# Wheathampstead Parish Council Finance Committee 24 November 2014, 19.30h

Present Councillors I Begg Chairman

D Davies S Haynes D Johnston T Reason P Woodhams

Julia Warren Clerk

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# 3874-14 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G Clark, N Clements, L Halford, J Shardlow and P Wilby (personal reasons).

### 3875-14 Public Speaking

None.

# 3876-14 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Reason declared and interest in Minute 3878-14 grazing fees and withdrew from this part of the discussion.

# **3877-14** Minutes of meeting of 23 July 2014

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2014 be approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting

held on 23 July 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be

signed by the Chairman.

#### 3877-14 Bank Reports

Sage-generated bank reports and bank statements were circulated for scrutiny. The Co-op bank statement dated 12 November 2014 showing a closing balance of £111,631.38 and PSDF statement of 4 November a balance of £402,504.45 . Minor variation was due to differing reconciliation dates. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the accounts reconciliation against balances held on deposit was confirmed.

Resolved To confirm the accounts reconciliation against balances held on deposit.

#### 3878-14 Review of Fees and Charges

The fees for hire of the Memorial Hall from 1 January 2015 had been agreed by Council at Minute 3832-14.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that Allotment rents remain at £4 per pole for 2016-17.

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Davies, and it was agreed that the previously circulated list of charges inflation uplifted was agreed for 2015-6.

Councillor Reason withdrew from the meeting.
With respect to grazing fees, for which Councillor Reason withdrew from the discussion, it was noted that tenders had been received for Glebe south field and the field relet for 2015-6.
Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams, and it was agreed that a 7% increase be applied to the other fields.

Councillor Johnston proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhams and it was unanimously agreed that the grazing policy be revisited at the next Community Involvement Committee due to anomalies. It was noted that a sixth signatory was required to those present and voting.

#### Resolved

- 1 Allotment rents remain at £4 per pole for 2016-17.
- 2 Fees and Charges for 2015-16 as circulated be approved.
- To note that Memorial Hall fees from 1 January 2015 were approved at Minute 3832-14.
- 4 7% increase on grazing fees.
- 5 To revisit the grazing policy at the next Community Involvement Committee because of anomalies.

#### 3879-14 Budget Review

Councillor Reason rejoined the meeting.

The income and expenditure against budget

The income and expenditure against budget reports were reviewed and noted.

Resolved To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.40h.

Dated this day of 2015

Chairman