

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2006

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. SHEFFORD SAINTS F C (Juniors)

The possibility of arranging a 10 year lease/agreement with the Shefford Saints was discussed. It was felt that a meeting between Councillors and members of the Saints committee members should be arranged with a view to discussing the various issues from both sides. It was also thought necessary to seek legal advice.

It is RECOMMENDED to full Council that a 10 year lease be granted to the Saints F C subject to satisfactory negotiations and legal advice.

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – WHITBREAD WANDERBUS

It is RECOMMENDED to full Council that a donation of £300 be given to the Whitbread Wanderbus committee in order that they can continue to provide their invaluable service of transporting people without private transport or with irregular public transport to get to local shops and amenities.

5. CONTRACT – CLERK

It is RECOMMENDED to full Council that they approve and accept the clerk's contract which has already been verified by the Bedfordshire Association of Town & Parish Councils.

6. SHEFFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A letter has been received from the Shefford Lights Committee thanking the Council for it's recent donation.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It is RECOMMENDED to full Council that £9,000 of the £12,000 Reserve be used to purchase three Vehicle Activated Signs and that the remaining £3,000 be used for repairs and maintenance.

It is RECOMMENDED to full Council that authorisation be given to spend up to £1,000 towards Summer Gala expenditure, such as insurance and advertising costs.

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An e:mail has been received informing members that small grants up to £2,000 can be awarded to individuals from the Community Champions Fund. The grants are available to set up new voluntary groups/projects to pay for training courses which will benefit the community and for new aspects of an already established project/group, equipment (up to £1,000) as long as it is coupled with other elements of the project. Various groups are to be informed accordingly.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.
