

Higham Ferrers Town Council

Notes of Book Lending Working Party – Tuesday 11th September 2018 – 10am at the Town Hall

Present: Cllr Mrs A Gardner (Chairman), Cllr Mrs C Reavey (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Gell, Cllr H L Jackson, Fred Frost, Paul Needle, Stephen Rippington. Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Anna Sauntson.

2. NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th AUGUST 2018

These were agreed as a correct record.

3. COMMUNITY GROUP

A public meeting, chaired by Paul Needle, had been held on 10th September to recruit committee members and volunteers. 28 people had attended and 24 had left their contact details. The group had formally been formed and was now known as Higham Ferrers Community Library Group. Chairman – Paul Needle, Secretary/Vice Chairman Fred Frost and Communications etc Stephen Rippington. There was a possible candidate for Treasurer. A committee meeting was to be held on 17th September to agree the organisational structure i.e. charity/CIC. Included on the committee was a local lady who was a former Librarian, was a trustee of a community library in Leicestershire and worked for an organisation who helped the voluntary sector with organisational structures and obtaining funding.

Those at the meeting understood that the service going forward was not in the same format as the current library and would not be in the current building. Minutes of this meeting would be circulated to the working group.

Members of the working party were very heartened by the outcome of the meeting the previous night and wished the group every success.

The Town Council would be asked to consider allowing free use of the sports pavilion for the committee meetings for the community group.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR FEEDBACK RELEVANT TO THE BOOK LENDING SERVICE

None.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To be arranged early October following NCC Cabinet meeting and hopefully information on what was happening with the Library service.