

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA COMMITTEE

18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005 AT 6.30 P.M.

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

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

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

342 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was submitted from Mrs. E.A. Spencer.

343 MINUTES (SEAC3)

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

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mrs. Francks and Mr. Lynch entered the meeting at 6.31 p.m.

344 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

Mr. Bill and Mr. Stanley entered the meeting at 6.32 p.m.

345 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA BUDGET 2005/06 (SEAC4)

Consideration was given to draft revenue and capital budgets prior to their submission to Council for approval. The accompanying report also highlighted growth bids evaluated by the Challenge Board and the impact on the level of balances and council tax. Concern having been expressed at the Committee's lack of prior opportunity for input, it was proposed by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mrs. Wright, and

RESOLVED - the 2005/06 budgets for the Special Expenses Area be referred to the Cabinet together with the views of this Committee that

- i) there is a need for a dedicated officer to co-ordinate the work of the Special Expenses Area Committee;
- ii) there appears to be a lack of commitment to the provision of community parks at Brodick Road and Swallows Green, Hinckley; and
- iii) in future years, the Special Expenses Area Committee be afforded earlier opportunity to examine budget proposals.

346 SANDY WALK, HINCKLEY

Further to minute number 274, the Leisure Services Manager reported on the state of, and responsibility for, this footpath and spur extending from Hollycroft to Outlands Drive, Hinckley. The question of land ownership was shortly to be addressed together with issues of liability and budgetary impact. On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Stanley, it was

RESOLVED - a detailed report on the progress of this matter be awaited.

347 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

RESOLVED - the next meeting be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 6.30 p.m.

(The meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.)