

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
Held Thursday 7 January 2016
7pm Shevington Library**

Present: Councillor I Whiteley (Chairman), Councillors J Ball, C Horridge, C Miles, W McKnight, A Bland and J Fletcher.
Three members of the public.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs K Shaw and J Calderbank.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Precept Setting

Previously circulated Guidance from the DCLG informing members that councillors who were residents of the Parish no longer had DPIs with regard to the precept setting process and, therefore, did not require a dispensation was noted.

4. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (3 December 2015)

The minutes had been circulated previously and were received.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3 December 2015 were approved as a true and correct record.

5. DRAFT Budget 2016/17 (v3)

Cllr A Bland joined the meeting.

The draft budget had been updated in line with changes agreed during previous Finance Committee meetings and was discussed further.

Resolved: The Committee recommended a budgeted expenditure for 2016/17 of £78,061 (including an expenditure contingency of £5,000) to the Full Council for approval.

6. Precept 2016

Standing Orders were suspended.

Members of the public present made observations in relation to the amount of precept that should be set by the Council and the basis on which the figure should be arrived at.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Proposals for the precept were discussed.

Resolved: The Committee recommended to the Council that a precept of £67,000 should be set for FY2016.

A member requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Cllrs J Ball, C Horridge, W McKnight, C Miles and I Whiteley
AGAINST: Cllrs A Bland and J Fletcher

(An emendment proposing a precept of £66,000 fell. Cllrs A Bland and J Fletcher voted for the amendment – Cllrs J Ball, C Horridge, W McKnight, C Miles and I Whiteley voted against.)

7. New Audit Regime

Options available to the Council in relation to the procurement of external audit services with effect from the 2017/18 financial year were discussed.

Resolved: The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that they should select the option which involved participating in the Sector Led Body procurement process.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Sector Led Body to express the Committee's disappointment that they had not been provided with any information about the potential cost of future audits.

8. Dates of Meetings

21 January (Council); 4 February (Policy Committee)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:54 pm.

Chairman