

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Held Thursday 12 January 2017
7:00pm Shevington Library**

Present: Councillor I Whiteley (Chairman), Councillors J Ball, W McKnight, K Shaw, C Miles and J Fletcher.
Two members of the public.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs J Calderbank and C Horridge.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (1 December 2016)

Amendment to Item 4: "A motion to increase the 'Financial Aid' cost centre from £750 to £1,000 fell when the Chairman used her casting vote against the motion." was replaced by "Due to an equality of votes a motion to increase the 'Financial Aid' cost centre from £750 to £1,000 fell on the Chairman's casting vote."

Resolved: Subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 1 December 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

Cllr K Shaw joined the meeting.

4. Christmas Shop Front Results

Standing Orders were suspended.

The Chair welcomed Adrian Speakman, who had acted as this year's judge for the competition, and, engaging him in conversation, thanked him for his contribution.

The Chair then announced the winners:

1st: Wigan and Leigh Hospice Shop
"Very festive with the old time Christmas feel."

2nd: Head Management
"Heading towards Christmas with this very contemporary design"

3rd: Barnet Fayre.
“Lots of fun with this window this Christmas”

The owners of the winning shops had been informed and Mr Speakman was invited to join the Chair and the Clerk for the presentations, which would be made in the afternoon of Friday, 20 January. He accepted the invitation.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Resolved: The winners of the competition were approved and the following donations would be made to the winners' chosen charities:

1st and 2nd Prizes: £50 and £30 to Wigan & Leigh Hospice

3rd Prize: £20 to 'Dreams Come True'

5. Referendum Principles and Precepts

The Committee noted the information that central government had decided to defer their proposals in relation to referenda on local council precepts.

6. Budget & Precept FY2017

The budget and precept for FY2017 were discussed, with particular focus on the Council Tax Support Grant and the impact, in future years, of its withdrawal on the reserves and repayments of the loan from the PWLB for Vicarage Lane Fields. The Council had been informed that they would once again be awarded a grant of £8,813 by Wigan Council in April.

Standing Orders were suspended.

A resident made observations about the precept charge on individual properties.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Resolved: The Committee recommended a budgeted expenditure for 2017/18 of £77,601 (including an expenditure contingency of £5,000) and a precept of £69,000 to the Full Council for approval.

A councillor requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Cllrs Whiteley, Ball and Miles

AGAINST: Cllrs McKnight and Fletcher

7. Financial Aid Applications

None.

8. Dates of Meetings

19 January (Council); 2 February (Policy & General Purposes Committee).

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:39 pm.

Chairman