

Community Infrastructure Levy	£778.50
Total funding secured to date:	£18,278.50

The Council is awaiting a reply from Haddenham Charities regarding an application for £1500.

Cllr Haigh proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that the Council should put a contingency amount of £2000 in place to cover the shortfall, if required. This would come from the Environmental Fund. Motion carried by a show of 9 hands. Cllr Norman abstained.

5. COMPLAINT RE CO-OPTION PROCESS

Cllr Lyon advised that a formal complaint had been received from Mr Richard Marsden regarding the co-option process on 9th July (see Minutes FC 07/2014 Item 6) and the fact that an application received after the closing date had been accepted to stand for co-option, following a vote of the Full Council.

Mr Ashmeade wished to make a verbal complaint on the same subject. He felt it was irregular to allow a candidate to stand whose application had been received after the deadline clearly shown on the advert and asked if this premise would also apply to other deadlines such as those for sealed bids, etc. Cllr Lyon explained what had happened at the meeting on 9th July and advised that this was not the same situation as bids for tenders. Cllr G Wilson added that the Council tries to be flexible but at the same time rigorous and not make mistakes.

After some debate the Council agreed that it had acted in an honest and transparent manner, making it clear at the meeting on 9th July that a late application had been received and by taking a vote on whether the late applicant should be allowed to stand. The result of the vote being that it was agreed unanimously he should be allowed.

The Clerk had sought advice from CAPALC, the advisory body for local councils and had been advised that the decision to allow the late application was made in an open and transparent manner and therefore is a legitimate decision.

It was also agreed that the Council is always pleased to encourage people to stand for co-option and election and strives to cast its net as widely as it can to obtain as many good candidates as possible and this was the reason for the decision to allow the vote on the late applicant to take place.

The Council therefore agreed that it stands by its decision and would not hold a re-run of the co-option process. Cllr Cheetham has now signed all the necessary papers required to accept the office of Parish Councillor and it would be illegal to carry out the process again.

The Clerk will advise Mr Marsden of the outcome of this meeting and advise that if he feels his complaint is still unresolved then he will have to take it to the Monitoring Officer at the District Council.

Cllr G Wilson wished to report that the Planning Inspector has said the total number of housing stock in East Cambs is 380 short. Cllr Wilson also advised that the application for 100 houses at Wilburton Road will be coming up at the next District Council Planning Committee, however the proposed plan is completely against the planning policy of the District Council.

There being no further business the meeting was called to a close at 8.34pm.

DJ Lyon
3/9/14