

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH JULY 2003

PRESENT

Mr. Steeples presided over Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Wren, Mackin and Gray.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Fletcher

2. FUNDING – HENLOW & CLIFTON SCOUT GROUP

A letter has been received from Sarah Panton enquiring if the Town Council would be prepared to donate some money for the Scouts to attend a Jamborette in Haarlem. Ms. Panton is to be asked for more information and also if any Scouts from Shefford will be going as the Council is tied to only fund those people. It was **recommended** that the minimum figure would be £50 and the maximum figure would be £250.

3. INSURANCE – SHERIDAN'S / CORNHILL ALLIANZ

A figure of £287.61 has been received from Sheridan's for the renewal of one year's insurance in respect of the Council Chamber – Old Fire Station. It was agreed that this should be paid. An invoice has also been received from Allianz Cornhill regarding the annual Liability Insurance. The Clerk has written to ask for a schedule so that any additions or deletions can be made which may possibly affect the premium.

4. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **recommended** that Mr. Philip Rutt be appointed as Internal Auditor for the total sum of £270 inclusive of all costs. Clerk to write and confirm.

5. GRANT – SHEFFORD BASKETBALL GOAL

There is still an outstanding amount of £1258 in respect of a grant towards the installation and erection of a Basketball Goal at the Purcell Way Playing Field. The Clerk informed the Committee of the full and final costs of the playing field and it was agreed to claim the outstanding money back.

6. SHEFFORD SAINTS FC (JUNIORS)

A letter has been received from the Chairman of Shefford Saints FC (Juniors) regarding matters he wished to draw to the Council's attention. These matters have been **recommended** for further clarification and investigation.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clements Construction to be contacted regarding the erection of a bench alongside the Hitchin Road.

Clarification is to be sought from the Legal and Democratic Officer at Mid Beds D C regarding the protocol of issuing an agenda to each and every individual Councillor for their particular committee meeting.

Mr. Wren gave a report on a meeting that he and Mrs. Harrison attended on the subject of 'youth shelters'. The meeting was 'Chaired' by Mr. J Sayeed and was also attended by District Councillors, County Councillors, Planning and Play Officers. The needs of youth and the usage of youth shelters was discussed and Mr. Sayeed is setting up a working party with Lisa White and others regarding play provision in Mid Bedfordshire. When the parties report back a meeting will be convened for discussion on such items as differing design techniques, costs and the fact that some shelters do not actually shelter and it was further felt that all these issues had policy implications.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.
