

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2004**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Steeples presided over Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Coward and Gray.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Mackin.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

At this point Mr S Moncrieff from The Saints F C (Juniors) arrived to discuss the latest situation with regard to funding and lease renewal for the football club. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Moncrieff would meet with his executive committee and then make an approach to the Finance & Policy Committee in the new year with considered proposals that would form a basis for further discussion in order to suit both parties.

**3. GRANT ASSISTANCE – LANGFORD TENNIS CLUB AND SHEFFORD BOWLING CLUB**

Applications for funding have been received from the above organisations. The Committee decided that they were unable to award funding to the Tennis Club as there are organisations nearer home that also require funding. However it was RECOMMENDED that £300 should be donated to the Bowling Club.

**4. FUNDING = BRAF**

Information has been received from the Bedfordshire Rural Affairs Forum regarding Rural Renaissance Funding 2005/6. It is expected that £110,00 will be available next year for projects in Bedfordshire. Mr. Steeples volunteered to look at the literature in more detail and report back to the Committee in the new year.

**5. VISIT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE of ARAGON HOUSING**

The Chief Executive of Aragon Housing has replied to a request from the Town Council inviting him to attend a meeting to discuss the various roles and responsibilities that the two organisations have in the town. It was suggested that the date of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005 would be a suitable date. The Chief Executive is to be contacted accordingly.

**6. PRECEPT 2005/6**

RECOMMENDED that the budget be adopted and that the PRECEPT for 2005 – 2006 should be £93,600.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was decided that from 4<sup>th</sup> January 20015, access to the clerk should be by appointment only. This in turn would comply with Disability Discrimination Act and a notice informing the public of this new system is to be placed in the window of the Town Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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