

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 29th May 2014 at 8.05pm at Haddenham Library, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Lyon, Page, Parr, Smith, Tindall and G Wilson

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that Cllr Lyon should be elected as Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Tindall proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING (For Information Only)

- a. Payments Procedure:** (See Minutes FM 02/2014 Item 13) The Full Council had approved the Payments Procedure for all payments on 14th May.
- b. WREN:** (See Minutes FM 02/2014 Item 15) The offer from WREN had been confirmed and the contract signed and returned.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. REQUEST FROM TINDERBOX PRE-SCHOOL FOR ASSISTANCE

A request for financial assistance had been received from Tinderbox Pre-School because it has run into difficulties and may have to close at the end of this term. The main issue is lack of children coming up for the next year and they are planning a large advertising campaign in Haddenham, Aldreth and surrounding villages.

The Committee considered and discussed the situation at great length and sympathises with the problems being faced but agreed that unless Tinderbox can become financially viable on its own merits the Council cannot give grant funding and certainly not the large amounts per month required to keep it running next term. Had it been a temporary issue and a one off payment would have enabled them to get over the slump then a grant could have been considered but even then it would not have been possible to give a large amount. They also considered if there were other ways they could help but the overriding issue is lack of funding. They understand that the underlying problem is the lack of children coming up this year and it was decided that they would await the result of the advertising campaign and if the situation changes it could be looked at again. Therefore Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that the Parish Council is unable to provide any financial assistance at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

8. REQUEST FROM PERRETT'S AMUSEMENTS

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Tindall seconded that permission should be given for Perrett's Amusements to visit Haddenham Recreation Field between 2nd and 8th June, departing on the 9th. This is subject to weather and all other usual conditions applied to the permission. Motion carried unanimously.

9. MATTERS TO REPORT

There were none.

