



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 1st September 2010 at 7pm
The Library, Highworth

1. Present:

Keith Smith	Paul Newton Smith	Sarah Olnor	Sandra Rendall
Maureen Penny	Shirley Colbeck Smith	Alison Durrant	Anthea Beaumont
Jo Clark	Maxine Clifford	Peter Arnel	Helen Harris

Apologies:

Ken Saunders	Claire Smith	Jo Cook
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Visitors:

Allyson Jordan, Libraries

Michelle Matthews, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by SCS Seconded by JC

3. Matters Arising:

5. Open Spaces – Helen Harris had already joined, she would see if a refund for HCPG would be possible

The following ensued from the Visitors who were not on Agenda

Allyson Jordan - Following closure of some libraries a full consultation with users and non users of libraries has taken place towards a new whole library strategy. Allyson asked HCPG if we could help with ideas to promote and improve the library services remembering different aspects for different towns needed. Interim findings are as follows: Hardest area to ask was non-user males between 35-59 and those too busy. How could we promote this age range? (Football clubs, pubs) Conversation followed with ideas. Make use of Friends of Library, HCPG could assist them in finding funding to help run courses. Set up a Marketing and Advertising Group to better promote.

Michelle Matthews – Is one of four engagement officers working for SBC, consulting and encouraging community groups to work with the council.

Having spoken with MP, Michelle has been working on the Fox Roundabout; complete costing from SBC is £23K with extensive permissions to go through. HCPG sub group will go through. Possible funding from 106 monies, also there are sources available to assist with the form filling. Northview – understands that community hub is in the pipeline and will assist in anyway. Would more consultation help, can assist us? – Not at the moment.

PCT questionnaire – on delivery of services across a broad range of care etc.

Michelle to be put on email list and invited to meetings.

4. Northview Community Hub, update – chasing and waiting for SBC who are not committing at the moment. Change of Use has gone through. Community Groups are taking interest in using facilities when ready.
5. Chairman's Report:
 - Congratulations to Helen Harris who is new editor of the Link
 - LINK change to Healthwatch – KS to go to explanation meeting
 - HBG – Composting in Highworth, Adrian Hares, local farmer interested in this scheme
 - Bee Keeper from Stanton Fitzwarren Country Park is looking to move his bees to a different area, ideas needed
6. Vice Chairperson's Report:
Council update - none
7. Progress on Green Spaces, HH – With regard to green land at Wessex Way, planners say land has been bought, footpath is now closed. The only way forward would be to declare it green, but difficult. Legal knowledge and Definitive footpath map needed on footpaths. Liaise with Ramblers group, HH to contact Solicitor Mr Hare for advice. MP to chase SBC on the results of the footpath walker. MP to take to HTC to not support future builds.
8. AGM – What do we want to do?
Council rooms have been booked for the 6th October. MP to ask possibility of using Northview School, to highlight possible new facilities, also to celebrate Fairtrade. Invite Sara Tough
9. Members Business:
Pentylands – Battle of Bands attended by 1,000 people, congratulations on a wonderful day, high praise to those who organised event, special thanks to Sara.
HAFFT - Launch Sept 25th. Models needed for fashion show. SR to email Jackie Barras information to AD. Co-op Fairtrade event for the next 3 weeks
Year of Culture – New programme out soon. Thought: Jungle Drums, email list of groups where surveys, problems arising etc could be forwarded around the community. Management of this would be difficult, PA to write thoughts down on how to run. SCS, possibility of someone who could do this for us
Job Club - Need to re advertise
10. AOB
KS – notice board in Library Foyer has been erected, label of who donated to be done. A4 computer written posters only, no commercial accepted
AB - 2012 Festival, new committee required, do HCPG want to get involved? Historical Society celebrating 40th year, also Olympics

Next meeting will be AGM on Wednesday 6th October 2010

Place tbc