



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 30th August 2017, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

Welcome:

Present: Keith Smith Alison Durrant Steve Martin Paul Newton Smith
Ken Saunders Sandra Rendall Adrian Hares Ian Webb
Phil Baker Nick Gardiner Sarah Olnier Ryan Acres

2. Apologies: Gary Llewellyn Alice Douglass Ian James

Visitor:

3. Minutes of July Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **KenS** seconded by **SM**

4. Matters Arising:

From July 2016:

4. Post Box – KS still to do

From May 2017:

8. Puddleducks – The Old Bakery has proved to be very successful

McColls – Commencement of repairs 25/9 from top to bottom. Manager is pushing for a total inside refurbishment and cashpoint.

From July 2017:

5. Safe Water – This is a no go for community groups

8. Skatepark – licence has been granted, signed and returned. It has been classed as play equipment. Leisure meeting 5/9

5. Correspondence: none

6. Report from HTC representative, RA:

Football Club – updating changing rooms, HTC working with them

Neighbourhood Plan – subject to further 6 weeks consultation. Redlands development for 75 properties to be submitted

Police – non-dwelling burglaries, regular patrols and surgeries being held on the Podium.

Police Model - being changed again, split into 2. They have a duty to protect our town and that we receive correct policing. Rate of crime has decreased.

Planning permission - 4 homes in Hampton ruled against as inside Neighbourhood Plan but outside boundary

Wroughton housing development – SBC not against as QC said no hope. KS will write as member of public to Minister for Culture and Local Government, Highworth needs to be on our guard. Also talk with local MP on 5 year housing supply, fully supports this but disagrees on basic housing policy

7. Programme for 2017:

Town Centre Update – nothing new.

Following meeting held by Mike Buss and members of public (good turnout). It was felt nothing new achieved. Items discussed included Post Box, ATM, negativity. We all have the same concerns as is already being discussed about. **SR** to ask Mike Buss for his meeting notes

KS – action on Post Office, ask Lloyds Bank man Chris to see if he will take on

Tourism – Meeting with Visit Wiltshire, Highworth Hotel. 2 part attack, coach and hotels
Tourist Information not fit for purpose but adamant it stays where it is. How does it operate, how many visitors? New sign needed. Could we have 2 centres? Invite Malcolm, Lighthouse Bookshop to a meeting.

Care in the Community – Met with Debbie from Methodist Homes, looking for volunteers

8. Credit Union:

Meeting 30/8 with Trevor Stinton, Supervisor and Rob Green, Director of Wiltshire Savings and Loans based in Salisbury. Andrew Hill, Financial Inclusion Office, SBC.

Would like to establish a credit union in Highworth.

Villages have been amalgamated and taking over Walcot and Parks. The Clivey want to stay independent.

Keen for expansion around Swindon,

Process a lot easier than we thought. They provide all back office we provide counter service.

Creditability has to be established through regular saving before loans given.

Everything done by hand although computers are being looked into.

Interest is 3% max.

We would work with Kathryn Ford of CAP.

Costs involved? SBC obliged on this policy

Do we go ahead with setting up Credit Union in Highworth **Proposed PB seconded KenS**

KS will push ahead

Volunteers so far – KS KenS, SR, IW and one other to be confirmed

9. Members Business:

PB – CAP now has a second debt coach trained. In 3 years, 70 families have been assisted.

Foodbank – steady trade. Some families going 10 weeks without money because of new Universal Credits set up. 4 or 5 seen a week

Patient Group - new questionnaire out soon. According to Moray Service, Highworth is 2nd out of 25 surgeries. Fully staffed with 15 minute appointments. Use surgery for flu jabs as this brings in money

NG - litter picking in Brewery Street. Overgrown area in car park would like nice cleared with wood chippings

AH – Winding up Totally Locally check with **PB/SR**

SR – Minutes. Should these be sent out to HCPG friends group? Post on facebook pages with a paragraph about HCPG

10. Next meeting AGM on 18th October, 7.30pm in Room 3