

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2020, 7pm
At the Community Centre**

Welcome:

Visitor: Mike Cannar

Present: Keith Smith Paul Newton Smith Alison Durrant Ian James
Ian Webb Sandra Rendall Ken Saunders Robin Clegg
Adrian Young

Apologies: Nick Gardiner Pauline Webster Pam Adams

2. Minutes of February 2020 Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

5. Fox – need to contact Highways re roundabout lighting

Members – Highworth Ales. Shaun Vockins away. SR has passed details of another Swindon micro-brewery, Hopkettle who would be interested

4. Report from HTC representative:

Not a lot to report as short meeting

5. Men's Shed report on open meeting:

Successful open night held on 26/2 with 25 people in attendance, 4 from other Men's Sheds.

Facebook has been launched which has 28 members. There has been a follow up meeting with committee on how to keep momentum going.

First-Phase divide into 4 groups – Site Investigation with pros and cons, Finance and Funding, Membership and communications, Governance of Group. Would like to work with HCPG on this, set up a G mail account using HCA address. Bank Account – initially using HCPG, Terms of Reference and Constitution. **AY** to email **KS** with details.

Location – Golf Course Clubhouse and outhouse is an ideal site. The site will be registered as a community asset which HTC have first option on to buy, presently owned by SBC. **AY** to register an interest with David Lane, copy in a councillor.

Dovecote – KS received a letter to ask if anyone could repair the Dovecote at Sevenfields. This could be a first project for the Men's Shed and help raise their profile. **KS and AY** to discuss further, re insurance etc. SBC Kathy Sherratt

6. Proposed 2020 projects – updates:

The Fox – Has just celebrated its first birthday and could do with a paint of protective paint. HTC not interested and it would have to go on an Agenda. Solar lights

Christmas Lunch – ACJ not here to discuss but seems to be moving ahead

Memory Garden – HTC are happy for this to be a project but HCPG to do. **SR** to check with Gill at Burford Quarry on bricks and whether they can engrave. **PNS** also checking another source. Need to submit a plan. Get the Gardening Club onboard. Needs to be locked at night.

7. Credit Union:

Library has been quiet; they ring KS if anyone turns up. KenS continues to do Saturdays. Most invest and not borrow. Salisbury office has closed and moved into Steam.

How do we continue manning the library? Leaflets could be put in VHL and Doctors, possibility of payments in at VHL but would need to decide for someone to be present.

We need to promote and leaflet areas of Highworth where this would be beneficial. See about a permanent ad in Link.

Job Club still operates with Dennis at the helm. Kathryn from CAP assists fortnightly. Again, Nicola from the Library rings KS if needed.

8. Insurance for Open Gardens weekend:

Highworth in Bloom will be running the Open Gardens for 2 days in June. Their insurance came under Four Year Festival which isn't happening this year. CDA has given an assurance and done the insurance to cover the houses involved at no cost.

9. Members Business:

KS – has received a letter from John Randford re Zero Carbon Initiative, he would like to trial in Highworth. **KS** will pass on to **NG** who has an interest in this. Any relevance to HCPG? We think not as outside our remit.

KS – Biffa funding

KS – Pam Adams who is on Skate Park committee. Because the group are not a charity, they will be hit with a VAT bill of £20k which will need to be raised. Another issue is that Biffa who promised funding of £35k want them to have a 10-year lease. Is this something HTC could take on? As Council can claim VAT back. HTC would need a 999-year lease on land at REC, SBC presently own and legal department are very slow at responding. HTC will be responsible for upkeep once completed. Offer from company building skatepark ends on 31/3, they have extended.

PNS – Job Club for Honda when it closes? Government are funding this issue

KenS – Reducing Carbon Footprint in Highworth – 130 attended a Consultation with 265 comments.

Meeting on 3/3 saw a working of party of 6 being set up

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – planting projects

AY -Ripples and Link promoting monthly climate change, green issues, waste consumption Issues

AD – Consultation on Shrivenham Road, SBC questionnaire was biased. Presentation from land agents to HTC insist there will be no traffic issues. NP must be rewritten. 250 houses are outside the border and the 300 at Roundhills Mead are not wanted.

IJ – Trees along Round Down have been cut down. This is for access to site before nesting season starts. Their plans have already been changed 3 times due to KenS about saving Copse etc. Company will be installing bat boxes and fruit trees in each house built. HTC received a large document 24 hours before the meeting.

Next Meeting Wednesday 1st April