

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA COMMITTEE

8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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, Mr. C.G. Joyce,  
Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Ms. J.E. Price, Mrs. E.A. Spencer, Mr. J.E.  
Stanley and Mrs. R.W. Wright

Officers in attendance: Mr. P. Cash, Mr. M. Donovan, Mr. S. Jones  
and Mr. P. Reid.

44 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was submitted from Mrs. S. Francks.

Mr. Bill and Ms. Price entered the meeting at 6.33 p.m. and 6.34 p.m.  
respectively.

45 MINUTES (SEAC1)

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 be  
confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

46 MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at the meeting of this Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 (Minute  
345 (i)) that the view of this Committee, that there is a need for a dedicated officer  
to co-ordinate the work of the Special Expenses Area Committee, be referred to  
the Cabinet. Following consideration of these views, Cabinet decided that no  
further action should be taken. In the light of this response it was proposed by Mr.  
Davis and

RESOLVED - this matter be referred to the Chief Executive.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

48 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2004/05  
(SEAC2)

Consideration was given to the revenue and capital outturn figures for the  
Special Expenses Area prior to their submission to Council. The decision of  
Cabinet to carry forward certain underspends to 2005/06 was also reported.

RESOLVED - the 2004/05 revenue and capital outturn figures for the  
Special Expenses Area be noted.

49 PARKS MAINTENANCE UNDER NEW D.S.O. ARRANGEMENTS

The Leisure Services Manager reported on the possible future restructuring of the Grounds Maintenance function in order to improve standards. Members expressed concern about the potential effect on the standards within the Special Expenses Area.

RESOLVED - the effect on the Special Expenses Area be monitored.

50 REACTIVATION OF DISPERSAL NOTICES IN SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA

The Leisure Services Manager reported on the two dispersal notices introduced by the Police within the Special Expenses Area to deal with anti-social behaviour. The notices covered the period from December 2004 to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2005. As a result of the reduction in anti-social behaviour since the introduction of the notices, the Police had decided to issue further notices to cover the period from 11<sup>th</sup> June 2005 to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

RESOLVED - the introduction of the further notices be noted.

51 PRECEPT SETTING AND PUBLICATION OF PRECEPT LEVEL

Members again expressed concern at the lack of involvement of the Special Expenses Area Committee in the budget and tax setting process for the Special Expenses Area. The Committee had resolved at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 (Minute 345 (iii)) that in future years, the Special Expenses Area Committee be afforded earlier opportunity to examine budget proposals.

RESOLVED - In order for the Committee to take a more active role in the budget process:

- i) initial consideration of the Special Expenses Area budget for 2006/07, including potential growth items, be carried out at a meeting of the Committee in September 2005;
- ii) information be prepared on the potential impact of a parish council being established for Barwell; and
- iii) quarterly budget monitoring reports be presented to the Committee.

52 SECTION 106 MONIES AVAILABLE FROM SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA

The Acting Head of Planning and Leisure updated Members on the contributions received towards Play and Open Space from new developments which are available for use in the Special Expenses Area, which currently amount to £472,000. A report is being prepared for Scrutiny Commission and Cabinet on how these contributions are to be used over the next 5 years. In parallel with this report, a Green Space Strategy for the Borough is also being prepared which will identify future requirements for green spaces.

RESOLVED -

- i) a report be presented to this Committee in September identifying the location of relevant developments and the locations where the contributions can be used; and

- ii) a draft of the report be circulated to Members of this Committee prior to its submission to Cabinet for its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

53 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

On the motion of Mr. Thorpe, it was

RESOLVED - the next meeting be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 6.30 p.m.

If Members have items which they wish to be included on the agenda for that meeting (including items for inclusion in future budgets), these should be notified to officers by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

(The meeting closed at 7.18 p.m.)