

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH MAY 2005

PRESENT

Mr. Steeples presided over Mesdames Harrison and Holmes, Messrs. Mackin, Wren and Coward.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Coward declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.

3. PREVIOUS CLERK'S SALARY/GRATUITY

Further discussions took place regarding the above.

4. FUNDING FOR SAFETY GROUP LOGO

Some pupils at Samuel Whitbread Community College had been asked to design a logo in respect of the Safety Group. It is believed that this has now been completed but the finished result has not been seen as yet. It was decided that upon production of the logo, a donation of £50 will be given to the school to assist with the purchase of books as chosen by school staff.

5. ADOPTION OF PLAY AREAS – KINGFISHER WAY/CHURCHILL WAY

Reports on the above have been received from the town's play area management contractors. This had been requested prior to their possible adoption by the Town Council from the District Council. One or two items requiring attention were noted and further information is to be sought as to the necessary remedial work required before the adoption can progress.

6. CLERK'S CONTRACT/SALARY REVIEW

Further discussion is to take place regarding the above prior to a final submission being made to the committee for their approval at the next Finance and Policy meeting.

7. NOMINATIONS – BEST MALE/FEMALE re OVPPF CUPS

A discussion took place regarding the formation of a 'Nominations Committee' in respect of the above.

8. DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTIONS – Re S106 AGREEMENTS

Information has been received from the Play and Open Space Officer at the District Council informing the committee of the financial benefits of a developers contribution in respect of Section 106 Agreements. A signed copy of such an agreement was enclosed.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A letter is to be sent to Shefford Scouts thanking them for their good work in the recent delivery of Newslines.

It was decided that the Clerk should produce a quarterly financial report showing 'Actual to Budget' figures for monitoring purposes.

A local resident had reported to the Council that he had collected vandalised road signs from outside his house and stored them in his garden. The resident requested that a member of the Council should collect them at their earliest convenience.

RECOMMENDATION that the sum of £380 should be paid towards insurance costs in respect of the forthcoming parade and Summer Fayre.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.
