

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th JUNE 2009

PRESENT

Mr. Steeples presided over Mesdames Harrison and Clark. Mr Mackin.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Holmes. Messrs. Wren and Coward.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. TOWN WEBSITE

The committee decided to create 'shopping list' of the items that they would like displayed on the new website. The current website manager is to be requested to provide a 'site map' of the current site in order to ascertain how the various headings link up.

Further quotations are to be sought.

4. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

A Draft copy of the Annual Accounts for the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 was distributed to the members for their comments.

The adoption of the accounts is **RECOMMENDED** to the full Council.

5. CLERK'S APPRAISAL

This was deferred until next month's meeting.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was decided to investigate the possibility of reverting to 'in-house' cleaning of the Council Chamber and Town Meeting Room.

It was agreed that yet again the delivery of the Shefford Newsline Magazine to residents had been very late and disorganised. This has meant that several deadlines had passed prior to delivery. Bearing this in mind, the current distribution team is to be given a final warning.

The clerk is to write to the Robert Lucas Trust to inform them the committee would like to put a shed in the Council Chamber yard in order to house the maintenance equipment as used by both the P3 Group and the Bellcote Meadow volunteers as well as to store the marquee.

A letter is to be written to the Police Authority registering the committee's concerns about the current beat/shift system. Among many other issues, the committee regards it as totally unacceptable for a lone PCSO to be out in the town on a Friday and Saturday night when potential back-up could be in Amptill or Dunstable. A

representative of the Authority is to be requested to attend a Council meeting to discuss their action plan and how they are intending to improve the current situation.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.