



## **Minutes from the AGM of the HCPG Meeting held The Centre 7th October 2018**

**Present:** Keith Smith, Sandra Rendall, Paul Newton-Smith, Ian Webb, , Ken Saunders, Alison Durrant, Phil Baker, Ian James, Nick Gardner

**Visitors:** Ann Marie Murphy, Robin Clegg

1. **Apologies:** Ryan Acres, Adrian Young, Martin Wellstead
2. **Minutes of 2017 AGM:** Accepted and proposed **PNS** Secoded **KenS**
3. **Matters Arising:** none
4. **Chair's Report:** See attached Report in full.  
In brief: Progress so far
  - KS reminded us that we operate in line with The Vision and all details are available on line
  - We have been working on 3 projects:
    1. Supporting Lonliness – we have met with SBC sharing ideas and relaunch of Lunch Club at 2 venues including the Community Centre is progressing
    2. Tourism – Part of the Neighbourhood Plan. HTC who are supportive of the idea have paid for Highworth to be members of Visit Wiltshire. Museum/shop in the pipeline
    3. Town Rejuvenation – presently on hold

### **Other Matters:**

- Credit Union – this service opened in the Library in June, slow process
- May Day is growing every year, and celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2019
- Job Club – we have seen a drop in numbers
- HAFFT – everything fair trade
- Highworth in Bloom – many compliments regarding the flower boxes
- Safe Places – still supported

### **In conclusion:**

HCPG continues to use the Vision for Highworth as a template for its activities. Still many projects with which we can be involved and we shall continue to have a positive and fruitful relationship with the council. We want to continue to help to steer this town to a better future, whilst at the same time respecting its wonderful heritage.

I would like to put on record a huge thank you to all members of the Strategy Group. It has been another tremendously busy year and the whole team have been working in their several ways for the benefit of the people of Highworth.

Robin mentioned that there needed to be improved communications between all groups, HTC, HCPG and using facebook more

**5. Financial Report:** see attached

- We hold other groups money
- A good year with £433.31 profit
- Insurance with CDA. Organisations who bank with us would contribute to this cost
- Expenditure at a minimum

**Q. IJ** - £933.98 donation where from? This was pay back of May Day set up funding  
Accounts Proposed **PNS** seconded **SR**, all agreed

**6. Election of Strategy Group:** vote on mass

Accepted and proposed by **PNS** seconded by **KenS**

Email to be sent to absent members to ask if they are willing to stand again **SR**

Visitors asked if they would like to join

**7. Close:**

A big thank you to Keith Smith for all that he does for HCPG and related groups.

Meeting finished 7.58.