

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE

3 APRIL 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs J Kirby - Chairman
Mrs L Hodgkins – Vice-Chairman

Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr SL Bray, Mr DS Cope, Mrs GAW Cope, Mr KWP Lynch and Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen

437 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nichols.

438 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

439 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

440 PRESENTATION BY FRIENDS OF HINCKLEY STATION

In receiving a presentation from the Friends of Hinckley Station, members heard about recent work including flower tub planting, maintaining the wildlife garden on platform 1, starting a book swap and occasional yarn bombing. It was noted that the group had an environmental policy which included no pesticides.

Members were informed that local businesses had sponsored the flower tubs on platform 2 and there was involvement from the community in watering the plants. It was noted that Network Rail was due to replace the canopy on platform 1 and East Midlands Trains would be repainting the benches and yellow lines. Whilst members welcomed the replacement canopy, they felt it unfortunate that it would not be in keeping with the rest of the station building.

The need for the bridge to be cleaned was discussed and members were informed that neither the rail companies nor the county council would take responsibility for it so a cleaning party would be organised.

Whilst it was noted that the Burbage side of the railway looked attractive and support had been sought from the parish council to install suitable signage, disappointment was expressed about the Hinckley side of the railway which had poor hedgerows to the car park, a blocked drain and experienced drug and alcohol issues which the police had agreed to look into. In relation to the hedgerows, it was agreed that support would be requested from the Green Spaces team who had been supportive previously. A member suggested that the council's heritage officer may be able to signpost funding.

Members commended the Friends of Hinckley Station for its hard work.

(The Meeting closed at 7.02 pm)

CHAIRMAN