

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL 2021 AT 7.15PM

Committee Members present:

B Collier, A Cooper (Chairman), Mrs M Cooper, S Hayes, Mrs J Hyde, B Saunders

Also present:

Assistant Clerk – Ms Caroline Jenkins

17/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none, as all committee members were present.

18/21 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA

There were none. Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

19/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

There were none in attendance.

20/21 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

21/21 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered new applications for funding (budget available £12,000).

Grants are awarded where the money is to be used for the direct benefit of the area, or part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, and benefit obtained must be commensurate with the expenditure incurred. The decision of whether benefit would be in the interest of the area, or its inhabitants, and whether it would be commensurate with the expenditure incurred is made by the Council. Grants are awarded at the Council's discretion.

Members were reminded that as the Council has adopted the General Power of Wellbeing, no consideration into available powers is required. However, we may not go against any existing power which specifically prohibits something.

RECOMMENDED that the following grants are approved:

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded
Pix Gymnastics	Purchase safety crash mat and sectional vaulting table	£1,244.95
Respite at Home	To fund advertising for their service	£600.00
Larksfield Medical Practice	To purchase Doppler machine for the surgery	£3,000

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the application from Country Days Ltd for £1000 to run 2 courses during the year was turned down. The Committee noted that they are based on the far side of Bedford and whilst they claim to have children attending from Stotfold, the committee felt money should be directed to more local charities to benefit the whole of Stotfold.

22/21 GRANT FEEDBACK FORMS

Members noted grant feedback forms from:

- Need Project, £1,000 towards rental of extra storage for donated items.
- Churches Together, £1,500 towards costs of shopping support group during the Covid19 pandemic.

23/21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.33pm

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: