



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023
~ AT THE RISING OF THE POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ~
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VICARAGE LANE FIELDS

Attendees are invited to observe Covid-19 guidelines. A list of all present will be kept.

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 (21 March January 2023)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 4. Quarterly Budget Monitoring** – *for information and approval* (to follow)
The Committee are invited to note and accept this budget monitoring report and approve any proposed virements.
- 5. Trophy for Shevington Annual Show** – *for approval*
The selection of a suitable trophy for presentation at the Shevington Annual Show is on the agenda for the Policy & General Purposes Committee meeting. The P&GP Committee have been invited to consider the selection(s) for the trophy made by the Chairman and, because this involves expenditure, recommend a trophy to the Finance Committee for approval.
Members are invited to consider the recommendation and approve it.
- 6. Coffee Stand in Gathurst Lane Car Park** – *for consideration and agreement*

To consider financial implications of any recommendations made by the Policy & General Purposes Committee and agree the best way forward.

7. H&S Risk Assessments – for review & approval (OneDrive link enclosed)

The risk assessments enclosed are generic risk assessments of the Parish Council's properties and activities. Most are reviewed twice a year. Single event activities are reviewed once a year.

Members are invited to review them and suggest and approve any changes.

8. Community Ownership Fund – for agreement

The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) has written:

For the first time the government has extended its £150m Community Ownership Fund to local councils and is now inviting expressions of interest. Aimed at assisting the purchase or renovation of local assets, thereby safeguarding their future, the Fund should be of great interest and value to local communities wishing to apply. Along with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), SLCC has been pressing for direct access to government funding for some time, so this is a real step forward. It would be good to see lots of sector take up for this and worth looking at opportunities in local neighbourhoods, perhaps, for example, where a public works loan may have been considered as a route to project success, but now fits with the Community Ownership criteria.

Further information is provided in the enclosed document, which contains a link to the Round 3 prospectus on the .GOV website.

Expressions of interest in applying must be submitted by 12 June 2023.

Members are invited to consider this funding opportunity and agree the best way forward.

9. Financial Aid Applications – for consideration and approval

The details of grant applications are **CONFIDENTIAL** to councillors, but the discussion is held in the open meeting.

• **Standish High School Y9 Rugby Team** (enclosed)

Standish High School Y9 rugby league team have beaten all the odds and made it to their second National School Cup Final. This takes place on the 7 July in Newcastle and is a costly, but amazing experience for them.

In the team this year there are 13 Shevington Sharks players in the squad which is a huge achievement for the Club and a great advertisement to encourage more of the local community to get involved.

Members are invited to consider this application because most of the Y9 rugby team are residents of Shevington. Grants may only be awarded to a maintained school if the application is for something that would not be covered by the maintained school budget. It is not possible for the school to provide supporting documentation in the way a community group can. They have provided as much information as they are able to.

• **Shevington Sharks Under 14s** (enclosed)

On Sunday Shevington Sharks' Under 14s Reds (they have two teams at that age) qualified for the Barla National Cup Final - this is the first team that Shevington has had that has reached the National Finals, which are to be held this year on 2 July in Featherstone. Shevington Sharks and their team are applying for a grant towards the cost of a coach for the day. Three documents are enclosed.

10. Date of Next Meeting: 28 June (Council)

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

11. Discretions Policy – for agreement (enclosed)

There is a legal requirement that every employer operating a local government pension scheme should have a Discretions Policy. The content of the document enclosed largely speaks for itself. Cllr Mike Grimes will lead on this.

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Clerk to the Parish Council