

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019, 7pm

At the Community Centre

Welcome to Sarah Kelly

Apologies. Sarah Rendall, Ian James, Robin Clegg, Phil Baker, Adrian Young.

Minutes of previous meeting Proposed by Ian Webb Seconded by Sarah Olnier

Matters arising

Town Council. Fibre Broadband being rolled out to whole of Highworth, all cabinets are enabled with super fast broadband. Properties not on cabinets can apply to Open Reach for ultra fast broadband by lodging in request h BT who are able to give vouchers up to £2500 per home towards the connection charge.

Loneliness: Highworth Connect. Luncheon club are delighted with 30 people on their books 18 attended the last lunch. Lunches are £6.00 for 2 course meals. Started in Jan at the Methodist Church and rolled out to include the Community Center in Feb. Group have donations of £500 and private donor gave £150 to pay for anyone who cannot afford the costs.

Martin Welsted is looking at feasibility of as memory cafe and the like.

Sarah Kelly asked about memory objects.

Ian Webb gave update on VHL. Looking for at least 28k plus grants, donations etc. There is big support from the business community. The share option and business proposal does highlight the problems as well as the benefits.

Fox Roundabout was supposed to be a quick hit in 2008 and not completed until 2019. Keith Smith explained the history.

It was requested that thanks to all involved for all the time and effort that was put into achieving the project be minuted.

KS stated the sculpture had cost £8k but following advice it has been insured for £25,000.00 being the estimated cost of replacement.

Council Elections. Keith Smith updated the meeting on the current independent councilors standing for election.

A.O.B

Nick Gardiner talked about the NEXUS projects search for more trustees. The C of Highworth's financial support for the project. And the current thinking of taking the Nexus structure and placing it under the churches structure.

There is a team working with Warneford school mentoring and counselling students. A good relationship has been formed with Warneford this has been helped by the neutral nature of the counsellors.

There will be a project team meeting at the end of April for a focus group regarding fund raising and looking for a youth cafe space.

Ken Saunders advised that following a police operation in Pentylands Country Park the police had created a large breach in the boundary hedge. Conversation with the Police liaison officer had been met with total denial of the damage but a group from Cricklade had donated 2 dozen buckthorn trees to plant in the gap.