

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2019, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

Welcome

Present: Keith Smith Paul Newton Smith Ken Saunders Robin Clegg
Ian Webb Sandra Rendall Steve Martin Sara Kelly

1. Apologies: Alison Durrant Sarah Olnier Ian James

Visitor:

2. Minutes of April Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

Fibre – NG gave this as an update, super fast available to all cabinets

4. Tourism – update and action:

Fundraising - Shares received £7,440

Grants – Freke Norton £10k confirmed, HCA £12K, URC £5k tbc

There has been sufficient interest to proceed, therefore refurbishment can commence

Cheese and Wine Evening on 19/6, 7pm

We have the Tenancy at Will. Chris Kane has had sight of the Lease

3 CVs have been received for the Managers job. The advert will appear in the July issue of the Link. Does this position need to be DBS checked?

Hopefully CPT can start at the bank tomorrow to clear walls and floor

It has been confirmed that 'Shine Radio' will be renting the front office. This is god for us

Open Saturday morning 10-12 to advertise the Cheese and wine. **KS** to do A3 posters at the library

HCPG to buy £1k in shares **Proposed KenS Seconded PNS** agreed by all.

5. New Town Council:

Representative reporting on HTC full council meeting and HCPG will be Nick Gardiner

6. May Day Market Report:

A really good turnout for the 10th anniversary although very cold. Next year may see structured fees and payment up front. Bucket collections in pubs and certain shops. More volunteers needed. SR expressed thanks to the usual suspects for all their help. SR was thanks for another successful day. May Day Account, costs covered with a small profit.

7. Insurance:

Insurance due 12/4, £257.25 paid on 16/4. This is recovered from May Day and Highworth in Bloom contributing to cost.

8. Great British High Street:

Aga from the Emporium bought this to our attention last year, we had previously discussed a few years ago, we are ready now to apply.

In brief – We would apply to the Rising Star High Street Award which gives a £15k prize. 150 word summary, 850 words covering introduction, customer experience, digital transformation, environment, innovation with images, videos and photos. Aga will help us. Closing date 4/7

After closing date, 40 towns chosen, independent judges will visit Aug/Sept, whittle down to 28, prize giving in November.

SR to email link to committee for ideas etc

9. Members Business:

PNS – Spar has possibly changed hands. King and Queen Managers have been sacked, new tenants being found

KenS – Volunteers needed to help with the restoration of the agricultural machinery. It is felt that SBC should be shamed into funding a shelter for the machines, seeing as though they did not rescue them from the scrap yard following the fire at Richard Jeffries Museum.

SR – suggested a BBQ and get together for HCPG, HCA and May Day at the community centre in August

Meeting finished at 8.14pm