

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Held Wednesday 2 March 2022  
8:15pm - The Community Centre at Vicarage Lane Fields**

**Present:** Councillor William McKnight (Chairman), Councillors Christopher Horridge, Michael Grimes and Jessica Higham  
Two members of the public

**Officer in Attendance:** Mrs Krystyna Pilkington (Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs John Ball, Ira Whiteley, John Whiteley and Mike Crosby

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Jessica Higham w.r.t. Item No.7 (*personal & prejudicial*)

**3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (12 January 2022)**

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 12 January 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

**4. Quarterly Budget Monitoring**

The quarterly budget monitoring report was received and discussed. In reply to a question from a member, the Clerk informed the Committee that the expenditure projected for March was approximately £10,000. The member observed that the current figures appeared to indicate that the General Reserve could possibly double by the end of the financial year.

**5. Virements**

**Resolved:**

(a) To balance overspends the Committee approved the following virements from the 'Contingency' cost centre:

- £2 to the 'Stationery, Office' cost centre
- £24 to the 'Website' cost centre
- £128 to the 'Financial Aid' cost centre
- £5 to the 'Maintenance, materials' cost centre
- £407 to the 'Plants & Planters' cost centre

(b) To balance an overspend in the 'Allotments' cost centre the Committee approved a virement of £48 from the Forest Fold Allotments Reserve.

- (c) The proposal that the name of the 'WW1 Commemoration' cost centre should be changed to 'WW1 Commemoration / Platinum Jubilee' was approved.

## **6. Green Cabin**

The Clerk reported that the sale of the green cabin at the allotments at Forest Fold had been advertised twice. A number of people had expressed an interest, but none of them had accepted an offer to view it. This suggested that further advertising would, more than likely, not bear fruit.

Mr Charlie Neve informed the Committee that he had discussed the possibility of using the green cabin to store the flood alleviation defences for Crooke Village with Mr Mike Thomas, the Chairman of the CVRA. They had agreed that, subject to the agreement of the CVRA Committee and permission being received from Wigan Council to relocate the cabin on the LA's land in Crooke, they would do this.

In the first instance Mr Neve and Mr Thomas needed to ascertain the suitability of the cabin and whether they would be able to move it. Cllr Chris Horridge agreed to show Mr Neve and Mr Thomas the green cabin. Mr Neve would seek the permission of the CVRA Committee and, if they agreed, they would seek the permission of the LA.

## **7. Financial Aid Applications**

*Cllr Jessica Higham withdrew from the meeting.*

### **Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees**

The application from the SRGT for a grant was received and considered.

**Resolved:** The Council approved a s19 grant of £2,955 for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground.

*Cllr Jessica Higham re-joined the meeting.*

## **8. Dates of Next Meetings**

16 March (Annual Parish Meeting); 30 March (Council);  
6 April (Policy & General Purposes Committee)

## **9. Litter Collection Contract**

This item was deferred.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8:50 pm

**Chairman**