



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2017 – 7 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY

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 (1 December 2016)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (previously circulated with papers for the October Council meeting)
- 4. Christmas Shop Front Results** – *for approval* (enclosed)
Members are invited to receive the results of the Christmas Shop Front Competition and to approve the awards. Our gratitude goes to Adrian Speakman – the face of Wigan Council and a local resident – who judged the shop fronts.
- 5. Referendum Principles and Precepts** – *for information*.
NALC have informed us that Council tax referendum principles have not been extended to local (parish and town) councils in 2017/18.

The secretary of state for communities and local government, Sajid Javid MP, announced the provisional local government finance settlement for 2017/18 in the House of Commons on 15 December - an extract from his speech is below:

“Local [town and parish] councils play an important role in our civic life. We have decided that we will defer our proposals this year, while keeping the level of precepts set by town and parish councils under close review. I expect all town and parish councils to clearly demonstrate restraint when setting increases that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities. I am also actively considering with the sector ways to make excessive increases more transparent to local taxpayers.”

Responding to the settlement the chairman of NALC, Cllr Sue Baxter said:
“I very much welcome the government’s decision not to extend council tax referendum principles to any size of parish or town council in 2017/18. Parishes play an important role in communities and local democracy and I am pleased the secretary of state acknowledged this in his statement and he has listened to the sector’s concerns. I would urge councils to continue to be fiscally responsible and I am keen work with the government on ways to increase transparency and engagement with residents.”

Members are invited to note the above information.

6. **Budget & Precept FY2017** – *for agreement and recommendation* (enclosed)
Preliminary budget proposals for FY2017 were considered by the Committee at its meeting on 1 December 2016. The enclosed documentation has been updated in line with currently known information.
Members are invited to consider and agree the budget and precept for recommendation to full Council for approval.
7. **Financial Aid Applications** – *to receive/approve*
8. **Dates of Next Meetings:** 19 January (Council);
2 February (Policy & General Purposes Committee)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

K Pilkington

Clerk to the Parish Council