

SE.8

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE CIVIC HALL,
WANTAGE ON TUESDAY, 14TH
MARCH, 2006 AT 7.00PM

Open to the Public, including the Press

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Councillor Terry Cox (Chairman), Elsa Boyce, Eddy Goldsmith, Jenny Hannaby, Joyce Hutchinson, Jim Moley, David Phillips, Margaret Turner, Derek Verdin and Pam Westwood

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Culliford, Lorna Edwards and Toby Warren

NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4

SE.16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Farrell (Vice-Chair), Terry Fraser, Ginnie Stock and Richard Stone.

SE.17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2006 were adopted and signed as a correct record.

SE.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jenny Hannaby declared a personal interest in item 7 'Community Grants' regarding the application from the Wantage War Memorial Committee insofar as she was an independent member of that committee in no controlling position and she was also Chairman of the local British Legion branch and a member of Wantage Town Council (minute SE.21 refers). Councillors Eddy Goldsmith, Jim Moley and Derek Verdin also declared personal interests in the application from the Wantage War Memorial Committee insofar as they were members of Wantage Town Council. Councillor Moley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from Wantage Summer Festival 2006 as he was its Chairman. Councillor Margaret Turner declared a personal interest in the application by Harwell Parish Council as she was a member of that Council.

SE.19 STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

Mrs Greta Thornbury made a statement on behalf of Wantage Summer Festival seeking a contribution towards the cost of the 2006 festival. A draft programme was being developed for the event, a copy of which was circulated for Members' information. The grants awarded by the Committee in previous years had been spent on programme printing, publicity and tickets. This year's festival would be a development of the last, involving youth and family events. It was a low cost event run by volunteers who were extremely grateful for the Council's assistance in the past.

SE.20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

None

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SE.21 COMMUNITY GRANTS

(Councillors Eddy Goldsmith, Jenny Hannaby, Jim Moley and Derek Verdin all declared personal interests in this item regarding the application from the Wantage War Memorial Committee and in accordance with Standing Order 34 they remained in the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Moley also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from Wantage Summer Festival 2006 and in accordance with Standing Order 34 he left the meeting during its consideration. Councillor Margaret Turner declared a personal interest in the application by Harwell Parish Council and in accordance with Standing Order 34 she remained in the meeting during its consideration.)

The Committee received and considered report 252/05 of the Strategic Director, setting out details of three community grant applications and bids for Parish cleaning. Members noted that the Committee's remaining budget for 2005/06 was £7,689.88. The Committee considered the applications before it. It was agreed that any grant towards the Wantage Summer Festival should be funded from the Committee's 2006/07 budget, as funds had already been committed from the current year's budget for the 2005 festival.

With regard to Parish Cleansing Grants, it was noted that the applications were for 2006/07. Members discussed how the grants should be awarded and whether any limitations should be placed upon them. The Committee considered that a level of grant should be awarded but at an hourly rate of £6. Members also considered that grants should be limited to 40% of the total cost.

Members noted that the report contained an application from Appleford Parish Council. This was removed from the agenda as Appleford was in the Abingdon Area. However, a new application was introduced, received from Chilton Parish Council, seeking a grant of £332.50 representing a proportion of the area of the parish cleaning that fell within the scheme's criteria. The total cost of the cleaning in Chilton was £350.

RESOLVED

(a) *Members are asked to note that the Committee's remaining budget for 2005/06 is £7,689.88;*

(b) *that the following community grant application be approved from the 2005/06 budget:*

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant</u>
<i>Wantage War Memorial Committee</i>	<i>Reburishment of War Memorial</i>	<i>£3,000 (Environmental agenda; Town and Village Vitality priority)</i>

(c) *that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Committee Chairman to approve the following community grant application from the 2005/06 budget:*

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant</u>
<i>Challow and Childrey Cricket Club</i>	<i>Purchase of a mobile batting cage</i>	<i>£500 subject to grants being awarded by East and west Challow Parish Councils and Childrey Parish Council (Social agenda; Town and Village Vitality priority)</i>

(d) *that it be noted that the Committee's budget for 2006/07 is £25,084, based on the percentage of the electorate in the South East Area at 1 January 2006;*

- (e) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Committee Chairman to approve the following community grant application from the 2006/07 budget:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Wantage Summer Festival	Cost of holding the 2006 festival	£2,500 subject to a grant being awarded by Wantage Town Council (Social agenda; Town and Village Vitality priority)

- (f) that the following Parish Cleansing Grant applications be approved from the 2006/07 budget:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Detailed calculation</u>
Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council	£36	15 hours @ £6 per hour x 40%
Charney Bassett Parish Council	£144	60 hours @ £6 per hour x 40%
Harwell Parish Council	£1121	467 hours @ £6 per hour x 40% rounded to the nearest £
Milton Parish Council	£400	180 hours @ £6 per hour x 40%; rounded down to £400 and suggest that the Parish Council seeks further assistance from McDonalds
Blewbury Parish Council	£120	50 hours @ £6 per hour x 40%
Chilton Parish Council	£96	50 hours @ £6 per hour = £300 then deduct 20% from total for Parish Council land = £240 then x 40%
West Hendred Parish Council	£29	12 hours (as the playing field area is not within the criteria) @ £6 per hour x 40%

- (g) that the Parish Cleansing Grant application from Childrey Parish Council be refused as it does not fall within the grants criteria;
- (h) that it be noted that additional guidance for grants supporting historic buildings, work on trees, countryside conservation and parish cleansing is in preparation and Members' comments on the draft are welcome; and
- (i) that a draft prospectus of the Committee's priorities for grant assistance be prepared for discussion at the next meeting to assist in clarifying how local criteria should be set.

Exempt Information Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None

The meeting rose at 8.25 pm