

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2016, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

Present: Keith Smith Phil Baker Steve Martin PaulNewton-Smith
Adrian Hares Sandra Rendall Alison Durrant Gary Llewellyn
Ian Webb Ian James

1. Apologies Nick Gardiner Ken Saunders Sarah Olnier Alice & Justin Douglass
Andy Reeve

Visitor:

Welcome

2. Election of Officers:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Keith Smith	Phil Baker	Ian Webb
Vice Chair	Paul Newton-Smith	Sandra Rendall	Phil Baker
Secretary	Sandra Rendall	Keith Smith	Ian Webb
Treasurer	Ken Saunders	Keith Smith	Phil Baker

Keith said he would stand as chair for another year

3. Minutes of July Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **IJ** seconded by **PNS**
11. incorrect wording - Green wheelie bin to be replaced with compost bin

4. Notes from Library Strategy Meeting:

It was agreed that these were deemed as notes and were filed with Minutes of July 2016

5. Matters Arising:

Item 5. PNS meeting with Jo Phelps to take place on 7/11

From July:

4. Post Box – KS still to contact

6. Fox Roundabout – 3 planters have been placed on the roundabout paid for by Mayor Alan Bishop **AD** still to check on what has happened to 106 monies promised and the budget set aside. Check information sent by **GL** also go through previous minutes for confirmations.

11. Podium – following Link article ideas for podium by 1/12 to HTC. Conservation and Tree Preservation people will be involved

6. Report from HTC representative: AD

Better communication by way of an updated, user friendly website and Facebook is needed from HTC to the community for its reporting. Let the community know how Parishes work, how both HTC and SBC operate and what they are responsible for in Highworth, what is a precept and what does it pay for? **KS and AD** to take to HTC.

7. Highworth Library Update:

- In August a positive meeting with 60 people was held. HCPG were told off for doing banners and petition. **PB** said that it was 'our democratic right'. All Library information was placed on the HCPG website to help/inform people with filling out the Library Consultation, which is now with SBC who are writing the new Strategy. HCPG concerned that nothing will change. Talks have been held with Robert Buckland and Justin Tomlinson. Justin said the library could not be run unstaffed as unsafe due to Health and Safety and will be following this up. He has also spoken with Rob Wilson, lead member for Libraries in Government – Innovation Fund was mentioned, maybe a way forward also Trust status.

- HTC debated and have put a letter in showing their disappointment at 15 hours. Alan Bishop had a private meeting regarding library costs. **AD** had asked for a copy of these meeting notes?
- Sarah Church working with Street-smart Scrutiny Company analysing library costs to see where savings could be made, and misspent monies.
- 6/12 the Strategy goes to Cabinet for approval
- 5/11 coach to London to march against Library cuts

8. Neighbourhood Plan/Vision:

Finally approved by HTC and is now with SBC for Inspectors Report, 6 week consultation, a copy in every Library and online. A decision to be made Jan/Feb, if favourable a referendum will be held April/May.

Vision – Has been put to one side whilst Neighbourhood Plan done, which is largely based on the Vision. Need to restart group to talk and revise what is going in the Vision, should it be projects only? Meet Jan/Feb time; make a proposal and feedback to group.

9. Safe Places in Highworth: IW

This was successfully launched on 19/7 with Police, Mayor and others in attendance. 13 businesses, premises have signed up and display the sticker. ICE cards and leaflets are available for information and to those needing them in the Library, Doctors and Care Homes. HTC still considering whether to be a safe place. Follow up on statistics in New Year. Lions and Link have helped fund initial outlay. Should Warneford School and Nexus be offered this service for possible afterschool bullying?

10. Programme for 2017:

Connexions – explore again with ideas of where it could go, speak to Debra Brown - **YES**

Gilberts Alley – revamp. Need to overcome ownership of land – **YES**

Tourist Information – Need to publicise to community and visitors that we have one, we have the use of website Highworth.co.uk which could be used, how? **PNS and SR – YES**

KS will have a think of how we take forward

11. Members Business:

IW – Alice's Breakfast Club had about 20 attend at The Highworth which was very positive. Mainly self-employed networking.

PB – Surgery now has a Pharmacist to help with repeat prescriptions, and give advice. In contact and in talks with local chemists to deliver. They are 0.5 of a GP down, waiting times are increased although urgent cases are seen.

Smarts Chippy has been subjected to a few racial comments since Brexit, mostly from older community. Lack of policing in Highworth, this issue to be raised by PNS when he meets with Jo Phelps.

PNS – Police have access to HCA premises if needed to do paperwork etc. instead of returning to Gable Cross.

KS - David Lane has sent out details for Tesco 5p bag funds

HCPG owns Village Green at Windrush. Problem with delivery vans driving on and cars parking.

HTC have problems mowing. Looking at putting posts in, may have to raise some fund to do as HCPG has no spare money.

Harris Hawk presently in High Street dealing with pigeons.

HTC will be cleaning the streets

Meeting finished at 9.15pm

**Next meeting January 4th 2017
May meet up for drinks before this**