

HALESWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6.15pm January 19th 2015
HELD IN THE DAY CENTRE
LONDON ROAD, HALESWORTH

REPORT

Present: Cllrs; M Took (Chair), A Dunning, P Widdowson, N Bocking

In attendance: N. Rees –Acting Clerk, Tracy Gardner (representing Halesworth Volunteer Centre) David Thomas (representing Friends of Halesworth County Library) and Tony Goldson (representing the Rifle Hall Trust) and 6 members of the public.

It was agreed that item 7 was brought forward after item 3) to allow Mr Goldson to leave for another meeting.

- 1) **Apologies;** Cllr L Smith who was at a WDC Meeting
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr N Bocking for item 4, Cllr P Widdowson for item 7.
- 3) **Minutes:** It was noted that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th December was approved on the 5th January 2015
- 4) **Halesworth Station Building:** The Acting clerk reported that an extractor fan was not working in the toilet, however it was confirmed that this was the tenant's responsibility.
- 5) **Play Equipment/Park:** A meeting had been scheduled for the 28th January, there was nothing else to report.
- 6) **To consider the grant application from the Halesworth Volunteer Centre:** This application was noted to be for the financial year 2015/2016. The meeting was adjourned to receive information from Tracy Gardner, Co-ordinator for Halesworth Volunteer Centre. After discussion it was agreed that the Council would prefer to see an application that was not specific to one item and asked if another application could be made that would reflect a contribution towards the whole project.
- 7) **To consider the grant application from the Rifle Hall Trust:** This application was noted to be for the financial year 2015/2016. It was proposed and agreed to **recommend approval** of the grant application for £1,000 and also to recommend that the Acting Clerk writes a **letter of support** which will enable the Rifle Hall Trust to apply for further funding.
- 8) **To consider the grant application from the Friends of Halesworth County Library:** It was proposed and agreed to **recommend approval** of the grant application for £5,000.
- 9) **Review of the Asset Register:** The asset register was received and noted. It was agreed that the Acting Clerk should investigate the following 1) An additional chain (held by the Vice Chair), 2) Ownership of the Festive lights, 3) To check the number of planters, 4) To check the number of bus shelters on Norwich Road.
- 10) **Current Financial Position:** The Committee received and noted bank statements from all the accounts. It was agreed that the A- Clerk should investigate alternative banks and/or building societies for holding some of the Council's reserves to protect the Council, as currently it was over the amount of £85,000 guaranteed by the FSCS (Financial Services Compensation Scheme).

Date of Next Meeting: 19th January, 2014 at 6pm
Meeting closed at 7.15pm.