

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Foundation House,  
Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City  
on Thursday, 6th July, 2017 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Deakin-Davies, Faye Frost, Jane Gray, Cathryn Henry, Harry Spencer-Smith and Terry Tyler.

The Chairman noted that the meeting was inquorate.

### 2 MINUTES - 2 MARCH 2017

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2017 be referred to the next meeting of this Committee for approval.

### 3 MINUTES - 18 MAY 2017

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 May 2017 be referred to the next meeting of this Committee for approval.

### 4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There were no notifications of other business.

### 5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those giving a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman reminded everyone that, in accordance with Council policy, the meeting was being audio recorded;
- (3) The Chairman reminded everyone that this meeting was inquorate, which meant that no decisions could be taken, however Members would request that any grant awards that they agreed were valid be approved by the Strategic Director for Finance, Policy and Governance;
- (4) The Chairman advised that the Clerk, at his request had arranged for the date of the next meeting to be changed from 7 September 2017 to 5 October 2017. This was mainly due to Parish Councils not meeting during the summer recess;
- (5) Members were reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under Paragraph 7.4 of the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.

## 6 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

### ***IT WAS AGREED THAT:***

- (1) That the Strategic Director for Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to reallocate the amount of £1,000, currently allocated to the Great Ashby Way Crossing Point, back into the general Discretionary Budget;
- (2) That the activities and schemes with which the Communities Manager has been involved with, as set out in the report, be noted;
- (3) That the budgetary expenditure, balances and carry forwards within the Area Committee Development Budget spreadsheet, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

***REASON FOR DECISION:*** To ensure that the Southern Rural Committee is kept informed of the work of the Communities Manager and to inform Members of the financial resources and current budgetary position.

## 7 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

No Ward or Outside Organisation issues were discussed

## 8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DIPPS CHARITABLE TRUST

Dave and Arline Hursey, DiPPS Charitable Trust, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee regarding the work of the Trust.

The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Hursey for their presentation.

***IT WAS AGREED:*** That the Communities Manager be requested to:

- (i) Circulate contact details of DiPPS to all Members of this Committee by email;
- (ii) Liaise with DiPPS regarding applying for grant funding both from this Committee and other sources;
- (iii) Liaise with DiPPS regarding contacting local schools and sports facilities in order to offer their services.

***REASON FOR DECISION:*** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

## 9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WHITWELL LOCAL FILM CLUB

Prior to the item being discussed Councillor John Bishop declared an interest as he was a member of the Whitwell Film Club Committee and would therefore not take part in any debate or vote.

Mr John Vaughan, Chairman of the New Fellowship Hall, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation in support of the application for grant funding for Whitwell Local Film Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Vaughan for his presentation.

## 10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CODICOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Chairman advised that representatives of Codicote Football Club had been unable to attend this meeting to give a presentation.

**11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CIRCLES CAFE BAR**

The Chairman advised that representatives of Circles Café Bar CIC had been unable to attend this meeting to give a presentation.

**12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - ST IPPOLYTS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

Mr Paul Thapar MBE (Chairman) and Mr Andy Parsons (Secretary), St Ippolyts United Football Club, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation in support of their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Thapar and Mr Parsons for their presentation.

**13 GRANT APPLICATION - WHITWELL LOCAL FILM CLUB**

Prior to the item being discussed Councillor John Bishop declared an interest as he was a member of the Whitwell Film Club Committee and would therefore not take part in any debate or vote.

***IT WAS AGREED:***

- (1) That the Communities Manager be requested to support the Whitwell Local Film Club to seek other sources of funding:
- (2) That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £500 for Whitwell Local Film Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the costs associated with the developing a local film club.

***REASON FOR DECISION:*** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

**14 GRANT APPLICATION - CODICOTE FOOTBALL CLUB**

Members agreed that they would not consider grant application from Codicote Football Club until such time as a presentation was made by the Football Club.

**15 GRANT APPLICATION - CIRCLES CAFE BAR CIC**

The Committee felt that Circles Café Bar was a community interest company and as such, should look to the management of the Café to raise funds rather than ask for a grant to purchase equipment.

**16 GRANT APPLICATION - ST IPPOLYTS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

***IT WAS AGREED:*** That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £900 for St Ippolyts United Football Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the costs associated with setting up a second senior football team.

***REASON FOR DECISION:*** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

**17 WARD GRANT APPLICATION - CODICOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

***IT WAS AGREED:*** That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £300 for Codicote Local History Society from Councillor Gray's 2017/18 Ward Member Budget towards the costs of a storage facility.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

**18 WARD GRANT APPLICATION - OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £300 for Offley Village Hall Management Committee from Councillor Strong's 2016/17 Ward Member Budget towards the costs associated with enhancement of the kitchen in the Village Hall.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

**19 WARD GRANT APPLICATION - CODICOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP**

**IT WAS AGREED:** That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £500 for Codicote Neighbourhood Planning Group from Councillor Gray's 2016/17 Ward Member Budget towards the costs associated with the neighbourhood planning process.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

**20 WARD GRANT APPLICATION - ST PAUL'S WALDEN MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP**

**IT WAS AGREED:**

- (1) That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £100 for St Paul's Walden Mother and Toddler Group from Councillor Barnard's 2016/17 Ward Member Budget towards the cost of purchasing new play and early learning equipment;
- (2) That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to authorise grant funding of £100 for St Paul's Walden Mother and Toddler Group from Councillor Frost's 2016/17 Ward Member Budget towards the cost of purchasing new play and early learning equipment.;

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.