



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
29 JANUARY 2008**

PRESENT

Councillor R Scotchmer (In the Chair)

Councillor: S Benson
G Edwards
R Haines
C Horton
A Peake
C Seal
T Toso
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

Police Sergeant Paul Fisher, Borough Councillor J Short, Mr and Mrs Huband and 2 Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

72. Councillors (Mrs) A H Livall, J Toll, (Mrs) L Vardy and (Mrs) P M Webster

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 Minutes Limit)

73. None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

74. None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

75. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2007
BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED**

MATTERS ARISING

76. None.



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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN

77 Councillor R Scotchmer reported that he attended the following events:

30 Nov 2007	Christmas Lights/Mayoral Reception
1 Dec 2007	Prospect Hospice Service of Thanksgiving
3 Dec 2007	Ann Nowley 104 th Birthday
8 Dec 2007	CALM Charity Concert
10 Dec 2007	Friends Of Pentylands Annual Review
11 Dec 2007	Camera Club Annual Prizegiving
13 Dec 2007	NSPCC Warneford School Carol Service
16 Dec 2007	Civic Carol Service
23 Dec 2007	St Michael's Carol Service
5 Jan 2008	Alzheimers Panto at Wyvern Theatre
21 Jan 2008	Royal British Legion Annual Lunch

ROAD CLOSURE – PASSION PLAY 2008

78. Resolved by Councillor R Haines and seconded by Councillor A Peake that the Road Closure charges for the Passion Play 2008 be paid for by Highworth Town Council. Carried unanimously

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

79. **RESOLVED TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

- a. **Leisure Committee 15 January 2008**
- b. **General Purpose and Finance Committee 22 January 2008**

MATTERS ARISING

80. a. GP&F Minute 63a. A letter is to be sent to Gavin Jones, Chief Exec, Swindon Borough Council, to arrange a meeting between the Town Councillors and the SBC Cabinet.

CORRESPONDENCE

81. a. Litter on Highways. Letter from resident complaining about the litter on the approach roads to Highworth. The letter is to be forwarded to Swindon Borough Council for its action.

REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

82. a. Swindon Transportation. None.
- b. Local Consultative Group (Police). Sergeant Paul Fisher was pleased to announce that recorded crime had significantly decreased over the past three months. He also reported that a new Beat Manager, PC Butler, has been appointed and more PCSOs have been recruited. He also reported that he is hoping to set up an Action Group made up of Police, Councillor, HCPG and others to target areas of significance for Police action.
- c. Highworth Youth Centre. Councillors are appalled at the lack of progress on kick starting the Youth Service in Highworth. The Borough Councillors are to look into this.

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- d. John Trollope Sport Aid Fund Councillor S Weisinger reported that an article has been submitted for the next Link magazine issue canvassing applicants.
- e. Highworth Twinning Association. Councillor C Seal reported that following on the successful visit by the Pontorsonees to Highworth in September a reciprocal visit to Portorson has been arranged for May. A Quiz Night has been arranged at St Michael's Hall on Friday 1 February 2008 and tickets can be purchased at the door.
- f. Executive Committee (WALC). Councillor T Toso reported that a training day for new Councillors is to be held at Trowbridge for Saturday 15 March 2008. A copy of the poster is attached for Councillors.
- g. Highworth Festival. None.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 83. a. Councillor G Edwards. The letter sent to Allotment Holders notifying them of their rents due also warned them of the removal and landscaping of the rubbish mound between the fence and the Golf Club. He thought that this letter was too draconian and that there may be some resentment on the part of Allotment Holders.
- b. Councillor T Toso. The promised road signs are now cleared for manufacture and installation.
- c. Councillor C Horton. A letter is to be sent to Fred Van Eekeren asking for an explanation why the meeting with the Warneford School Governors did not take place about the siting of the All Weather Pitch there. Councillors would also like an update on the progress so far.

The Meeting closed at 8.05 pm