fund the preparation (government grants available). SBC vet then approve and a referendum of 51% of the community to agree.
 - Wroughton and South Marston are writing Neighbourhood Plans
7. Action for Market Towns Awards:
The proposals are due in by 23/3. MP to do, HCPG to support HCA in this
8. Members business:
- HH – The Link in big print, sponsorship needed to support this
 - SO – Pentylands, 2 needles have been found in a stream. Payback Team continue to do ground works
 - SO – Neighbourhood Watch, Mark Jackson standing in at present
 - SCS – Tourism in the Library. An area is possible but would not be able to man it. Official signs in the process of being sought. HCPG have purchased the domain name Visithighworth.co.uk.
 - KenS – Dog Walk Watch in cooperation with the police, if you see anything suspicious dial 101

Next Meeting Wednesday 4th April 2012, 7pm at the Centre

Please note there is no meeting of full HCPG on Wednesday 4th April.

Next full meeting Wednesday 2nd May