Minutes of Shevington Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting Held Thursday 6 September 2018 8:10 pm Shevington Library

Present: Councillor I Whiteley (Chairman), Councillors J Ball, W McKnight, C Horridge, C Miles, J Calderbank, J Fletcher and K Shaw. No members of the public were present.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr A Bland

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs I Whiteley and C Miles w.r.t. Item No.8 (personal & prejudicial)

3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (7 June 2018)

Resolved: The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 June 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Quarterly Budget Monitoring

The budget monitoring report was received and reviewed. The Clerk reported that the reserves had recently been re-evaluated. Due to the receipt of a substantial VAT refund and other incomes the General Reserve had increased.

5. Memorial Park Project Funding Report

The LA's Funding Manager had carried out a funding search in relation to the redevelopment works in Memorial Park. She had established that Shevington was not an eligible postcode for landfill company funds, so what was available had been dramatically reduced.

The Funding Manager had provided a list of possible funding sources, covering various levels of grant. The list would be shared with the Friends of Shevington Memorial Park.

6. Remembrance Sunday Arrangements

Resolved: The Committee approved donations of

- (a) £200 to the Royal British Legion for the three wreaths to be laid by members of the Parish Council and
- (b) £50 to a Charity of the bugler's choice.

7. Christmas Shop-Front Competition

Resolved: The Committee agreed that donations of £50, £30 and £20 would be made to Charities nominated by the winners of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in the Christmas Shop-Front competition respectively, as in past years.

8. Financial Aid Application

Cllrs I Whiteley and C Miles withdrew from the meeting and the Vice Chairman took the Chair.

An application from the Friends of Shevington Memorial Park for a start-up grant of £400 was discussed at great length.

Resolved: The Committee decided to turn the application down on the grounds that the proforma had not been properly completed, but, as a gesture of goodwill, agreed to give the FSMP a donation of £200, which would be sent to them once they had set up a bank account.

A councillor requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Cllrs McKnight, Ball, Horridge, Shaw, Fletcher and Calderbank AGAINST: None

Cllrs Whiteley and Miles re-joined the meeting.

The Vice Chairman informed Cllrs Whiteley and Miles of the Committee's decision and explained the reasons for that decision.

Cllr I Whiteley resumed the Chair.

9. Virements

Resolved: The Committee approved the following virements:

- a) £180 from the 'Contingency' cost centre to the 'Tree survey/works' cost centre.
- b) £3,667 from the General Reserve to an active cost centre named 'Memorial Park Drainage.'

10. Date of Next Meeting

27 September (Council)

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.

There were no members of the public to leave the meeting.

11. Bowling Green Maintenance Contract

One quotation had been submitted. In view of the specialised nature of this work, the quotation was considered.

Resolved: The contract (to the value of £3,684) for the maintenance of the bowling green in 2018/19 was awarded to Baileys Landscapes.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:40 pm.

Chairman