

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.22PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD.

Committee Members present:

A Cooper (Chairman), S Buck, B Collier, Mrs M Cooper, S Hayes, Mrs J Hyde, D Matthews

Also present:

Non-committee members Councillors Mrs T Bhasin and G Russell, and Mrs K Elliott-Turner - Town Clerk

25/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none as all committee members were present.

26/22 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Hayes declared an interest in the grant application from Stotfold Guides, as his wife is President. There were no requests for dispensations. 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.

27/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

None present.

28/22 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Clerk's Report

The Finance Assistant has successfully completed her FiLCA (Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration). She has also recently completed training on the local council's accounting year-end process and is now looking for suitable AAT courses (as previously approved by council). Congratulations will be passed to the Finance Assistant.

29/22 PURCHASE OF GAZEBOS

For information, as agreed at the last meeting, x2 gazebos have been purchased, together with appropriate accessories – leg weights, lighting, guttering, signage, etc. Total cost £1,776.74 plus vat

30/22 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered new applications for funding (budget available £15,000).

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:

Stotfold Guides

Amount granted: £1,500

Purpose of grant: purchase of play equipment for Guides garden area

Stotfold Bowls Club

Amount granted: £1,500

Purpose of grant: purchase of scarifier

Stotfold Football Club

Amount granted: £1,500

Purpose of grant: purchase of full-size portable goals to facilitate senior section training

31/22 GRANT FEEDBACK FORMS

Members noted the feedback form received from Magpas.

32/22 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.29pm

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: