

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON  
18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2003**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. Mackin

**2. FOOTPATH AT MAPLE DRIVE**

Letter from Mid Beds D C to say that the above area is designated as a public highway and as such is maintained by Beds. C C. Generally fencing which bounds adopted highways is not included in the adoption and remains the responsibility of the adjoining private householders i.e. the owners of 71 Hitchin Road or 75 Maple Drive or the owner of the farm land on the south side of the path. A visit to the site is planned to ascertain exactly where the hole in the fence is so that it can be reported to the responsible person and hopefully to effect a repair.

**3. EROSION DOWNSTREAM OF SOUTHBRIDGE**

A letter from the Environment Agency regarding the above states that the erosion itself is not considered to be serious but could probably do with some remedial work before anything major happens. The clerk to write to ascertain exactly who owns the land as any proposed works will require formal consent from the Agency so that simple solutions can be discussed prior to any Application.

**4. INSURANCE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Clerk to write to Sheridan's Estate Agents to see if they have had any notification of the cost of renewal of the Insurance Premium in respect of the Council Chamber.

**5. APPONTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Mr. Philip Rutt to be contacted to see if he will act as Internal Auditor for the Council for the year ending 31.03.2003.

**6. ACCOUNTS – QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Mr. Wren presented the accounts for the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations which had previously been minuted as correct at the closing meeting of the Jubilee Committee. Shefford Council received a cheque for the sum of £3138.27 from Mr. Wren who was thanked for his efforts.

**7. DONATION – SHEFFORD TOWN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION /  
PRECEPT - CAMPTON & SHEFFORD JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE**

The Shefford Town Memorial Association sought a donation of £355 from Shefford Town Council towards the cost of maintaining the children's play area. This was recommended to the full Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

The precept of £2360 for Campton & Shefford Joint Burial Committee was agreed and should be paid in the next two weeks.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The land near the Scout hut is to be cleared and maintained in due course by the Robert Lucas Trust. However, the owner of the Chinese Takeaway has expressed some concern that he will lose his right of way. A letter is to be sent to him explaining the situation and hopefully allay his fears.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*