

Minutes HCPG Meeting of 4th September 2019

1. Apologies Sandra Rendall, Paul Newton Smith, Sarah Olnier .
2. Minutes of June Meeting proposed by Ian Webb Seconded by Ian James
3. Matters arising
 - a. Great British High Street Rising start award an application was submitted but Highworth was not shortlisted despite support from the Emporium and Bloomfields.
 - b. Members Business update Keith met with new landlord of King and Queen put in place by the Craft Pub Co. because of his experience with dealing with problem pubs.
 - c. He wants to be part of the community. His wife Tu is an event organiser and has been on the committee of the Bath festival.
 - d. Advised the Plough PH has changed hands and Dan Uzzell is now running it.
 - e. The Gold finger will be changing hands In November.
 - f. Volunteers have been found to assist with restoration of exhibits for the Agricultural Museum.
 - g. Volunteers BBQ either 22nd or 29th September at the Community Centre
4. Tourism
 - a. Ian Webb gave an update on progress, he commended Sandra Rendall for all of her hard work in getting the project up and running.
 - b. A full time manager has been appointed. The web site is installed and developed.
 - c. The Historical Society Display/Museum has been fitted out in the old safe room.
 - d. Lease. VHL are operating on a tenancy at will and the full lease is being progressed.
 - e. Opening date is the 21st September and an open invitation to all of Highworth has been sent out.
 - f. Share sales currently stand at £23040.00 Grants £18000.00.
 - g. Chair stated HCPG would like to extend their sincere thanks to Sandra for all the dedicated work she has put in to get the old bank ready for the launch date.
 - h. Suggestion VHL have Highworth Christmas Bauble for sale
 - i. K Smith Highworth has some amazing artists and craft persons. People have inundated VHL with offers of donating postcards & pictures for free and even offers of paying for the printing of the cards.
 - j. It was suggested that the possibility of placing a post box outside VHL should be explored.
 - k. There was also a suggestion that Highworth should have an 'Aire' similar to those in France to encourage visitors who have Motor Homes to visit the town.
5. KS. Last minute notice Radio Wiltshire will be on the Podium tomorrow at 11.30 and would like to interview Highworth residents regarding the Town council elections. Can members put the request out on social media as WR would like to talk to non-Councillors.

6. In the absence of Nick Gardiner Keith Smith gave an update on the HTC meetings of 3rd September 2019
7. HCPG AGM will held on Wednesday 16th October 2019 at the Community Centre.
8. Members Business
 - a. AD Attended a course Action for Happiness. It was about Community including Community Supper Clubs/donated food.
 - b. IW asked about the Co-op cash point. Talks are still continuing.
 - c. No other business

No meeting in October as we have the AGM
Meeting closed at 9:07 pm