

Wheathampstead Parish Council

Community Involvement Committee 14 January 2019 - 19:30

Present: Councillors S Haynes Chairman
G Clark
D Davies
E Habib
D Johnston
P Woodhams

J Warren Clerk to the Council
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5944-18 Election of Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed to elect Councillor Haynes Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor Haynes took the chair and welcomed June Chapman, CASTAD CEO to the meeting.

Resolved:

In the absence of Councillor Halford, to elect Councillor Haynes Chairman for the meeting.

5945-18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors L Halford, O McKenzie, T Reason (personal reasons).

5946-18 Public Speaking

None.

5947-18 Citizens Advice St Albans presentation and grant request

June Chapman, CEO of Citizens Advice St Albans District (CASTAD) gave an informative presentation on the role and outcomes of CASTAD's work in Wheathampstead for the six months from April 2018. She thanked the parish Council for its £4,000 grant which funded the cost of the outreach worker. Wheathampstead was the flagship outreach within the District and it was good to see such promising conclusions to often complex issues.

She spoke also of the plans for a new dementia project, a project worker working in addition to the weekly advisor but with both groups of carers and those living with dementia. This would take the form of individual advice and group sessions.

Councillors asked a number of searching questions, and case non specific responses were given.

To enable CASTAD to budget for the forthcoming financial year they had once again requested that their grant application be considered at budgeting period, this had been submitted and circulated for consideration.

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Councillor Habib proposed, seconded by Councillor Davies, and it was agreed, that a grant of £4,000 plus use of the Green Room on Thursday mornings be awarded for 2019-20

Resolved:

- **To thank the CASTAD CEO for her informative presentation**
- **To award a grant of £4,000 to CASTAD for 2019-20, plus use of the Green Room on Thursday mornings.**

5948-18 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

5949-18 Minutes of Community Involvement Committee of 3 December 2018

The Chairman proposed, seconded and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 3 December 2018 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5950-18 Memorial Hall plans

Further to Minute 5909-18 the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Memorial Hall Working Group be reinstated.

Resolved:

To reinstate the Memorial Hall Working Group.

5951-18 Crinkle Crankle Garden

Further to Minute 5918-18 it was noted that construction work was underway. Quotation for plant design had been received. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Crinkle Crankle Working Group's recommendation to appoint Heartwood Garden Design, and that this be subject to an agreed planting budget.

A working group was to work with the designer and include a representative from the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society

The local residents' request to improve signage to the Community Garden was discussed. Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed, that a green and gold arrow sign saying 'Crinkle Crankle Garden and Boules Court' also include a pictorial flower motif to indicate a garden and be more inclusive,

Resolved;

- **To note the report.**
- **To appoint Heartwood Garden Design, and that this be subject to an agreed planting budget.**

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- **That a working group work with the designer and include a representative from the Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society.**
- **That the green and gold sign saying 'Crinkle Crankle Garden and Boules Court' also include a pictorial flower motif.**

5952-18 Portaloos at Butterfield Playing Fields

It was reported that a small reduction in weekly rental of the portaloos at Butterfield Playing Fields had been secured. Funding continued to be pursued including via St Albans District Council.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5953-18 Bus report

Further to Minute 5914-18 Councillor Haynes gave an update report from the inter-parish bus group. It was agreed that people be encouraged to use their bus services. An article to be included in the Pump.

Resolved:

- **To note the report.**
- **To include a feature on buses in the Spring Pump.**

5954-18 Station fun day 26 May 2019

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark, and it was agreed, that the Station Fun Day proceed on 26 May 2019.

Resolved:

That the Station Fun Day proceed on 26 May 2019.

5955-18 Youth and sports update

It was reported that grant funds were available from the MCLG for 'pocket parks' which included refurbishment of play areas. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, to proceed with an application for Maltings Drive Play Area.

Resolved:

To apply for a 'pocket park' grant to refurbish the Maltings Drive Play Area.

5956-18 Project and task review

The report as circulated was considered.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5957-18 Budget report

Resolved:

To note the report.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:35

Dated this day of 2019

Chairman