

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2021, 7.30pm
At the Community Centre**

Welcome:

Visitor:

Present: Keith Smith Paul Newton Smith Alison Durrant Ken Saunders
Ian Webb Sandra Rendall Adrian Young Pauline Webster

Apologies: Ian James Sarah Olnier

3. Minutes of September 2021 Meeting:

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

4. Matters Arising:

11. Website – ongoing, nearly completed

5. Town Council update:

Youth Provision - being investigated

Neighbourhood Plan – moving ahead. The meeting on some aspects held on Saturday 2nd was well attended. VHL happy to have questionnaires for people to complete.

Mayor's dedication held at St Michaels for those that died during Covid. A tree and plaque in their memory.

6. Change HCPG Bank Account:

Since original account opened banking has moved forward considerably, we need to upgrade to enable us a BACs facility. Barclays Community Account offer this, it is flexible, not for profit, charitable under 100K, 3 officials, mandatory to check online first to see if we are acceptable. Appointment needed to conclude free banking. Leave £10 in Coventry Account as local and there if we need urgently. Check with Coventry to see if any other account would suit us.

All in agreement to change.

7. Report on projects in place and planned:

Memorial Garden – letter received from Community Shed regarding the possibility of placing a shed in the garden. PNS gave a run down to Adrian regarding plans for the garden.

AY – Highworth Community Shed affiliated with UK Mens Shed, would be open to women also, handyman jobs, easy social activity, no big power tools. Site needed in centre of town for easy access, easier to occupy an existing building but no luck so far, looking at short/medium term solution for temporary shed.

PNS – This is in a conservation area and next to listed buildings, can not see how a community shed and quiet garden could work together. Another option is at the back of VHL, meeting with landlord has been arranged.

Credit Union – CU is restarting, we are happy to promote their services through leaflets etc at VHL, HTC and community centre, but not take payments, these can be directed to Swindon.

Dovecote – 4/10 meeting, with 16 people attending. AD and SO taking the meetings. Replace like for like (£5k) or fibreglass (600 to £1600)? Costs vary. SBC own the land, application submitted. HCPG continue to express interest in assisting or HTC Agenda item to ask for funds to erect? applications to other funders, SBC and Freke. Resident's project so they decide, would crowdfund. HCPG supporting proposal and happy to be bankers for group. **Proposed PNS Seconded KS**

8. Report on Platinum Jubilee Meeting:

This will take place on Sat 4th and Sun 5th June 2022 only.

Sat would be events in High Street and on Podium. Entertainment, static carnival, walking people floats, evening music with dancing

Sun would be at the REC, picnics to coincide with Big Lunch, large screen for Pageant, entertainment, sports.

9. Request regarding Village Green:

HCPG own Village Green and have received a request from a Windrush Resident. They have flooding in the property and have asked for a small pumping station to take away excess water, this could involve digging up green to lay pipe. Green Square a housing association company will be doing. Is the committee happy for?

1. KS will contact Green Square for exact details of what is proposed, Ken will assist

Proposed KS seconded IW

2. Land owned by HCPG as a community Asset, maybe HTC would now like to take on

Proposed KS seconded IW

10. The future of HCP: Is there one?

Yes. 3 HTC councillors, have they time for HCPG? Conflict of interests the only problem.

11. Members Business:

PW – Golf Course Petition reached 4542 signatures (56%) more than a local election. This has been submitted to SBC. 1500 were originally asked for. Please pas on HCPG thanks to all involved.

Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd November 7.30pm