Highworth Community Partnership Group

Minutes of meeting of the 6th April 2022

- 1. Apologies Sandra Rendall
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as a true record
- 3. Matters arising
 - Library

KS reported that Nicola was retiring and Sam is taking over. KS met with Sam regarding funds raised by the Friends of the Library. As the friends have disbanded HCPG is holding the funds pending an agreement on how the funds will be spent. Sam's preference is that it be spent on equipment but no firm decisions yet made.

KS thanked PNS for completing the HCPG web site. It was suggested that possibly a projects page would help.

Suggestions for the website content is required

Job Club this is now a CAP Project.

I.W. referred to item 8 of the previous minutes. He has been in contact with SBC, Wilts CC and the PCC none of which are funding or following up on Safe Places.

Safe Places really work and have requests for safe places packages

4. Town Council report

The new SBC Consultation on the Local Plan will not take place before December 2022 HTC staff are all now in place

The Council have gone back to committees and these are working well.

- 5. Change of bank No action on this until SR back in action
- 6. Memory garden PNS carrying out research on feasibility of the bricks

HTC have requested a short delay on this project as the grounds-staff have ideas for the rest of the garden and it would be prudent to combine the two.

Should the bricks be a path or something different?

There is need to confirm consent from SBC as it is within the conservation area.

Security of grounds, they used to be locked at night.

PW Suggested we contact Ryan Blackwell who may help or provide information on history. Dovecote

It was agreed at the last meeting to leaflet the Sevenfields area and KS would produce a letter to go out to all the residents. Letter to go out after Easter. It was agreed that in the last paragraph of the letter 'assist' would be inserted to replace the word 'endorse' and respond by date would be included in the Email Yes line. IW congratulated KS on his tenacity.

7. Power to Change

Could potentially fund the N/Hood Plan etc. to improve the High Street.

Power to Change promote the idea of communities setting up 'Buy-out Funds' They are lobbying government for millions for towns to buy out premises to use for community benefit.

Will HCPG back this? KS will circulate the information in order that it can be brought back for discussion at a future meeting.

8. PW stated there was resurfacing work scheduled for the A361 Supermarine to Lechlade. KS will clarify with Clerk

I.W. stated there was an upcoming Craft Fair at St Michaels. Meeting ended 21.10.