



Meeting (No) **Additional Meeting of the Community & Environment Committee (3)**
Time & Date **5pm, Tuesday 18 July 2023**
Place **Neston Town Hall**
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Present: Cllrs Marple (Chair), Doughty, Davies (from item 31b), Griffiths, Hardcastle and Townsend.

In attendance: Z Dean (Locum Chief Officer), A Duncan (Community & Environment Manager) and P Prytherch (Director of Hip & Harmony CIC).

PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public	
27	Public Participation
	No members of the public were present.
28	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies had been emailed by Cllr Cragg at 16.58 but the message was not accessed until the meeting had ended.
29	Declarations of Interest
	No declarations of interest were received.
30	Minutes of the Last Meeting
	RESOLVED to accept as a correct record the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 27.06.23. The Chair signed the minutes.
31	Event Planning
a	RESOLVED to approve an outline plan for the 2023 Christmas lights swich-on event and make donation of £7,600 to Hip & Harmony to organise and manage the event.
Cllr Davies joined the meeting.	
b	The Director of Hip & Harmony delivered a presentation on potential options for development of cultural events within the town, the overall aim of which was to enhance community pride and engagement, unlock the town's creative potential and stimulate economic growth.
c	The Committee discussed the presentation and agreed that the Council Manager and Community & Environment Manager should meet with Hip & Harmony to consider options for a sustainable events strategy and report back to the next meeting.
32	Planning Applications
	<u>Harbri, Quarry Road, Neston CH64 7UA</u> The Committee reviewed planning application 23/01409/LDC (existing use of garden land at Harbri) and RESOLVED to submit the following comment to the Planning Authority: Neston Town Council objects to this application. Several statements within the evidence statement have been redacted and, furthermore, the application is misleading and contains inaccuracies – for example, the field is visible from the road. Councillors pass this field/paddock on a regular basis and have observed in recent years grazing livestock and also commercial polytunnels installed in the field. The property has several stables and other agricultural buildings. The site contains no
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	features of a garden such as paths or flowerbeds and remains an agricultural field. This week (week commencing 17.07.23) it has been observed that the property has had a new mains water pipe installed into the field for the polytunnels and paddock. Extending the curtilage is inappropriate and the site should remain a Green Belt field.
33	Donations
	RESOLVED that, unless specified to the contrary by C&E Committee, any expenditure breakdowns for donations of £1,000 or less should be approved under delegated authority by officers and countersigned by the C&E Committee Chair.
34	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next scheduled meeting would held be on 10 October 2023 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6pm.

Signed _____ Date _____