

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th APRIL

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Gray.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs. Harrison declared an interest in agenda item 5.

3. FARMERS MARKETS

Information received at last week's Services and Maintenance regarding the possibility of starting a farmers Market was further discussed by this committee.

It is **RECOMMENDED** to full Council that the town should have a monthly Farmers Market as soon as is practicable.

4. ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

The above has been received from the Council's insurers and was discussed by the committee accordingly. Several omissions and additions had been notified to them since the last annual renewal.

5. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF MILLENIUM GREEN TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

It was suggested to the committee that the Town Council should own and manage the Bellcote Meadow Millenium Green. It was explained that there is still some work to be carried out on some of the trees but this would be completed by the current Trustees prior to any possible transfer of ownership to the Town Council. It was noted that the Town Council already pays the annual insurance and volunteers would continue as always. The committee stated that they agreed in principle.

It is **RECOMMENDED** to full Council that ownership of the Millenium Green should be transferred accordingly.

6. CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES FUND

The committee has received confirmation that their application to secure funding for community safety issues by way of application to the Confident Communities Fund has been successful. The County Council is the funding source and as such is responsible for vetting all applications made to them and subsequently allocating the finance to successful Town and Parish Councils accordingly. The clerk is to complete and sign the form in respect of the terms and conditions under which the money has been allocated to the Town Council.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Enquiries to secure a unit on the industrial estate which could be used for youth projects are still on-going.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.