



**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022, 7.30pm
At the Community Centre**

Welcome:

Visitor:

Present: Keith Smith Paul Newton Smith Alison Durrant Ian James
Ian Webb Sandra Rendall Sarah Olnier Nick Gardiner
Ken Saunders

1. Apologies: Adrian Young Pauline Webster

2. Minutes of November 2021 Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting signed and filed. Proposed by **AD** seconded by **SO**
Thankyou to ken for doing the Minutes

3. Matters Arising:

Item 11 - discuss in members business
Item 7, Community Shed - revisiting possible locations
8, Village Green – done and sorted

4. Town Council update: KenS

3G Pitch – Warneford worried about financial situation of having at school, need reassurance that a viable project. Financials need to be in place by 2022 before Application submitted in 2023. £750k project, football association put in 500k, junior football club 20k, charity 40k. Warneford have yet to commit, but would need to raise 60k pa maintenance, revenue could see 180k pa.

Skate Park – 3 councillors have made informal visits to liaise with kids for ideas etc. Richard, Gerry and Nick to meet. Has proved to be a success with people visiting from Cricklade, Cirencester, Bristol and Swindon

Golf Course – has been successfully taken out of plan. Our 3 Borough Councillors changed their minds at the last moment to save. To be used for leisure only, at an HTC meeting, hearsay states that 6m for HTC buy or 40m if developers buy. Justin Tomlinson has written to say that there will be no development and HTC do not have to buy back land. HTC councillors are having constructive, realistic talks with Save the Golf Course Group.

Precept – Deanne and Keith were able to get it to 3.97% when it should have been 5%

HTC – Deanne, Claire and team are level-headed and a dream to work with. They are doing a grand job.

5. Change HCPG Account:

Will continue to investigate with Barclays **Proposed: PNS and Seconded KenS**

6 Premises License:

SAR was unavailable at last meeting to discuss in detail. A Premises License is needed as May Day has grown considerably over the years. A meeting with SBC Licensing said to throw all possible times days and activities for future events at the license, no alcohol. May Day banks with and is represented by HCPG. As per minutes of 3.11.21 License will be in the name of HCPG, fees paid out of May Day Account. It is hoped that HTC will take on this event after this year, to be discussed further.

7. Report on suggested projects:

Memorial Garden – HTC Grounds team are keen to get involved, talk to Deanne. The area needs to be measured, blocks laid in sections, area to be cleared where needed and redone. Traditional walled garden and sensory.

Dovecote – Interested Gentleman has resigned. Freke Norton standing by 50% donation if HTC pay other 50%. On SBC land. As community build it in first place, they or HTC would be responsible for insuring, maintenance etc. A grant will be looked at. An interested person has ideas for rebuild and will be put in touch with SO and AD who will take forward. A leaflet drop in the area for appetite to rebuild.

8. Members Business:

KS – Highworth Library - The Friends group are elderly; therefore the group will fold. The remaining funds of £349 which buys 'The Eye' newspaper daily, they have asked if HCPG will bank the funds until used. **Proposed KenS and Seconded NG all in favour**

KS – Website – The website is being rebuilt as old and out of date. Quote of £600 to modernise and update with new design. Fully responsive to all screen sizes, it has been copied and can be viewed elsewhere. Hosting £50 pa. 50% of fee up front, 25% at test stag and 25% when live.

Proposed KenS and Seconded NG all agreed

SR – May Day moving forward, theme is 'A Cleaner, Greener Highw-Earth'

AD –Regarding emerging Local Plan Consultations. Alison will write as an individual to SBC to find out what is happening to each parish, SBC Consultant employed has suggested that each area has its own policy. Need to make sure that public opinions are listened to and that we know in time when and where consults are happening.

IW – Safe Places. Updated information, will deliver and reengage with businesses. Self-funding.

Government Covid Grants – has applied for a further £2667 for VHL. HCC could also apply, IW to send to PNS

HTC is now a shareholder of VHL

VAS website for grants

Next Meeting Wednesday March 2022