

HINKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA COMMITTEE
8TH NOVEMBER 2005 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, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Ms. J.E. Price, Mrs. E.A. Spencer and Mrs. R.W. Wright

Officers in attendance: Mr. M. Donovan, Ms. C. Lambert. Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mr. T.M. Prowse

269 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs D.C. Bill, K.W.P. Lynch and J.E. Stanley.

270 MINUTES (SEAC7)

It was moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Wright and

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

272 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2006/07 (SEAC8)

Members were requested to review these so far as this Committee was concerned and to make recommendations as appropriate to the Council meeting scheduled for 6th December 2005. In response to a Member's question, officers undertook to provide that Member with a copy of the Council's policy on burial charges for long-term residents who had moved away shortly before their death.

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

RESOLVED - the fees and charges set out in Appendix A of the report of the Head of Finance and ICT be recommended to Council.

273 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA BUDGET MONITORING (SEAC9)

The Committee considered the budgets and spending to date for the Special Expenses Area and received explanations as to 2 significant variances.

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

RESOLVED - the report be noted.

274 MEMORIAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS (SEAC10)

Members received an update on the Council's memorial inspection programme and information on the method used for dealing with unsafe memorials identified at Ashby Road Cemetery, Hinckley. Insofar as the latter was concerned, the Committee was requested to agree funding proposals for remedial works and associated issues. Attempts would be made to ensure that these works were carried out at minimum cost to the Council with contributions sought from owners/relatives. It was emphasised that all stonemasons working in the Council's cemeteries and closed churchyards were now registered and complied with the National Association of Memorial Masons Code of Working Practice whereby their work was guaranteed for a minimum of 30 years to ensure long-term safety within burial grounds.

It was moved by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Davis and

RESOLVED - the proposals outlined in Section 6 of the report of the Head of Health and Environment be endorsed and revisions to the 2005/06 and 2006/07 Programme as indicated be approved.

275 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that this be held at 6.30 p.m. on 18th January 2006.

(The meeting closed at 6.58 p.m.)