

Wheathampstead Parish Council

Community Involvement Committee

9 April 2018 19:30

Present:	Councillors	T Reason G Clark D Davies E Habib D Johnston R O'Brien T Ryan P Woodhams	Chairman
		J Warren	Clerk to the Council
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5583-18 Election of Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark and it was agreed that Councillor Reason chair the committee on this occasion.

Resolved:

Councillor Reason to take the chair.

5584-18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors J Booth, L Halford, S Haynes, and O McKenzie T Ryan (personal reasons).

5585-18 Public Speaking

None.

5586-18 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

5587-18 Minutes of Community Involvement Committee of 26 Feb

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 26 February 2018 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5588-18 Grant applications 2018-19 expenditure

The availability of 2018-19 community grants had been advertised in the Pump and on the Council's website. Grant applications received were discussed. Mr Law responded to questions regarding the Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group's grant application and Mr Greensmith about the Wheathampstead Community Group's application.

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Councillor Ryan proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib and it was agreed that a grant of £673 be given to the Wheathampstead Community Group to cover public liability and drivers' insurances.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that a grant of £450 be given to the Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group to cover public liability insurance.

Councillor Clark proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston and it was agreed that a grant of £500 be given to the Wheathampstead Thursday Club for the Disabled for mini bus hire.

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason and it was agreed that a grant of £500 be given to the Wheathampstead Dementia Friendly Group to cover hall hire cost for the Mead Hall.

Councillor Habib proposed, seconded by Councillor O'Brien and it was agreed that a grant of £4,000 be given to the Citizens Advice St Albans and District for provision of support and advice for local residents.

Councillor Habib proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason and it was agreed that a grant of £420 be given to the Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living towards the Positive Movement classes held in Wheathampstead aimed at older and infirm people.

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston and it was agreed that a grant of £224.01 be given to the Wheathampstead Friends Group to cover public liability insurance. This was agreed subject to receipt of all appropriate paperwork.

It was noted that many groups had applied for grants for running costs, principally insurances. The Clerk was asked to request that future grant applications were more varied, for capital projects or perhaps subsidising meal costs.

Resolved:

- **Clerk to request that future grant applications avoid running costs.**
- **To award the following grants:**
 - **Wheathampstead Community Group £673**
 - **Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group £450**
 - **Wheathampstead Thursday Club for the Disabled £500**
 - **Wheathampstead Dementia Friendly Group £500**
 - **Citizens Advice St Albans and District £4,000**
 - **Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living (for Positive Movement in Wheathampstead) £420**
 - **Wheathampstead Friends Group £224.01 (on receipt of full application pack)**

5589-18 Wheathampstead Rugby

A request had been received from Wheathampstead Rugby Football Club for pitch facilities. Councillor Johnston reported that this start

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up touch rugby club had around 40 members of mixed age and gender. They had portable floodlights and wished to train 8-9pm Monday evenings on a marked up pitch adjacent to the Tennis Club, this being a central and visible location close to some potentially 'borrowed' light. The ground was relatively flat but concerns were raised about wear and tear, albeit recent wet weather showed most ground showed a propensity to become boggy. Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed that a three month trial be permitted with immediate effect. This would be subject to review and a charge made to cover pitch cost and marking up.

Resolved:

That the Wheathampstead Rugby Football Club be permitted a three month trial with immediate effect. This would be subject to review and a charge made to cover pitch cost and marking up.

5590-18 Bus report

Further to Minute 5510-18 a draft report from the Interparish Bus group had been received. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council endorse the approach being taken by the Interparish Bus Group to retain a Sunday bus service serving Sandridge, Redbourn and Wheathampstead villages.

Resolved:

To endorse the approach being taken by the Interparish Bus Group to retain a Sunday bus service serving Sandridge, Redbourn and Wheathampstead villages.

5591-18 Youth/ Sports Update

None..

5592-18 Budget report

It was reported that there had been no committee expenditure nine days into the new financial year.

Resolved:

To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:45

Dated this day of 2018

Chairman