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G23.

MINUTES GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

Councillor: C Adams
P L Adams
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
(Mrs) A Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) A Livall
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy
(Mrs) P M Webster

IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Williams (Market Manager) and 7 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

27. Councillor R Acres



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

28. None.

HIGHWORTH MARKET

29. a. Correspondence. None.

b. Market Manager's Report. The Market Manager's Report is as follows:

It is getting to be a regular occurrence that vehicles are being left in the market square and interfering with the Saturday Market. The majority of the vehicles are customers of the local hotels. Councillors agreed for the Town Clerk to explore several different options to combat this problem.

- Flash Park – A parking company whereby photos are taken by the Market Manager and sent to Flash Park who then issue the fines, £10 of the fine then comes back to the Town Council. This could also be used during the week if people overstay the 2hr limit.
- Using a removal company, whereby if vehicles are left they are towed away.
- To cordon off the Market Square with barriers using a similar system that Greenbridge use.
- To write to the hotel owners asking them to notify their guests before and during their stay the restrictions in the Market Square and to use the car parks at the rear of the hotels.
- To request hotel owners put up a sign up to notify patrons they will be fined/towed if they do not adhere to the parking regulations.

Other than the parking issue the market is continuing to do well and attracting new stalls. The Market Manager will update on advertising at the Full Council meeting.

c. Market Accounts. The accounts listed on pages G26 and G27 were agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

30. May Day Charter Market. Councillors agreed to give approval for the use of the Market Square for the festival being held on Saturday 5 May 2018. A decision on any financial contribution is to be made once a full set of accounts have been seen together with the bank balance.

MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC) AND WILTSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (WALC)

31. Councillors agreed to continue with the membership to NALC but to cease membership of the other two Associations.

HIGHWORTH LIBRARY – MEETING/SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

32. A meeting was held on 17 August 2017 with Leon Bolton from Swindon Borough Council, notes of this meeting were previously circulated. Quarterly reporting meetings are to be written into the Service Level Agreement which is still being drafted.

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT REVIEW – OPTIONS

33. Councillors unanimously agreed to request that the current method of Council Tax Support Grant allocation be continued by Swindon Borough Council. The Town Clerk is to report this back to SBC.

ACCOUNTS

34. The accounts listed on page G28 to G32 were approved and payment of bills authorised.

A comparison of costs for the cleaning of the Public Lavatories is to be obtained from other authorities. This is to include consumables and call out fees, as the current company provides these as part of the service.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

35. a. Councillor N Gardiner and the Town Clerk completed the signing of the 99 year leases for Barra Close and Crane Furlong.

Meeting closed 8.35pm