

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Held Wednesday 7 September 2022
7:36pm - The Community Centre at Vicarage Lane Fields**

Present: Councillor William McKnight (Chairman), Councillors Michael Grimes, Michael Crosby and John Whiteley
Two members of the public

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Krystyna Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs Ira Whiteley, Jess Higham, Chris Horridge and John Ball

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (1 June 2022)

Resolved: The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 1 June 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Quarterly Budget Monitoring

The quarterly budget monitoring report was received and discussed briefly.

Most cost centres were online and there were no real issues. The 'Allotments' cost centre was the only one showing an overspend. This was because the charges for the pest control contracts for 2021/22 and 2022/23 had both been settled this financial year.

It was observed that, as long as nothing adverse happened, the Council should show a balanced budget at the end of the financial year.

5. Donation for Remembrance Sunday Wreaths

The Parish Council had in the past few years made a donation of £150 to the Royal British Legion for the wreaths and another donation of £50 to the bugler's nominated Charity. The sizes of the donations were reviewed.

Resolved: The donation to the Royal British Legion for the wreaths would be increased to £180. The donation to the bugler's nominated Charity would remain unchanged at £50.

6. Christmas Trees

The sizes of Christmas trees to be ordered and their costs were discussed. It was observed that the tree in the centre of Shevington had looked too small in 2021 and the possibility of ordering a taller tree was suggested.

Resolved: The Committee agreed that an order should be placed with Joseph Noblett for:

1. 3 x 18ft Nordmann fir trees (one for each of Appley Bridge, Shevington Moor and Crooke Village) at £285 per tree (total = £855)
2. 1 x 22ft Nordmann fir tree for Shevington centre at £450
3. Delivery, installation and removal of four trees in different locations at £1,150.

7. Christmas Shop-Front Awards

Resolved: The value of the donations made on behalf of the 2022 winners would be: 1st - £60, 2nd - £40 and 3rd - £30.

8. ICO Direct Debit

The fee for the Council's annual Data Protection Registration was due for payment in the next few days.

Resolved: The Committee approved the set up of payment by Direct Debit annually.

This meant that the ICO would reduce the fee by £5 each year. In 2022 the fee would be £35 instead of £40.

9. Financial Aid Applications

The Committee discussed a grant application from Appley Bridge Women's Institute.

Resolved: The Committee awarded a s137 grant of £75 to Appley Bridge WI for a computer and projector stand, extension lead and cover.

10. Dates of Next Meeting

28 September (Council); 5 October (P& GP Committee)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:57 pm

Chairman