

Minutes

of a meeting of the

South East Area Committee

held at 7.00pm on Monday 15 April 2013

at the Abbey House, Abingdon



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Bill Jones (Chairman), John Amys, Charlotte Dickson, Jenny Hannaby, Fiona Roper, Janet Shelley, Margaret Turner, and Reg Waite

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Steve Culliford, Carole Cumming, Clare Kingston and Sally Truman

Number of members of the public: 5

SE.9 Apologies for absence

Councillors Matthew Barber, Sue Marchant, and Mike Murray had sent their apologies for absence.

SE.10 Minutes

RESOLVED: To adopt as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 10 December 2012 and agree that the chairman signs them.

SE.11 Declarations of interest

Councillors declared the following interests:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Jenny Hannaby	Wantage 'not just' Betjeman Festival	Personal interest in that she was a member of the Betjeman Society
Jenny Hannaby	Wantage Silver Band	Pecuniary interest in that she was a member of the Silver Band's cabinet
Janet Shelley	East Hendred Parish Council	Pecuniary interest in that she was a member of East Hendred Parish Council
Margaret Turner	St Matthew's Church, Harwell	Personal interest in that she was a member of the church congregation
Reg Waite	Chilton Village Hall Management Committee	Personal interest in that he knew members of the management committee
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SE.12 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

SE.13 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the South East Area Committee

The following members of the public made statements at the meeting:

- (1) Brian Morris made a statement in support of the grant application by the Chilton Village Hall Management Committee. The intention was to install an induction loop to assist those with hearing difficulties, and to provide a portable stage.
- (2) Charles Pappenheim spoke in support of East Hendred Parish Council's application for a contribution towards a zip wire at the village playground. The village had identified the need for something for older children to do and the parish council carried out a consultation, a zip wire was the preferred outcome.
- (3) Lynn Coulson spoke on behalf of Wantage Silver Band in support of its application for a grant towards a car park on land at its headquarters at Tugwell Field. The car park was also used by the Wantage Town Juniors Football Club and needed a new surface.
- (4) Catriona Galbraith spoke on behalf of Letcombe Regis Tennis Club, requesting that the grant awarded in December 2012 to Letcombe Regis Parish Council was split between the parish council and the tennis club.

SE.14 Capital community grants

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report that set out details of seven applications for grants under the council's capital community grants scheme. Cabinet had allocated £29,904 to this area committee for capital grants in 2013/14 financial year, plus a carried forward balance of £6,754 that remained unspent from 2012/13. This made a total of £36,658 available for the committee to allocate in the 2013/14 financial year.

The committee considered the grant applications and awarded grants as set out below. Councillors Jenny Hannaby and Janet Shelley left the room during the committee's consideration of the applications from Wantage 'not just' Betjeman Festival and East Hendred Parish Council respectively as they had declared pecuniary interests in these items. The committee was reminded of the council's policy to award grants up to 50 per cent of the total project cost; the committee agreed to adhere to this policy.

The committee recalled that at its last meeting, it had awarded £5,000 to Letcombe Regis Parish Council towards two new tennis courts. The parish council had thanked the council for its grant but had requested that £1,670 of the grant was paid directly to Letcombe Regis Tennis Club. This was due to other funding for the project being allocated directly to the tennis club and payments for the project would be split between the two organisations. The committee supported this request.

RESOLVED: To

(a) approve the following grants:

Applicant	Project	Grant	Comments
Chilton Village Hall Management Committee	Induction loop and portable stage	£2,075 representing 42.86 per cent of the total project cost	
1861 (Wantage) Squadron Air Training Corps	Storage shed for equipment	£700 representing 48.95 per cent of the total project cost	
Upton Village Hall Amenities Trust	Purchase of two tier bowls mat stand	£470 representing 50 per cent of the total project cost	
East Hendred Parish Council	Zip wire installation for playground	£3,557 representing 49.99 per cent of the total project cost	
Wantage Silver Band	New car park at Tugwell Field	£4,486 representing 50 per cent of the total project cost	
St Matthews Church, Harwell	Digital projection system	£3,000 representing 19.52 per cent of the total project cost	Prior to determining the application, the committee considered additional information provided by the applicant. The officer reported that this additional information would have increased the assessment score if received before the deadline. Therefore, the committee increased the grant award over the officer's recommended amount.
Wantage 'not just' Betjeman festival	Purchase own projection equipment	£520 representing 48.73 per cent of the total project cost	Officers were asked to review the reliability of projection equipment at Wantage Civic Hall

(b) amend the £5,000 grant awarded in December 2012 to Letcombe Regis Parish Council to be allocated as follows:

- £3,330 to Letcombe Regis Parish Council
- £1,670 to Letcombe Regis Tennis Club

Exempt information under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 - None

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm