



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2013 at 7pm  
The Centre**

**Present:**

Keith Smith	Sandra Rendall	Phil Baker	Paul Newton Smith
Sarah Olnier	Alison Durrant	Ken Saunders	Adrian Hares

**1. Apologies:**

Shirley Colbeck Smith   Helen Harris   Suzanne   Maureen Penny

**2. Minutes of February Meeting:**

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

**Fox Roundabout** – still no further forward

**4. Correspondence:**

- Lorraine Floyd had visited the Rec regarding the Sporting Hub proposals, she had written to David Lane to express that HCPG were still being displayed as being involved in assisting with the consultation. KS wrote back to explain the situation.
- Letter received from Angela Livall – noticing that HCPG were not in attendance supporting the Hub proposals. HCPG should be getting involved as per The Vision. KS to respond
- Helen Harris had emailed regarding Cycle Stands being on the Agenda, this was an HCA matter and would be dealt with at that meeting. SAR to email, *done*
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust had sent information relating to community orchards, passed on to KenS
- Maxine from The Village Green had written regarding vehicles driving over the grass in the wet weather. Talk to Highworth in Bloom, regarding possible flower borders to stop this.
- Action for Market Towns (WFCAP) – would we like to renew membership for free, yes. KS spoke about Totally Locally, nobody in Wiltshire doing. A) Meeting on 14/3 helping to understand 2012 Localism Act on Right to Build, Right to Challenge, Right to Buy. KS send WFCAP details to AH
- Healthwatch – Replacing Swindon Link on 1<sup>st</sup> April. SBC have employed Parkwood Health Ltd to develop it, supposedly local and independent. Its recommendations will have a stronger body than previous.
- Crime Reduction Partnership [www.crp-news.com](http://www.crp-news.com) news, opinions etc
- Read and comment online regarding Police and Crime Commissioners Report, which has been condemned by Wiltshire Council, basically a waste of time.
- WFCAP news to be put in a folder and left in the Centre for others to read.

**5. Report from HTC Representative: AD**

- Dougie Grant, Twelve Oaks Golf Course, Lechlade Road – HTC unanimous in not supporting proposal. Need to retain Highworth Golf Club, owned by SBC. HTC wrote to DG outlining this. Hopefully SBC will support HTC on this decision. A HTC Councillor suggested that HCPG lease Twelve Oaks and the land and attach to Pentylands.
- Taylor Wimpey has said there is £500K in 106 monies plus extra, have 7 years in which to use, and we receive via SBC when 50% of houses sold. As a group we need to discuss where it should be used. Organisations will have to bid, propose £x per project. Suggest asking the community their top 3. Now is the time to put forward projects from the Vision. HTC will set up a working party, KS to write to David Lane to ask if HCPG can be a part of it.

Sporting Hub - HTC received a copy of the community questionnaire 24 hours before town council meeting, this is inadequate time. HTC offered suggestions for improvement to the questionnaire and letter. SBC have already spent £7k, at present there is a 60-40 against the proposals amongst the community, with a growing in favour of the astro turf going to Warneford

## 6. **Projects for 2012**

**Highworth The Vision:** Pending – Tuesday 12/3 at 10.30am

**Local Food Strategy: AH** – HCPG now fully committed to Totally Locally, meeting every two weeks with Anne Hinton and Gerry Reily.

- Not looking at Community Shop as this is more in line with a village.
- Continue to gather information, seek advice, look at becoming a business.
- 5/6 farmers already interested in supplying. HCPG to ask community what they would like.
- Need to have an event to raise profile, get existing sellers and new ones on board, some would be competitors. Maybe have a guest pitch at the Saturday Market with food tasting.
- AH to make contact with Gordon and Emma White, Hannington, maybe also KS to contact Jane Hunt.
- Next meeting 13/3, 8pm at the Centre where a Marketing person will be attending.

## 7. **Members Business:**

**KenS** – Week of Action 8/4 at 7.30pm in Council Chambers, Friends of Pentylands

Richard Williams with SBC doing litter pick at Brewery Street Car Park on 21/3, 10am

**PB** – Potential of GP Surgeries being taken over by private companies, smaller surgeries at greater risk. Swindon Healthwatch not happy with us putting an article in the Link. Westrop surgery is being modernized. There will also be Ofsted of surgeries.

**AD** – HAFFT Saturday 9/3, 10-1 in the council community room free cake tasting. There was also a good article in the Advertiser this week on Highworth HAFFT

**SO** – Focus On Magazine –looking into

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013, 7pm at The Centre