

Minutes of HCPG Meeting 5th September 2018

Meeting started at 19:15

Present KS, KenS, Phil Baker Alison Durrant, and Adria Young Ryan Acres.

1. Apologies: Ian Webb, Sandra Rendall, Ian James, Martin Wellsted, Paul Newton Smith, Nick Gardiner(On Holiday) .
2. Minutes approved as true record. Proposed by KenS, seconded by PB
3. Matters arising: Item 3: KS has written to McColl's regarding Canopy and refurbishing the shop: PB has only had a holding response to his letter. Item 10: Pharmacy to you. KS has spoken to the Pharmacist and there is an article in the September link.
4. HTC rep reported the first full council meeting after the recess will be held on the 18th Sept. The Aldi application will be reviewed at the next SBC planning meeting. HTC reversed its decision on the Tommy memorial will donate £750 and Tommy will go on the podium for limited time.
5. Credit Union: KS wished to thank KenS for sorting out the CU for Highworth. There has been a media release by SBC in the Adver re loan shark warning and promoting The Credit Union. KenS gave general information on current state of the credit union.
6. PB reported on Tourism. 2 Consultations held. Business very encouraging especially from the fringes of the town. Public attendance good, good interesting comments and predominantly saying we should go for it. KS Negatives were limited, public offered sensible ideas. AY commented on speed report produce. Thanks given to: Garry L for all the pre work he did. Sandra R for all the work she's put in: Need to work on a leaflet, Web page and a museum which is catching public's interest. RA asked about funding, KS sent application to Plunkett Foundation for 2 days assistance from expert to review and advise how to go forward. Lloyds bank, owner supportive of proposals and happy to wait for HCPG to get back to him. Provisional plans, Tourism info office, Museum & selling local art, craft and touristy items. Plunkett Foundation meeting 26th Sept. KS has name of contact in Economic Dept. Switch on to Swindon, Visit Wiltshire promoting the Great West Way, Windsor to Bristol as a tourist Highway including 15 miles either side of route KS will contact. KS feels the more involvement in these groups more chance of Professional Support. PB stated Tom Wooward has produced a 3 minute promo video which will go on Visit Wiltshire/Visit Highworth websites makes Highworth look very good. Town now on the visit Wiltshire map and 2019 brochure will include Highworth. And looking for travel/national journalists to write about Highworth
7. Town Centre rejuvenation, no further progress mapping tourism and strategy has overlapped and needs to be monitored. RA suggested ticket machine and ANPR on Market Place car park. KS to ask town clerk about parking.
8. Fox Roundabout Thanks to SR for arranging the stone from Burford Quarry delivered free of charge on 4/8/18 KS liaising with Highways to coordinate lowering of chevrons with installation of the fox. Lead member of cabinet for Highways is MP.
9. Fast Fibre Broadband: KS been contacted by Keith Bateman about fibre in Wessex Way Open Reach will not change box 11 to fast fibre as insufficient people attached to the box. RA to email KS with scheme SBC involved in (30 meg £34.00) and KS will contact Mr Bateman.
10. AGM 7.30 pm 7th November. No meeting in December.
11. AOB: PB. Doctors and chemists offering flu jabs discussions between both to reduce chemists poaching patients (flu jabs). Doctors have change procedure for collection of prescriptions for Market Place Chemists as prescriptions being lost. Dr Bestwick back at

work. Food bank now Food Bank Collective. The Bridge currently closed re asbestos and will need to be refurbished. Increased demand for the food bank. Universal Credit numerous glitches. AY was unable to write article for the link but will do report for Nov issue.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm