

Higham Ferrers Town Council

Notes of Library Working Party – Tuesday 1st May 2018 – 1.30pm at the Town Hall

Present: Cllr B Prigmore (Chairman), Cllr Mrs A Gardner (Vice-Chairman), Cllr H L Jackson, Cllr R Gell, Cllr Mrs A Sauntson, Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)

Paul Needle, Stephen Rippington and Fred Frost

1. APOLOGIES

Peter Tomas and Janet Embling.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. APPROVE NOTES OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the meeting on 3rd April 2018 were agreed.

4. RESULTS OF DROP-IN SESSION

Members of the working party felt that the session has been useful. They felt that it gave an opportunity to discuss the true situation frankly with interested members of the community. 30 people had attended during that day and 6 had showed an interest in being the catalyst for a community group and another 4/5 would serve on a committee. Most volunteers were willing to help in a general way such as issuing books.

5. DISCUSSION WITH VOLUNTEERS WHO SHOWED AN INTEREST IN FORMONG A COMMUNITY GROUP.

The 3 potential volunteers discussed with the working group the timeline and what was required. They also recognised that the book lending service could be something different from how it looks now and in a different location. They agreed to go away and think about how and if they wanted to move forward.

6. STAGE 2 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Clerk stated that if this was submitted by the Town Council most of it could be completed apart from the building financing. It would be challenging for a community group.

7. BUILDING

Nothing more to discuss.

8. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The draft reports for the meeting had been circulated and members felt there was nothing else to add.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

None set.