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G22.

**MINUTES
GENERAL PURPOSES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
6 SEPTEMBER 2016**

PRESENT

Councillor S Weisinger (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Williams (Market Manager) and 4 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES

23. Councillor (Mrs) A M Durrant



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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TO ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN

24. Resolved by Councillor A Bishop and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny that Councillor S Weisinger be appointed as Chairman of the General Purpose and Finance Committee. Voting was 11 in favour with 1 abstention. Councillor S Weisinger was duly elected and remained in the Chair.

TO ELECT A NEW VICE - CHAIRMAN

25. Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) P Webster that Councillor A Bishop be appointed as Vice-Chairman. Voting was 11 in favour with 1 abstention. Councillor A Bishop was duly elected.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

26. None.

HIGHWORTH MARKET

27. a. Correspondence. None.
- b. Market Manager's Report. Mr R Williams reported that he has increased the number of stalls. The new signage is still bringing in new visitors to the Market and the next step is to carry out some further advertising around the local area to try and increase footfall, this in turn will hopefully lead to some more market stalls and a much healthier and stronger market for our town and bring in even more visitors to Highworth on a regular basis.
The matter of a marketing budget is to be an agenda item. The Marketing Manager was congratulated on his use of social media for advertising the Saturday Market.
- c. Market Accounts. The accounts listed on pages G25 and G26 were agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

28. Thank you letter from Haine & Smith to the Council for its letter of congratulations to the Staff of the Highworth Practice.

ACCOUNTS

29. The accounts listed on page G27 to G31 were passed and payment of bills authorised.
The Mayoral allowance is to be reviewed in November 2016.

REPORT - TRAFFIC LIGHTS

30. Councillor A Bishop. He reported that a traffic survey has been undertaken, however it is to be re-done in term time, and he will inform Councillors once the date has been agreed. A community road watch scheme was suggested for the traffic lights, if enough people were interested in being involved.

REPORT - THE PODIUM

31. The podium surface and walls are being damaged by the roots of the London Plane tree. Although a number of options have been considered for the podium, they are all dependant on the tree.

Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and Councillor C Adams to remove the existing tree on the Podium, carried unanimously.

A Working party to be formed to consider ideas for improvements to the podium, these will be subject to the agreement of Full Council. This is to be an agenda item for the next Full Council meeting.

A statement is to be issued to provide background to the decision to remove the tree and to state the aim of the Council to improve the Podium.

TO APPOINT A NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO SWINDON TRANSPORTATION

32. Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger seconded by Councillor N Gardiner that Councillor (Mrs) M Penny to be appointed as representative to Swindon transportation, carried unanimously.

MEMBERS BUSINESS

33. a. Councillor (Mrs) A Livall. The latest advice on recommended Reserves will be provided at the next Full Council.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. Totally Locally to be invited to the October Full Council meeting to provide an update.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop. She told Councillors that the planting at the Fox roundabout will take place this month.

The Meeting closed at 8.22 pm.