

Higham Ferrers Town Council

Notes of Book Lending Working Party – Tuesday 17th July 2018 – 10am at the Town Hall

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

1. APOLOGIES

Paul Needle and Stephen Rippington and Cllr Mrs A Gardner for being late.

2. NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE 2018

These were agreed as a correct record.

3. PORTACABIN

A drawing was circulated (copy attached) of a 40ft by 12ft cabin. The cost was £22000 plus delivery and connection to utilities. Planning permission and building regulation approval would be required. It was noted that planning permission would take around 8 weeks.

There was discussion about where the process was going. Councillors were concerned that there was not progress with the community group. However, it was recognised it was a 'catch 22' situation, as without a location for the service they may be reluctant to spend much time on progressing and raise hopes.

It was agreed to put to full council the following resolution, which would give the community group confidence to start to move forwards: -

That the Council support in principal a 40 ft by 12 ft portacabin for the Book Lending service to be located on the car park by the sports pavilion. This would be provided when a community group come forward to run the service. An initial budget of £35000 to be allocated from the £60,000 set aside for the library. Clerk to submit a planning application when the group is established.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NCC had invited Stage 2 applicants to a meeting on 18th July. This was not to talk about individual applications but to give an overview of the process. As the invite was only received on 13th July it was felt it was too short notice and it was unclear what benefit would be gained from the meeting. If the Clerk or Assistant Clerk were free they could attend. Clerk indicated she had a very busy diary this week.

5. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

In August after the date of the Judicial Review and the decision on whether NCC will accept our stage 2 application and on a date that Paul Needle is available.