

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Finance Committee
23 July 2014, 19.30h**

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

3679-14 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors I Begg, A Brewster, G Clark, J Shardlow, P Wilby and P Woodhams (personal reasons). Councillor Johnston, as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, took the chair in the absence of the Chairman.

3680-14 Public Speaking

None.

3681-14 Specific Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Clements declared a personal interest a trustee for James Marshall.

3682-14 Minutes of meeting of 17 February 2014

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 be approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

3683-14 Bank Reports

Sage-generated bank reports and bank statements were circulated for scrutiny. The Co-op bank statement dated 15 July 2014 showing a closing balance of £256,574.27 and PSDF statement of 30 June a balance of £451,785.04 . Minor variation was due to differing reconciliation dates. Councillor Halford proposed, seconded by Councillor Davies, and it was agreed, that the accounts reconciliation against balances held on deposit.

Resolved To confirm the accounts reconciliation

against balances held on deposit.**3684-14 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Councillor Davies proposed, seconded by Councillor Halford, and it was agreed to exclude the press and public, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960).

3685-14 Parish Council Asset

Further to Minute 3652-14 advice had been sought and obtained from the Council's land agent regarding the lease.

Councillor Johnston proposed from the Chair, and it was agreed, that Wheathampstead Parish Council was prepared to assign the current lease subject to the conditions recommended by its land agent.

Councillor Davies proposed, seconded by Councillor Reason, and it was agreed, that Wheathampstead Parish Council was prepared to negotiate about a new lease.

Councillor Davies proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that Wheathampstead Parish Council needed more information about how the potential leasee wanted to use WPC open spaces, but that in principal WPC was prepared to enter into negotiations about a suitable licence.

Councillor Reason proposed, seconded by Councillor Haynes, and it was agreed, that delegation for negotiations in relation of this asset be the responsibility of the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of Council and Councillor Davies.

- 1 Wheathampstead Parish Council was prepared to assign the current lease subject to the conditions recommended by its land agent.**
- 2 Wheathampstead Parish Council was prepared to negotiate about a new lease.**
- 3 Wheathampstead Parish Council needed more information about how the potential leasee wanted to use WPC open spaces, but that in principal WPC was prepared to enter into negotiations about a suitable licence.**
- 4 That delegation for negotiations in relation of this asset be the responsibility of the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of Council and Councillor Davies.**

3686-14 Readmission of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the press and public be readmitted.

Resolved To readmit press and public.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.40h.

Dated this day of 2014

Chairman