

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA COMMITTEE

24TH NOVEMBER 2004 AT 6.30 P.M.

Present: Mr. D.W. Thorpe - Chairman
Mr. D.E. Hinton - Vice-Chairman

Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mr. N.B.L. Davis, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Ms. J.E. Price and Mr. J.E. Stanley

Officers in attendance: Mr. M. Donovan, Mr. G. B. Gethin and Mr. S. Jones.

270 MINUTES (SEAC1)

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Cook, it was

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

272 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2005/06 (SEAC2)

The Committee's views were sought on the proposed fees and charges to be applied in 2005/06 in respect of parks, open spaces and cemeteries, particularly insofar as they related to the Special Expenses area.

RESOLVED -

(i) on the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Hinton - having regard to increases imposed for 2004/05 for sports pitches, all Members of the Council be circulated before 7th December with details of the effect of such on both income and actual usage; and

(ii) on the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Price - the schedule of fees and charges submitted be recommended to Council subject to the following amendments:-

(a) the 2005/06 fee for the hire of parks for events, fairs and circuses (plus bond of £300) be £275; and

(b) in respect of cemeteries

page 2 - last line - Note to refer to "right to erect replacement memorials"

page 3 - last line - add "for casket or grave plot".

273 FLORAL DISPLAYS FOR 2005

The Leisure Services Manager reported verbally on work to date, as well as proposals, for floral displays generally and within the special expense area in particular to be phased in over the next 2-3 years. Every effort would be made for these to be creative and careful consideration would be given to specifications, including possible works of art, and encouragement of community involvement.

274 SANDY WALK, HINCKLEY

Following questions raised by Members, the Leisure Services Manager reported that it was understood that the maintenance of this footpath was the responsibility of the Leicestershire County Council, as highway authority, much of which was contracted out to Groundcare. There was uncertainty, however, as to the obligation of adjoining landowners and the actual extent of this footpath. It was, therefore, proposed by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Hinton, and

RESOLVED - a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee identifying areas of responsibility for maintenance of this footpath and details of any agreements with the Borough Council.

275 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Stanley, it was

RESOLVED - the next meeting be held on Tuesday 18th or Wednesday 19th January 2005 depending on other scheduled arrangements.

(The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.)