Community Involvement Committee 11 September 2017- 19:30

Present: Councillors L Halford Chairman

G Clark
D Davies
E Habib
S Haynes
D Johnston
P Woodhams

J Warren Clerk to the Council

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5242-17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor T Reason (personal reasons).

5243-17 Public Speaking

None.

5244-17 Specific Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None.

5245-17 Minutes of Community Involvement Committee of 12 June

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 be approved.

Resolved:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 June 2017 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5246-17 Community Grants 2017-18

Consideration was given to community grant applications received for 2017-18. Because of meeting clashes for both WPPG and WCG David Law was unable to be present, but had previously spoken with the chairman and had given detailed end of year presentations for the 201—6-17 grants. Consideration was given to all applications.

Councillor Clark proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed that a grant of £676 be made as requested to Wheathampstead Community Group and £426.14, to Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group for insurance cover, and for £500 to the Wheathampstead Thursday Club for member transport.

Resolved:

That the following community grants be made:

Wheathampstead Community Group £676

Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group £426.14

Wheathampstead Thursday Club £500

5247-17 Rectory Meadow play area - railings

Councillors considered whether to replace the railings around the children's play area at Rectory Meadow, one quotation had been received more could be sought. The previous fencing was failing and difficult to keep safely maintained so had been removed following contractor's recommendation (Minute 5092-17). Council had received requests for replacement from residents whose children were frightened by dogs (Minute 5222-17). There was currently no specific budgetary provision for this.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes and it was agreed to approve installation of fencing subject to obtaining funding. This might be from s106 or 2018-19 budget provision. As an interim measure to install signs asking dog walkers to keep their dogs under control and /or on a lead, and to respect that children using the play area may be frightened of them.

Resolved

- To approve installation of fencing subject to obtaining funding.
- As an interim measure to install signs asking dog walkers to keep their dogs under control and /or on a lead, and to respect that children using the play area may be frightened of them.

5248-17 Boules Court

Further to Minute 5251-17 Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Habib, and it was agreed to site a boules court on north the side of Rectory Meadow east of the play area and subject to the site being appropriate for levelling without unnecessary expense.

Resolved:

To site a boules court on north the side of Rectory Meadow east of the play area and subject to the site being appropriate for levelling without unnecessary expense.

5249-17 Village Weekend

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the recommendations of the Village Weekend Working Group be approved, namely to look at increasing involvement of village groups and organisations in Village Weekend. Councillor Johnston would prepare an agenda invitation.

Resolved:

To approve details the recommendations of the Village Weekend Working Group, namely look at increasing involvement of village groups and organisations in Village Weekend.

5250-17 Station Event 16 September

Further to Minute 5156-17 volunteer assistance was requested primarily for marshalling between the two sites – station sidings and station platform.

Resolved:

To note the request.

5251-17 Light's Up 2017

It was reported that a meeting to discuss Lights Up (30 November) was scheduled for 12 September.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5252-17 Heritage Trail leaflets

It was reported that supplies of Heritage Trail leaflets were very low. A number of amendments were required to the initial print. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that Cityscape be asked to quote to edit, update and print 5,000 or 10,000 leaflets. Funding sources to be sought as there was no current specific budgetary provision..

Resolved:

That quotations for 5,000 and 10,000 updated maps be obtained.

5253-17 Red Phone Box

Consideration was given to the ongoing use of the phoneless George V red phone box. The Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society favoured it as an information point.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Clark, and it was agreed that Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society be asked to specify leaflet holder design and installation

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that St Albans District Council be encouraged to temporarily install a Nutcracker figure (a Christmas promotion and part of St Albans Business Improvement District Scheme (BIDS)) in the centre of Wheathampstead, perhaps in the phone box.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed that Council investigate the possibility of making the phone box a WiFi hotspot.

Resolved:

- That Wheathampstead and District Preservation
 Society be asked to specify leaflet holder design and installation.
- That St Albans District Council be encouraged to install a Nutcracker figure (a Christmas promotion and part of St Albans Business Improvement District Scheme

(BIDS)) in the centre of Wheathampstead, perhaps in the phone box

• That Council investigate the possibility of making the phone box a WiFi hotspot.

5254-17 Memorial Hall refurbishment

The Chairman reported briefly on the meeting with the architect to discuss the hall refurbishment. Council needed to consider in the first instance whether to rebuild or alter the current building, already extended and altered on a number of occasions.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5255-17 Outdoor Gym

Further to Minute 5155-17 it was reported that Wheathampstead Parish Council had been shortlisted for its entry for an outdoor gym on the Marford Field adjacent to the Table Tennis Table. Councillors were delighted and awaited further news.

Resolved:

To note the shortlisted result in the Caloo gym equipment competition for siting a gym / fitness trail on Marford Field.

5256-17 Youth/ Sports Update

The Chairman reported that she had attended the opening of the resurfaced Tennis Courts. Members of the Youth Project had taken part in the National Citizenship Scheme over the Summer.

Resolved:

To note the report.

5257-17 Budget Report

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Village Weekend expenditure as discussed be approved and report as circulated be noted.

Resolved:

To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:35

Dated this day of 2017

Chairman