

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Held Wednesday 2 November 2022  
7:40pm - The Community Centre at Vicarage Lane Fields**

**Present:** Councillor William McKnight (Chairman), Councillors Michael Crosby, Christopher Horridge, Jessica Diggle (nee Highan) (via MS Teams) and John Whiteley  
Three members of the public

**Officer in Attendance:** Mrs Krystyna Pilkington (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Ira Whiteley, John Ball and Michael Grimes,

**2. Declaration of Interests**

None

**3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (7 September 2022)**

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 September 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

**4. Review of Risk Assessments**

The H&S risk assessments were reviewed. The preparation of a Tree Risk Management Plan was included as an action for sites where there were trees. A Plan B was now in place for the Remembrance Sunday parade in the event that the Police were not able to attend to manage traffic. The details of Plan B were discussed briefly.

**Resolved:** The H&S risk assessments were accepted and approved.

**5. Financial Aid Applications**

None

**6. Dates of Next Meeting**

30 November (Council); 7 December (P&GP and Finance Committees)

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

**Resolved:** That, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

*The members of the public left the meeting.*

## **7. Christmas Tree Fencing**

### **Fencing 2022**

Three quotations for the erection (before Christmas) and removal (after Christmas) of the Heras fencing for the Christmas trees were considered.

**Resolved:** The contract to the value of £340 was awarded to John Parker.

### **Fencing 2023**

Residents had for many years been asking the Parish Council to provide fencing for the Christmas trees that both provided security and was decorative. This was discussed. It was too late for 2022, but, if costs were identified, they could be included in the budget for 2023. The Clerk would research designs and costs while the trees were in place over the festive period and report back in the new year.

### **Christmas Lights on Woodnook Open Space**

In 2021 the Parish Council used battery operated Christmas lights to dress the lower limbs of a small living deciduous tree near the shops at Woodnook Road. This was done as part of a trial and the outcome had been favourable. The lights were not vandalised or stolen. The proposal to extend the trial to three trees was discussed.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase additional sets of battery operated string lights from The Range at a cost of £30 for a 40m lit string (inc batteries) and arrange for three trees at Woodnook Open Space to be dressed. This was subject to permission being received from Wigan Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8pm.

**Chairman**