

Higham Ferrers Town Council

Notes of Book Lending Working Party – Monday 15th October 2018 – 10am at the Town Hall

Present: Cllr Mrs A Gardner (Chairman), Cllr R Gell, Fred Frost, Stephen Rippington. Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Anna Sauntson, Tina Reavey, Bert Jackson and Paul Needle.

2. NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th SETEMBER 2018

These were agreed as a correct record.

3. COMMUNITY GROUP

The group reported that there was due to be a meeting which was to be attended by Laura Edwards, Training Officer at NCC. They were hoping for 25 – 30 people to attend the meeting and the aim was to sign them up as volunteers. They have been advised by NCC that there was likely to be a further reduction in opening hours with the library closing at 5pm instead of 6pm and it was hoped that volunteers could bridge this gap. Volunteers would be trained in batches and one area of support that was needed was lunch hours. They were all positive about the meeting on 4th October with NCC and they saw it as an opportunity now to support the library going forward and keep the service open.

A decision from NCC would not be known until November at earliest.

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

It was agreed that a joint press release would be issued following the meeting with the volunteers.

The planning application had been submitted for the portacabin.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To be agreed once a decision had been taken by NCC or unless a request was made by the Community Group.