

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Held Thursday 1 September 2016
9:37pm Shevington Library**

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

Officer in Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr J Calderbank

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

Proceedings were briefly suspended to allow Cllrs K Shaw and C Horridge (who had both withdrawn) to re-join the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (2 June 2016)

Cllr K Shaw re-joined the meeting.

The minutes had been circulated previously and were received.

Amendment: Mr B Lomas was not a member of the Finance Committee and his name was removed from the list of apologies tendered.

Resolved: Subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 2 June 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Quarterly Budget Monitoring

Cllr C Horridge re-joined the meeting.

The quarterly budget monitoring report was received and discussed..

All funds in the 'Planning, Legal, etc Fees' Reserve had been used up at the end of June. In the light of this a transfer of funds was required from the General Reserve to cover further approved expenditure from the 'Planning, Legal, etc Fees' cost centre.

Resolved: £1,534 were transferred from the General Reserve to the 'Planning, Legal, etc Fees' cost centre retrospectively.

Resolved: The 'Doggie Bins/Notice Boards' cost centre was re-named 'Street Furniture' and the payment for the replacement bench was accounted for under this heading.

All other cost centres were on line.

5. Christmas Tree Provision

The costs of introducing live Christmas trees were discussed briefly. The project was considered to be too expensive and was abandoned. In the light of this it was agreed that the status quo would be maintained.

Quotations for the provision, fitting and removal of display Christmas trees by two suppliers were considered.

Resolved: The contract (valued at £1,550) was awarded to Joseph Noblett Ltd.

The purchase of additional lighting was discussed. This would be investigated.

6. Replacement Beech Trees for the Memorial Garden

The two beech trees planted at the boundary of the Memorial Garden last November had died earlier this year and had to be removed before the judging dates for the 'in Bloom' competition. The suppliers were currently considering whether they would be willing to provide replacements.

7. Financial Aid Applications

None.

8. Dates of Meetings

29 September (Council); 6 October (Policy & General Purposes Committee).

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 9:52 pm.

Chairman