

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA COMMITTEE

14th SEPTEMBER 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. D.S. Cope, Mr. N.B.L. Davis, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Ms. J.E. Price, Mrs. E.A. Spencer, Mr. J.E. Stanley and Mrs. R.W. Wright

Officers in attendance: Mr. M. Donovan and Mrs. P.I. Pitt.

209 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mrs. S. Francks.

210 MINUTES (SEAC3)

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

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Hinton, Ms. Price and Mrs. Wright entered the meeting at 6.33 p.m.

211 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA BUDGETS 2006/07 (SEAC4)

Prior to consideration of this item circulated to Members were pages 4 of 5 of Appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Finance and ICT.

Further to minute number 53 of 8th June 2005 the Committee was informed that no suggested budget growth items had been received by officers by the 10th August 2005 deadline.

Mr. Stanley left the meeting at 6.53 p.m.

Reference was made to the recently-produced Green Space Strategy and concerns expressed that no play facilities were available in De Montfort ward and on the motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mr. Davis it was

RESOLVED – Cabinet and Council be requested to give consideration to the budget for the Special Expenses Area for 2006/07 being increased to provide much-needed play provision in the Swallows Green area.

212 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA BUDGET MONITORING (SEAC5)

Again Members considered the budgets and spending to date for the Special Expenses Area. Concerns were expressed as to the current situation at Ashby Road Cemetery, Hinckley whereby in some instances scaffolding had been erected to support headstones. Discussion ensued regarding the national standards which applied and possible insurance provision and the suggestion made that staff within the cemeteries section investigate the cost if remedial work to the tombstones was undertaken by the Council.

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

RESOLVED – a report be produced for the next meeting showing the extent of the memorial problems at Ashby Road Cemetery and the likely repair costs.

213 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARISH COUNCIL FOR BARWELL (SEAC6)

Further to minute number 51 of 8th June 2005 the Committee considered and noted information supplied by the Head of Finance and ICT relating to the potential impact on the special expenses area of a Parish Council being established for Barwell. Arising from this the Chairman indicated that the whole question of special expenses was currently being examined and a report expected shortly.

(The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.)

At the conclusion of the meeting it was agreed that the next meeting of this Committee be scheduled for 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8th November 2005 (apologies from Mr. Bill and Mrs. Cook).

