

## **BROOM SOUTH LIAISON GROUP MEETING**

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### **MINUTES OF THE FUNDING MEETING HELD AT THE WHITE HORSE PH, BROOM ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.15PM (draft)**

#### **Attendees:**

Central Bedfordshire Council	Cllr C Maudlin (Chairman)
	Susan Marsh
Southill Parish Council	Cllr N Hickman
	Cllr Andy Hunt
	Cllr Ron Green
Langford Parish Council	Cllr A Spencer (agenda and minutes to be sent by post)
	Cllr J.Shipman
Shefford Parish Council	-
Old Warden Parish Council	Cllr M Studdert-Kennedy
Northill Parish Council	Cllr K Bennett

#### **1. Introduction**

The Chairman informed this meeting was solely to consider one funding application.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Central Bedfordshire Council	Cllr Gill Clarke
Shefford Parish Council	Cllr P.Machin

#### **3. Update on previous applications:-**

The Chairman provided an update on the status of applications previously determined by the committee

- The clerk of Northill Parish Council has requested a short extension of time to invoice for the noticeboards (grant approved May 2014) due to weather delaying installation. Currently the grant is required to be claimed by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Cllr Keith Bennett reported the noticeboards had been installed that day. The group agreed that the parish council could submit their invoiced during December.
- Susan Marsh reported - Langford Methodist Church and Caldecote Cricket Club had invoiced the Council for grant money. This was for, respectively, replacement windows and equipment for the upkeep of the cricket field. Photos were circulated.

- An updated balance sheet of spending to date and remaining funds available had been previously circulated to members & available.

4. The application to be considered at this meeting:-

A funding application was considered by the committee in respect of a request made by:

a) All Saints Church, Upper Caldecote

Father Frank and Churchwarden Mrs Joy Goddard, gave a short presentation on behalf of All Saints Church and then took questions. They left the meeting prior to the vote.

Father Frank and Mrs Goddard made the following comments:

- Local community. groups & primary school made good use of the church building.
- the building was approximately 150 years old
- The damp endangers the future of the church building.
- There is no funding available from the diocese
- Two other charities have been approached but not had meetings yet to see if successful
- They would some Church savings towards ongoing repairs and restoration works, but there is not enough - once the damp repairs had been completed, the church needs rewiring.
- The investigative works start after Christmas and, if funding was available, the works would start soon after so that and completed by the summer.

Following a discussion there was some uncertainty as to the exact nature and cost of the works required as these would not be identified until the investigative works had been carried out after Christmas, so the Chairman proposed;

- To could contribute the full amount requested by the applicant (£8000) subject to the grant paid not exceeding 50% of the overall costs of the repairs excluding fees and VAT.
- This was carried by a vote (3 in favour, 0 against (no one present to vote for Shefford)).

7. Any other business

Susan Marsh reminded all the next submission deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 for applications hearings at the February meeting

8. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

A Full Group Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 7pm at the Council Offices, Chicksands.