

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

AT HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Mrs Clark, Mr Harmer, Mr Kerby, Mrs Plant, Mr Smith and Mr Waterhouse.

The Clerk was in attendance.

Also present: Representatives from St Richards Pre-School and the Heathfield Partnership. (6 in total)

ST RICHARD'S PRE-SCHOOL

Members of the Pre-School Committee explained their proposals for an outside area which would provide a wide-ranging play environment.

HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP – SWIMMING POOL

Mrs Mays-Smith gave an update on the Swimming Pool project and stated that this grant application was in respect of the costs of the planning application.

The Meeting commenced at 7.46 p.m.

10/01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Davis, Mrs Holmwood and Mr Newnham.

10/02 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosure was made:

Mr Kerby disclosed a personal interest in respect of the Heathfield Partnership as the Parish Council's representative

Mr Hough disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of the Heathfield Partnership as a Trustee.

10/03 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2009,

having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

10/05 **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

The Committee considered the Income and Expenditure Summary to 31 January 2010, the Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2010, Income and Expenditure report for Finance and General Purposes Committee and financial statement for annual grants.

10/06 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

(a) **St Richards Pre-School**

An application for grant funding towards the cost of an outdoor area was considered by the Committee and Members noted that the area would provide educational fun through learning and, following consideration, it was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £2,500

(b) **Project Relateen**

The Committee noted that this project was based at Heathfield Community College as part of the activities of Relate and provided support and counselling for pupils at the School.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £750 towards the costs of running the project.

(c) **Heathfield Partnership**

An application for grant funding was being made towards the cost of preparing and submitting a planning application for the proposed swimming pool, which was anticipated to cost about £30,000. The Committee noted that £10,500 had already been raised and various fundraising initiatives were already in place.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of the project.

Mr Hough left the room during consideration of the above matter.

10/07 **UPDATE FROM HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP**

A copy of the latest briefing notes had been circulated to Members of the

Committee for information.

10/08 **ROTARY CLUB SIGN ON NEW HEATHFIELD SIGN**

The Committee noted that HPS Committee had recommended approval of the addition of the Rotary Club logo sign to the new Heathfield town sign. It was **RESOLVED** to give approval to this.

10/09 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1988 SECTION 17 – TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

10/10 **MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

10/11 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were considered to be no risk management implications relating to matters discussed at the meeting.

10/12 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 June 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

10/13 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

10/14 **STAFFING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that a new Assistant Clerk had now been appointed and was due to commence duties on Tuesday 6 April 2010.

Members acknowledged the hard work of the staff during the last few months and hoped that things would ease once the new member of staff was in post.

The meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: