



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

1. Welcome:

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Present: Keith Smith Alison Durrant Steve Martin Paul Newton Smith
Ken Saunders Sandra Rendall Ian James

2. Apologies: Phil Baker Alice Douglass Adrian Hares Nick Gardiner
Gary Llewellyn Ian Webb Sarah Olnier

Visitor: Mike Buss

3. Minutes of June Meeting:

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

4. Matters Arising:

From July 2016:

4. Post Box – KS still to do

From May 2017:

8. Puddleducks – Rob from The Wine Bar opening it as a Tea Shop and bakery

McColls – **KS** spoke with Head Office, 3 estimates are with the Directors for approval. Liz Smith Gibbons, SBC has given approval as a repair

9. Pipelines through Pentylands – This is on hold until planning for Twelve Oaks by Swindon Football Club has been decided because of services and road updates. Also Thames have no money, could take 2 years.

From June:

8. Fox Roundabout – HTC have written to SBC to request lowering of chevrons.

KS needs to have a chat with Norman Jeffries and Ken Hooper re planters on roundabout.

5. Correspondence:

Police and Commissioners Community Action Fund - £40k to share in Wiltshire between projects which relate to community safety, reduction in rural crime etc. Let **IW** know re: Safe Places, Nexus?

SR email from Anne Hinton re deal on Safe Water, £8.99 instead of £60. Is there the possibility of HCA being able to buy 10 packs? **SR** to ask.

6. Report from HTC representative, RA:

Aldi - Representatives presented to HTC with 3 options. Aldi only, Aldi and Business Park, Aldi and infrastructure. 88% of community in favour for. 2 delivery lorries per day, concerns were with regard to impact on High Street and increased traffic. They have agreed that they could advertise our High Street.

Some confusion with Councillors as to who should have been notified about proposal as Industrial Units in Neighbourhood Plan but land for Aldi not. Nothing to do with HTC as Neighbourhood Plan had already been sent to SBC in October 16. Phil Smith, SBC Forward Planning received initial correspondence on 1/12/16 from Turleigh (agents) regarding a proposal.

Existing Blackworth Industrial Units are in a poor state and large.

Swindon Town Football Club – want to redevelop and build an HQ and training facility but don't have sufficient funds, they want to build 18 houses to fund this. Planning approval for 18 holiday lodges was in place when they purchased the land. This is also outside the settlement boundary.

Junior Football Club – discussion of having an astro pitch again, would HTC support this? Planning has lapsed.

Podium - Preservation Order on tree and a Facebook petition has been set up to save tree. The tree is unsafe and could continue to dig up podium and possibly building nearby. Next step to speak to SBC to remove TPO. The podium would be removed to get at roots and rebuilt with a new Acer Gold tree in a large pot to the side of the podium.

Save Libraries – SLA from SBC legal department still not received. HTC would like to make sure that their investment in Highworth Library has been well spent. Footfall results required. Electronic wiring being done in library but not sure when card entry systems being put in. August 31st was cut off date for this service.

7. **Programme for 2017:**

Town Centre Update – working plan needed

- Nat West building has new windows; flats completed hopefully Café opening September.
- Lloyds Bank building has been purchased by Chris Kane, flats above, considering what retail to have on ground floor. **KS** has approached regarding having ATM reinstated, he has Chris's permission to investigate. If Cash Zone, they pick up the costs. Metro Bank?
- King and Queen has new Managers and has been done up.

Tourism – Progressing. Next meeting September.

Care in the Community – From the details, **KS** has found Red Cross and Age UK to be the most informative. Norman Edwards looking for volunteers, **KS** will email him.

SR to chase Debbie Rose.

8. **Members Business:**

KenS – Skatepark. Waiting for consent and paperwork from David Lane, HTC and SBC Funding is still available, but the longer it goes on this could be lost.

SM – Pigeons in High Street are increasing again. **KS** may look into another cull.

IJ - Police were doing Speed checks in and around St Michaels and Lechlade Road area.

Next meeting September