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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, FEN LANE ON TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

Chairman: Councillor F W Lee

Councillors: C Briggs D Hargreaves Mrs J Phillips M Reynolds

Committee Clerk: Mrs S E Green

One member of the public

The member of the public had attended the meeting to discuss the Lincolnshire County Council approved planning application at the Mushroom Farm, South Hykeham. The Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee advised the member of the public of the current situation regarding the proposal and of the Town Council's positon as a consultee only and also that his concerns should be raised with Lincolnshire County Council, as the planning authority responsible. The member of public then left the meeting.

1. <u>ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Apologies have been received from Councillor Jackling (personal) Councillor Dillon (personal), Councillor Rodgers (personal), Councillor Sellars (work commitments) and Councillor Sampson (personal)

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Phillips, seconded by Councillor Briggs

AGREED To accept the apologies and reasons given of those above as listed.

Unanimous

2. <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS IN ANY ITEM</u>

None at this point.

3. <u>APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY & SERVICES MINUTES DATED 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017</u>

Proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Mrs Phillips

AGREED That the minut

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Community Committee of 5th September 2017 be accepted as a true record.

Unanimous of those present on 5th September 2017

4. CORRESPONDENCE/CLERKS ITEMS/COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

- **a)** Members were advised that a Remembrance Service will be held at the Memorial Hall on 11.11.17 at 11.00am and all are welcome to attend.
- **b)** Councillor R Davies, Lincs County Council, wished to advise that part night streetlights are operating correctly and are in a period of adjustment.
- c) Concerns raised by resident regarding poor condition of the roadway on the North Hykeham section of Baildon Crescent. The officers have referred this matter to Lincolnshire County Council as the authority responsible.
- **d)** A letter of thanks regarding a cemetery issue was read out to Members.
- e) The budget report was noted at this point.

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Lee

AGREED

That Item 5 be deferred and taken after Item 8 on the agenda.

Unanimous

6. <u>BANDSTAND SIDE PANELS</u>

Due to issues with transportation and storage of full size panels, Members would re-measure the performance area and investigate the provision of partial panels as a possible option. The Committee Clerk advised that no response had been received from the bandstand manufacturer to date with a possible solution.

7. <u>HYKEHAM IN BLOOM UPDATE</u>

The winter planting has been completed and the arches area is now a peat free zone. Projects for next year include – shrub planting and tidying at Hykeham Station, bulb and wild flower planting in the old orchard and bulb planting on the beck bank. Members wished to thank Hykeham Fast Fit for stepping in and assuming the responsibility of the sponsorship of the Newark Road roundabout for the remainder of the financial year and for their commitment to sponsor for 2018-19. The Hykeham In Bloom club again won a silver award at East Midlands In Bloom, an excellent result. All members would receive a copy of the award certificate and the Committee

AGREED

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor MrsPhillips That a maximum of £80 be spent from the Hykeham In Bloom budget for

the purchase of a small token of appreciation for all the members of the group.

Unanimous

8. EVENTS UPDATE

Councillor Reynolds updated Members on events held during 2017. 4 successful Summer Sunday Music Events had been held on the Village Green, total attendance 2895. Bucket collections had raised £683 and Members were requested to nominate local charities as recipients. Charities put forward by Members included Hykeham Day Centre and Energize. Due to staff shortages this year's Nativity will be held as an external event. Costings were considered and it was agreed to

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Phillips

RECOMMEND

To Finance & Policy a virement of £1340 be made from the 2017/18 Events budget to Section 137 budget to facilitate a grant for the Nativity 2017.

5. GRANTS

a) The North Hykeham Memorial Hall Charity have advised of their intention to hold an event to commemorate the end of World War I and the 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Hall over the weekend of 10-11.11.18. They would like to apply for a grant for 50% of the funding for the event and will submit a formal grant application for financial year 2018-19. They would also like the Community Committee to be involved in the Remembrance Weekend plans. Members noted the advance notification and were very much were in support of the event and welcomed the invitation to be involved.

Proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Briggs

AGREED

Members support in principle the grant application and the formal application to be forwarded to next financial year's grant budget.

Unanimous

b) Alive Church have submitted an application for a grant of £2640 to hold a 2017 Nativity Event on the Village Green. The funding would be used to hire a stage, PA System and lighting and for the production of advertising flyers and materials for lanterns to be made in the schools.

Councillor Hargreaves declared a prejudicial interest in the following Item and left the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Mrs Phillips

AGREED

To grant £2640 to Alive Church to hold a Christmas Event but suspend payment until a full financial breakdown of costings, plan of the event, risk assessments and all certification are provided in full.

Unanimous

9. <u>ACTIONS AND COSTS FOR DEFECTIVE STREET LIGHTING REPORT</u> FOLLOWING RECENT PERIODIC INSPECTION

Following the recently completed periodic electrical testing of Town Council owned street lights Eon have reported defects requiring attention in the near future with a total cost of £25000. The Chairman outlined the works outlined as urgent – replacement of 9 x defective 35 watt sox lanterns letting in water and rusting at a total cost of £2700 and replacement of 7 x defective concrete columns at a total cost of £7070 and it was agreed to

RECOMMEND

Proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Mrs Phillips

To request to Finance & Policy Committee that for Health & Safety, £9770 be spent from Town Council reserves on urgent street lighting works as recommended by Eon.

Unanimous

Members felt that further works listed may be financed through energy savings from conversion to part-night photocells.

10. COMMUNITY LIAISON

Councillor Hargreaves had circulated a list of Community Groups operating in the North Hykeham area. The list to be circulated again to all Town Councillors for further input. Any business activities to be removed from the list. It was hope that a promotion and networking event would be arranged at a future date.

11. <u>CEMETERY APPEAL</u>

All Members were in receipt of the appeal documentation and considered the appeal as presented.

Proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Mrs Phillips

AGREED That the appeal be allowed on this occasion, details to be kept on file.

Unanimous

12. REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

As no information regarding the request for a piece of play equipment prior to the meeting this Item was not taken.

13. <u>CREATION OF LIBRARY SUB COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</u>

Councillor Lee and Councillor Reynolds advised that they would serve on the Sub Committee, further Members would be approached. Provision of a study area had been requested by library users and this request would be passed on to the Library Volunteer Co-ordinator.

14. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ON COMMITTEE PRECEPT 2018/19

Members considered the current forecast for 2017/18 precept and the budget spent to date. They wished to provisionally accept the forecast of £53390 as their Committee precept for 2018/19 with the addition of £1500 for provision of additional bus shelter/improvements to performance area.

15. GRAFFITTI ON THE HIGHWAYS

The Service Staff will inspect the bus shelters for graffiti when time permits and all other graffiti will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department.

16. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Events Update. Hykeham In Bloom. Update on Graffiti. Library Sub Committee.

The meeting closed at 20.45.