

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH MAY 2006

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray and Coward.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

The recommendation to install a Vehicle Activated Sign in Hitchin Road was accepted. The Highways Department of the County Council is to be requested to proceed with the installation at their earliest convenience.

4. LOCAL AUTHORITY BYELAWS

A Discussion Paper entitled Local Authority Byelaws in England has been received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Paper looks at topics such as : improving local consultation on proposals for new byelaws, the handling of proposed byelaws where there are substantive local objections, including rights of appeal and whether a modern process for tackling a range of unacceptable behaviour and enforcing general standards of conduct might be through a new 'community respect order'.

5. INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was agreed to pay the Annual Insurance subject to an amendment of the population figure from 5,000 to 6,500.

6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

It was agreed to obtain the latest 'model' of the Freedom of Information Act from the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A request for funding has been received from a representative of the Bloomfield Games Association. Further information is to be sought.

A date for the Clerk's annual review is to be fixed for some time in June.

Mr. Wren gave the members a brief resumé on matters appertaining to the progress of the Summer Gala.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.