



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
HIGHWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
17 OCTOBER 2006**

PRESENT

Councillor R Scotchmer (In the Chair)

Councillor: (Mrs) M F A Duff
R Haines
C Horton
G Jefferies
(Mrs) A H Livall
(Mrs) M Penny
J Toll
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

1 Member of the Public.

APOLOGIES

49. Councillors C J M Baskerville, B A Freeman, A Peake, K Poulton and Borough Councillor J Short.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (10 Minutes Limit) (Standing Orders were Suspended)

50. a. Mr K Smith. It has been reported that Swindon Borough Council is to sell the Freeholds to the properties on the Blackworth Industrial Estate and that the reason for this is to use it as income to increase the monetary worth of Swindon Borough Council. A letter is to be sent to Swindon Borough Council to put the question "what gain is there in this for Highworth?". It was also reported that this sale is being led by Councillor Martin who is to be invited to the next Full Council Meeting to discuss this matter with Councillors.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

51. None.

MINUTES OF MEETING

52. **RESOLVED TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF 19 and 26 SEPTEMBER 2006**

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MATTERS ARISING

53. A letter is to be sent to Borough Councillor to ask what progress has been made in the promised visit twice weekly by the mechanical road sweeper.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN

54. The Chairman reported that he attended the following events:

26 Sep – RAF briefing on forthcoming Military Exercises.

28 Sep - High Street Autumn Fayre where the Council had a stand which garnered interest from residents.

29 Sep – Under 18s Highworth Town Football Club photocall.

1 Oct – Community Foundation Concert at Swindon Arts Centre.

14 Oct – Prospect Hospice Charity Wine Tasting.

He also informed Councillors of the forthcoming events:

28 Oct – NSPCC is holding a meeting in the Council Offices to attempt to recruit volunteers for Highworth.

12 Nov – The Remembrance Service and parade are due to take place. Seating has been reserved for Councillors in the Church. There will also be the normal observation of silence on the Podium at 11.00 am on Saturday, 11 Nov to which Councillors are invited to attend.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

a. Leisure Committee 3 OCTOBER 2006.

b. General Purpose and Finance Committee 10 OCTOBER 2006.

MATTERS ARISING

56. None.

CORRESPONDENCE

57 a. Youth Club. Holding a football match with Swindon Police to raise funds for the Youth Club on Friday 27 October 2006 at HTFC. Invitation to Councillors to attend as spectators and request for a donation.

❖ Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) M F A Duff and seconded by Councillor S Weisinger that £1000.00 be Granted from the Youth Budget towards the Youth Centre development project, Carried unanimously.

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b. Swindon Borough Council – Naming of McCarthy Stone Development at Vorda Works.
Councillors would prefer the name Vorda Court.

- ❖ Resolved by Councillor G Jefferies and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) M F A Duff that Swindon Borough Council be requested to name the former Vorda Works housing development in memory of Betty Hammond or, failing this being acceptable, that it be named Vorda Close. Carried unanimously,

REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES

58. a. Swindon Transportation. None.
- b. Local Consultative Group (Police). None.
- c. Highworth Youth Centre. Councillor (Mrs) M F A Duff wished to clarify that, although most sessions of the Youth Club has an attendance of about 40, the attendance was from about 70+ of the young people in Highworth.
- d. John Trollope Sport Aid Fund None.
- e. Highworth Twinning Association. None.
- f. Executive Committee (WALC). The Borough Councillors were asked to investigate and report back on the claim that the new garden waste collection scheme is costing an additional £2M annually and to also investigate and report back on the contract with Hills Group for the landfill disposal of household waste which seems to allow for an increase on the contract price in spite of projections that landfill disposals are to decrease considerably.
- g. Local Community Development.
- ❖ Councillor (Mrs) M Penny reported that the Committee is currently pursuing up to £40,000.00 in grant aid and that currently it is hoped that they will be successful in getting £17,000.00 from the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative. The Local Plan is still under construction but good progress is being made.
 - ❖ She attended a meeting at SBC regarding Youth Group Money at which SBC registered the fact that rural communities and Councils would like to participate, a fact that they were hitherto unaware of.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

59. a. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny.
- ❖ A meeting is to be arranged with Danter's Fair Management to discuss site security and supervision issues and the future of the fair.
 - ❖ The particular Nursery Schools wishing to participate in the decorating of the Christmas tree are to contact the Council Offices.

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- ❖ Councillors give their consent to the use of the Podium and Market Square for a New Year celebration.
- ❖ One project that is being considered is an approach from younger residents for some kind of a facility for a youth café somewhere in the High Street.

b. Councillor S Weisinger. Arrangements are to be made for a dog waste bin at Brookfield.

c. Councillor J Toll. The Town Council is to pursue the Developer of the Old Co-op site in the High Street Regarding the disgusting state and the request that it be screened off.

The Meeting Closed at 8.05 pm