NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 10 September 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Hibbert (Chair); Councillors Duncan, Ford, Gowen and King.

1.   APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Beardsworth.

2.   MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3.   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ford declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in the motion referred from the Council meeting held on 15 July 2013. He also initially declared pre-determination as Far Cotton Recreation Ground was in his ward and he had been one of the instigators initiating a protest against the use of the land for car parking. Following clarification by the Borough Secretary Councillor Ford was advised that this did not constitute pre-determination.

4.   DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

5.   MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

None.

6.   NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2013

A motion regarding the decision to use Far Cotton Recreation Ground for car parking during the Delapre Alive music event on 19-21 July 2013 had been referred to the Committee by the Council meeting held on 15 July 2013 owing to the approach of the guillotine at the Council meeting. The motion, had been proposed at the Council meeting by Councillor Glynane and seconded by Councillor Meredith.

It was noted that the recreation ground had not been used for car parking during the Delapre music event on 19-21 July 2013 and that the decision not to use it had been made before the Council meeting on the 15th July 2013.

The Chair stated that as neither the proposer nor the seconder of the motion were

present at the meeting to move the motion, the motion fell and there was therefore nothing for the Committee to consider.

Councillor Ford had declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in this matter.

The meeting concluded at 6:04 pm.