

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,
Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on Thursday, 24th June, 2021 at 7.30 pm

1 ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2021/22

RESOLVED: That Councillor Faye Frost be elected as Chair of the Southern Rural Committee for the civic year 2021/22.

2 ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2021/22

RESOLVED: That Councillor George Davies be elected as Vice Chair of the Southern Rural Committee for the civic year 2021/22.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sam North.

4 MINUTES - 4 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4 March 2021 with the following amendment be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair:

Minute 49 to be amended to include:

- “Councillor John Bishop requested that a representative from the Environmental Crime/Environmental Health teams be invited to update the Committee on fly tipping in the area as this was an issue of serious concern to residents.”

5 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

6 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - LILLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Ms. Judith Crosier – Lilley Parish Council thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a presentation in support of their grant application.

The Chair thanked Ms. Judith Crosier for her presentation.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - KIMPTON CRICKET CLUB

Mr. Iain King – Kimpton Cricket Club thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation in support of their grant application.

The Chair thanked Mr. Iain King for his presentation.

9 GRANT APPLICATION - LILLEY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Lilley Parish Council towards the cost of a new noticeboard for the village as outlined in paragraph 8.1.1 of the report entitled Grants & Community Update.

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

10 GRANT APPLICATION - KIMPTON CRICKET CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2500 be awarded to Kimpton Cricket Club towards the purchase of a wicket mower as outlined in paragraph 8.1.2 of the report entitled Grants & Community Update.

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

11 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the actions taken by the Community Engagement team to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the Southern Rural area be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION:

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the work of the Community Engagement team
- (2) To inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in January 2020.

12 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave updates on the following Ward Matters:

- Knebworth Twinning Association – forthcoming events- Councillor Lisa Nash
- Environmental Action Days – litter picking and equipment availability – Councillors Claire Strong, Faye Frost and David Barnard