

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

23 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr SM Gibbens - Chairman
Cllr LJ Mullaney – Vice-Chairman
Cllr DC Bill MBE, Cllr SL Bray, Cllr DS Cope, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr K Nichols,
Cllr MT Mullaney and Cllr A Pendlebury

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham, Matthew Bowers, Paul Grundy, Rebecca Owen and Judith Sturley

470 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Hodgkins.

471 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Bill and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January be confirmed as a correct record.

472 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

473 FRIENDS OF HINCKLEY STATION

Mike George attended on behalf of Friends of Hinckley Station to update members on work to extend the wildlife garden on platform 1 which was going well but had suffered due to the drought in early summer and Covid restrictions. Mr George explained plans to improve the soil in part of the garden to support planting and was seeking funding for compost – up to about 2000 litres would be required for two applications. Members were supportive of the plans and providing funding. It was agreed that officers would check whether Green Spaces could provide compost and support in moving it onto the land, but otherwise funding would be provided to purchase the compost. It was moved by Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Pendlebury and

RESOLVED – compost be provided to Friends of Hinckley Station or funding be granted to purchase the compost.

474 PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

Members received a presentation on the public realm masterplan for Hinckley town centre. During discussion, the following points were raised:

- The parking problems created by the town centre living concept
- The need to look again at proposals for King Street as they were not supported by some businesses
- The requirement for a policy on cycling where cycling on pavements was to be allowed, as opposed to dedicated cycle paths
- The synergy between the Public Realm Strategy and the Heritage Action Zone.

Members requested copies of the plans, followed by a separate meeting to look at individual proposals and consider which elements they wished to take forward prior to further consultation or endorsement.

475 SPECIAL EXPENSES OUTTURN FOR 2019/20

The committee gave consideration to the 2019/20 revenue and capital outturn for the special expenses area of Hinckley.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.34 pm)

CHAIRMAN