

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Finance Committee
9 November 2015, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	D Davies D Johnston L Halford S Haynes T Reason P Woodhams	Chairman
		Julia Warren	Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

4371-15 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G Clark and E Habib (personal reasons).

4372-15 Public Speaking

None.

4373-15 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

4374-15 Minutes of meeting of 2 July 2015

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2015 be approved.

Resolved **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2015 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

4375-15 Bank Report

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that this be deferred to Full Council

Resolved **To defer to Full Council**

4376-15 Review of Fees and Charges

Current Hire Charges for the Memorial Hall, ATP and playing fields, running for a calendar year January- December, and the fees and charges schedule April - March had been circulated.

Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed, that the Allotments Committee look at rents

with a view to recommending a 2% increase from April 2017.

Councillors considered the wear and tear affected to the Marford Playing Fields by Regiment Fitness. Councillor Woodhams proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that the annual charge to Regiment Fitness for use of the Marford Playing Fields be increased to £1200 from 1 April 2016.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Johnston, and it was agreed that all charges increase as discussed by approximately 2% with the Green Room hire charge being rounded to £14 for non residents.

Charges for the Memorial Hall, ATP and playing fields to be effective from 1 January 2016. Other fees and charges effective from 1 April 2016.

- Resolved**
- 1 Recommend that Allotments Committee look at rents with a view to a recommendation for 2% increase from April 2017, there having been no change in 4 years.**
 - 2 That the annual charge to Regiment Fitness for use of the Marford Playing Fields be increased to £1200 from 1 April 2016.**
 - 3 That all charges increase as discussed by approximately 2% with the Green Room hire charge being rounded to £14 for non residents.**
 - 4 Charges for the Memorial Hall, ATP and playing fields to be effective from 1 January 2016. Other fees and charges effective from 1 April 2016.**

4377-15 Budget projects

Councillors had been asked to consider ideas for potential projects for inclusion in the 2016-17 budget.

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed to include a reserve for maintenance of assets including tennis courts and fence, car parks, bus shelters, pavilions, benches and play equipment.

The costs and practicalities of a 'mini-bus' to be investigated

Other ideas included £10k for a second bridge over the Lea (Councillor Reason/Johnston), £10k for a Heritage Centre (Councillor Johnston/ Woodhams) and grant funding development of the Tithe Barn outbuilding.

Resolved To note the reports and recommendations

4378-13 Budget Review

The income and expenditure report against budgeted figures had been circulated and was reviewed.

Resolved To note the report.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.00h.

Dated this day of 2016

Chairman