



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

# PC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022 ~ TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7PM

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing [clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday, 10 January so that you can be sent an invitation and joining instructions.

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies** – to receive apologies from Committee members.
2. **Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (prejudicial or otherwise) with regard to items on the Agenda.  
Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
3. **Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (1 December 2021)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
4. **Draft Budget & Precept 2022-23** – *for discussion and agreement* (enclosed)
  - a) Wigan Council have recently confirmed that the Parish Council will receive a Council Tax Support Grant in 2022 and that the grant will be £8,813 – as in past years.
  - b) It is not yet possible to carry out an impact assessment of precept increases on households in different bands, as the LA's Council Tax Department have not yet provided the tax base for the Parish. This has been promised for next week and papers will be circulated once the information has been received.
  - c) The 'Loan Repayment' cost centre was increased last year by the amount repayable this financial year for the new loan, assuming the Parish Council were permitted to borrow the funds and the full amount was drawn down. As the outcome of the borrowing approval application is unknown, this has remained unchanged.
  - d) Annual inflation was calculated in October to be running at 4.2%. More recently it has been calculated as running at 5.1%. All cost centres have been increased by a variety

of percentages wherever possible / necessary to demonstrate the impact of increases reflecting different rates of inflation.

- e) Projected end of year balances are included in a column within the document.
- f) Quotations are currently being sought for several routine annual maintenance contracts for next financial year.
- g) The document containing budget proposals circulated to the Finance Committee in December is currently being updated to reflect December income and expenditure and will be circulated as soon as it is ready.

*Members are invited to consider proposals so far and agree the best way forward.*

**5. January Newsletter – for retrospective approval (enclosed)**

The text for the January edition of the newsletter is enclosed. The copy is due to be sent to the printer on Monday, 10 January for distribution to residents the following week. Members are invited to submit comments to the Clerk before the 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Members are invited to approve the text retrospectively for publication.*

**6. Financial Aid Applications – to receive/approve**

**7. Dates of Next Meetings:** 26 January (Council); 2 February (P&GP Committee)

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*K Pilkington*

Clerk to the Parish Council