

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

21 JANUARY 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs J Kirby - Chairman
Mrs L Hodgkins – Vice-Chairman
Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr DS Cope, Mrs GAW Cope, Mr K Nichols and Ms BM Witherford

Members in attendance: Councillors Mr MA Hall

Officers in attendance: Ilyas Bham and Rebecca Owen

343 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bray and Lynch.

344 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor D Cope, seconded by Councillor Witherford and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2018 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

345 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

346 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch Development Officer for Hinckley presented to members the achievements of Neighbourhood Watch and challenges faced. The costs of printing the newsletter were highlighted and members agreed to consider providing an additional £1,000 funding for 2019/20.

347 SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA BUDGET 2019/20

Consideration was given to the 2019/20 budget for the special expenses area of Hinckley. It was noted that the figure in the table in paragraph 3.9 of £104,268 for transfer to/(from) balances 2019/2020 had changed since the report was produced and should now read £102,717. This figure was also repeated in appendix 1.

During discussion, the need for lighting in Granville Gardens was discussed and it was agreed that officers be approached outside of the meeting to discuss the possibility of using S106 money for this.

The request of Hinckley Neighbourhood Watch for an additional £1,000 for 2019/20 was considered and it was moved by Councillor Witherford and seconded by Councillor Nichols that the funding be granted. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Members queried progress in relation to the Hinckley Community Development Fund. The Leader explained that the delay was due to working on governance arrangements for the fund due to the Hinckley Area Committee not having the relevant authority to approve applications nor being the body that would submit applications. It was therefore

suggested that the scheme be operated in the same way as the Developing Communities Fund, with community groups being able to submit applications to officers. Disappointment was expressed by a member that schools would not be eligible for funding as they had other sources of funding via Leicestershire County Council.

RESOLVED –

- (i) The report be noted;
- (ii) An additional grant of £1,000 be provided to Hinckley Neighbourhood Watch.

348 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 3 April 2019.

(The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm)

CHAIRMAN