

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,
Gernon Road, Letchworth
on Tuesday, 20th December, 2022 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Barnard, Faye Frost, Sam North, Lisa Nash and Terry Tyler.

2 MINUTES - 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 September 2022 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) Members were reminded the make declarations of interest before an item, a detailed reminder about this and speaking rights are set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.

(2) North Herts recently acquired the lease for the Churchgate Shopping Centre in Hitchin. Ahead of drawing up proposals for the site, North Herts Council is inviting the community to take part in an initial consultation to get their views on what they would like to see in the Centre.

The consultation will be available online and there will be a promotion on social media channels and on flyers around the district. The consultation will open on 5 December 2022 and will run until 5 February 2023.

(3) The Chair bid farewell to Louis Mutter, Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer who was clerking his final meeting before moving to Hertfordshire County Council

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

6 CITIZENS ADVICE - RURAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER INTRODUCTION

The Chair invited Ms. Christine Adams to address the Committee.

Ms. Christine Adams of the North Herts Citizen Advice Bureau thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak and introduced herself as the new Rural Engagement Officer. Ms. Adams then updated the committee on the work of the North Herts Citizens Advice Bureau.

7 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Assistant Community Engagement Officer presented the report entitled Grants & Community Update which was noted by the Committee.

8 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave updates regarding ward matters and outside organisations.

9 PARISH FORUM NETWORK

The Assistant Community Engagement Officer presented an overview of the planned Parish Forum Network and invited Members to take part in a discussion.