

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,
Gernon Road, Letchworth
on Thursday, 3rd March, 2022 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Bishop, David Barnard, Lisa Nash and Terry Tyler.

2 MINUTES - 21 OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21 October 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 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.

5 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

A verbal presentation was received from Guy Westwood of Hertfordshire Constabulary.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee received presentations from the following public participants and groups:

- Codicote Tennis Club
- Pirton Joycare
- Pirton Players
- Preston Parish Council

The Community Engagement Team Leader informed the Committee that Lisa Lathane of Preston Parish Council had been unable to attend the meeting, but provided a written contribution.

7 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Community Engagement Team Leader presented the report entitled Grant and Community Update along with Appendix 1 – 2021/22 financial year budget sheet.

It was:

RESOLVED: That the Committee endorse the actions of the Community Engagement Team to promote greater community capacity and wellbeing in the Southern Rural area.

a) GRANT APPLICATION: CODICOTE TENNIS CLUB

RESOLVED: That the Committee **DEFER** consideration of this application to until the next meeting.

REASON FOR REFERRAL: To allow officers and the applicant to further explore financial options beside grant funding to support the project and, to consider the grant application after the allocation of the 2022/23 budget.

b) GRANT APPLICATION: PIRTON JOYCARE

RESOLVED: That grant funding of **£750** be awarded to Pirton Joycare towards an event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee for over 60's as outlined in 8.1.2 of the officer's report.

c) GRANT APPLICATION: PIRTON PLAYERS

RESOLVED: That grant funding of **£1500** be awarded to Pirton Players towards the purchase of LED stage lighting equipment and control desk as outlined in 8.1.3 of the officer's report.

d) GRANT APPLICATION: PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of **£527** be awarded to Preston Parish Council towards the purchase of a cabinet for a defibrillator as outlined in 8.1.4 of the officer's report.

8 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members had no updates on Ward Matters or Outside Organisations.