

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST JUNE 2006

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Wren and Gray and Coward.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2005/6

The Annual Accounts for the period 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006 have been completed.

The accounts as issued are **RECOMMENDED** to full Council.

4. MODEL – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

A model of the Freedom of Information Act has been received from the Information Commissioner. The model is to be studied and tailored to the Town Council's requirements.

5. FUNDING – ENHANCEMENT ST. MICHAEL'S PLAY AREA

The committee agreed that the Services and Maintenance committee could proceed with sourcing funds to enhance the St. Michael's play area.

6. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – VICTIM SUPPORT

An application for a financial donation has been received from Victim Support Bedfordshire.

It is **RECOMMENDED** to full council that the sum of £200 be donated accordingly.

7. DONATION REQUEST – STMA GRASS CUTTING

A request for a donation towards grass cutting at the STMA has been received.

It is **RECOMMENDED** to full council that the sum of £370 be donated accordingly.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A report that the tree outside 'the local' (formerly Unwins Off Licence) is now completely dead.

Permission was given for clerk to purchase a digital camera in order to photograph areas of concern requiring attention in the town for record purposes.

Concerns raised as to the possibility that the County Council will eventually revert to the two tier education system despite comment from Headteachers, teachers, pupils and other interested bodies that would rather stay with the current three tier education system. The Education Department of the County Council is to be contacted in order to request an explanation as to how they can justify such a decision should that be the case.

Information from County Councillor indicates that there is a scheme in force whereby Parish Councils may be able to obtain part funding towards bus shelters. Bearing this in mind the committee's intention is to apply for funding towards three replacement shelters plus four additional.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.
