



Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2007 at 7pm

The Council Community Rooms, Highworth

Meeting chaired by Keith Smith

1. Present:

Keith Smith Charles Coffin Sandra Rendall Peter Hinton
Paul Newton Smith Tom Aherne Shirley Colbeck Smith

Visitor:

Kati Wood Ann Lewis Josephine Clark

Apologies:

Ian Young Helie Franklin Nicki Coyne Joanne Cook Clare Smith

Absentees:

Alfie Howe Katy Frost Shaun Vockins

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

8. Communication Strategy: **CC** had sent a draft to **KS** to discuss at next meeting.

4. Meeting with Town's business community – report back: The Cheese and Wine evening was well attended by 16 businesses (over 250 had been invited), all were communicative and supportive of HCPG. No new ideas, but they confirmed what was already being done ie: improving the High Street. HCPG are the facilitators for the community. Car parking in the Market Square was one issue discussed as many of the businesses use the car park all day stopping potential visitors from short term parking. Ideas to solve this: Flyers under windscreens, Service Agreement with SBC, survey businesses and visitors who use car park.

CC – would businesses/Breakfast Club (Mike Baylis and Ian Young) set up the Economic Group? **CC** to brief **PH** on a focus to discuss with them to set up group.

5. Update on Socio-Economic Profile:

- **KS** had emailed Josephine Clark of the Historical Society as Hannah Reynolds had asked for an A4 history of Highworth for the Profile.
- Hannah had contacted Mike from Samuel Miles Estate Agents regarding Availability of Housing, Affordability, Rental Market, and any other property related information. **KS** had thanked Mike.
- Any possible gaps in the profile was seen as good for HCPG as we could highlight them to SBC, as Highworth is often forgotten by SBC.

6. Further consultation on The Vision – where next?

- **Economic** – Covered in 4 except Tourism. The Rec is interested in promoting tourism. Jo from Historical Society also interested in promoting Highworth's historical past. **KS and PNS** to meet with Jo.
- **Environment** – Pentylands totals 80 acres of land. Fields are owned by SBC, again this group is faced with non-committal by SBC who may see this land as potential development. Pentylands Group would like help with a Management Plan with the possibility of buying the land and running as a low key nature park. HCPG to look at including this in the Town Plan, eventually to run as community trust.
- **Social** – The Rec and Neighbourhood Police Team would like to be involved, meetings to be arranged with both. There is a meeting on housing issues in Highworth which we could attend.
- Find other key groups and gaps and arrange meetings, also meet with the Churches of Highworth. **CC** and **KS** to come up with a simple Action Plan.

7. Members Business:

PNS – Ice Rink for Christmas. Three companies have quoted for 2 days use, Friday and Saturday for a 10m x 10m supplied, insured and fully staffed which would cost approx £4,000. All monies raised would go into HCPG fund for future Highworth use.

KS – Would be attending a seminar on transport.

KS – Had received from SBC 'A Shared Vision for Swindon 2008-2030'. He would complete and highlight Highworth.

**Date and time of next meeting is Wednesday 3rd October at 7pm in
The Council Community Rooms**

Actions

Higher petty cash limit of £80 Letter to David Lane

Contact

KS

Done