



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th May 2011 at 7pm
The Library

Present:

Keith Smith	Sandra Rendall	Sarah Olnier	Anthea Beaumont
Claire Smith	Paul Newton Smith	Helen Harris	Maureen Penny
Shirley Colbeck	Smith		

1. Apologies:

Jo Cook Peter Arnel Ken Saunders Alison Durrant

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PNS Seconded by AB

3. Matters Arising: none

4. Correspondence:

- The office for Civil Society, The Cabinet Office want to work locally to share intelligence on implications of Big Society, this group cover Swindon to Cornwall and provide background information on Big Society projects.
- Environment Regeneration – the Core Strategy consultation has been expanded. Jim Muir from SBC has contacted KS to meet regarding proposed business units at Blackworth on 11/5. KS will email to find out exactly what the meeting entails before agreeing to go because of the fallout over the proposed Pentylands Development.
- Localism Bill – KS wrote to Phil Smith, Chief Planner, SBC who is offering £20k grants for Neighbourhood Planning. He is at present working with South Marston but Highworth do stand a good chance. Antony Peake asked should we be doing something and can he help us? As soon as the new HTC council has been elected, KS will write to HTC suggesting a working party for HCPG and HTC to work together. HTC have to take the lead with HCPG supporting. Has to be decided and confirmed at first HTC meeting (this has been carried forwards from last council)

5. Chairman's Report:

- Phyllis from The Bridge – would like to work closer with all organizations
- Mayors Ball – excellent time had by all who attended
- Link Strategy Group – KS has resigned from this.

6. Vice-Chair Person's report:

- Silverthreads Hall has closed as they can no longer sustain it

7. 2011 Projects:

Highworth Community Centre –

- contract still no signed but plenty of interest
- Prayer Group – signing contract to use facilities 9 to 5 seven days a week
- Masons – will be using the facilities from July. Also happy to put money in to Centre
- June 11th – people will be shown around
- Birthday parties are now being booked
- Road signage need to show directions to Centre

- Rota of voluntary cleaners needed for Centre
The Fox Roundabout –
 - Groundworks will do proper plans free of charge. Roundabout has new light alongside the old light – still ongoing

8. Members Business:

KS – Thanks to CS extended schools for providing an Urban Morris dance groups to perform on May Day, this was done after an Easter workshop.

Pentylands AGM – Community Pay Back Team starting in the park

PNS – Elizabethan Booklets raised £200. A donation of £100 towards the fund from a visitor of an International Maritime Organisation was given as he really enjoyed his day out.

KS - Thanks to people of Highworth in the Link

AB –Thanks to HADS for loan of costumes

Blackworth – sale signs and car sales on verge. MP to look into

SCS – Library will be open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from the 4/7, but will close at 7 not 8 with an extra evening. There will be a consultation for any objections. KS extended his thanks to the helpful staff.

Next meeting Wednesday 1st June 2011 in the Library