

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6th February 2013 at 7pm Brooks Cellar Bar

Present:

Keith Smith Sandra Rendall Phil Baker Paul Newton Smith Adrian Hares Helen Harris

1. Apologies:

Shirley Colbeck Smith Sarah Olner Alison Durrant Ken Saunders Suzanne

2. Minutes of January Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by PB seconded by PNS

3. Matters Arising:

Fox Roundabout – Meeting cancelled, no further forward **KenS** looked into attending the Police Conference, no places available

4. Correspondence:

- WFCAP they mention the Guardian Website as having top tips on Community Engagement with a link to Big Local and possible grants
- Energy Renewable an interesting meeting held in Bradford on Avon. Should we consider looking into utilities and green composting?
- 14/3 Neighbourhood Plan Preparation Seminar (SBC) from 9.30 3.30. HH interested in attending

5. Report from HTC Representative: AD

- Dougie Grant, Twelve Oaks Golf Course, Lechlade Road has expressed an interest in swapping his
 course for the Highworth Golf on the grounds that this would free up land for development
- Possible development at Kingsdown and the effect it would have on Highworth. Blunsdon keeping
 us informed

Sporting Hub -

- Questionnaire is now being done by an independent consultant. Cost could be £5K (?) assuming SBC are paying for this, HTC have been approached for a contribution but declined due to lack of funds.
- Why is Blunsdon involved? As they don't pay towards our precept
- Concern over Stuart Henshaw's article in the Link over inaccuracies and omissions especially relating to the role of HCPG. A letter will go into the Link showing our concerns
- **6. Sporting Hub update on consultation:** AD letter to the Link resistance to proposals by residents, make sure local residents have their say.

Suggest people go to meetings to make views known.

Who is driving HUB, SBC or Stuart Henshaw

HCPG voted not to get involved – KS will write to SH to express not compromising our neutrality

7. Projects for 2012

Highworth The Vision: KS had meeting with HTC to look at preservation areas, meeting on 16/2 for community views, these will go into the plan

Local Food Strategy: AH

- Plunkett Community Shops Network login details to be emailed to everyone.
- HCPG not to be seen as favouring one business over another, to seek opinions of businesses. Funds are available but would have to match. Look at setting up as a charitable company
- What questions to ask etc
- Resurrect a business group that would work

8. Members Business:

KS – Rock up in Red (British Heart Foundation) was held in Highworth where businesses raised a magnificent £554, many thanks

PB –Patients Forum – Dr Lloyd has retired. Still need more people to complete questionnaires online. Article for Link on Commissioning. Swindon Link becomes Swindon Healthwatch with a different function

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March 2013, 7pm at The Centre