

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER AT 19.30 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD

PRESENT: Cllr. Blundell, Chairman of the Finance Committee
Cllr. Terry Brooker
Cllr. David Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

The meeting convened at 19.50

1 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Baldwin was absent

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS - Nil

3 CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 26 SEPTEMBER 2011

There have been several items of unbudgeted expenditure to date including election charges of £990 and repairs to play area equipment of £1550.

There has also been a saving on the Business Rate charges due to the continuous of Government Small Business Rate Relief. Cllr. Taylor would like Council to be able to purchase a second SID which will be positioned at the village gateway where Halstead Lane joins Knockholt Road. The advised cost for this is £7,000 to include installation. The budget figure against traffic calming is £4300 including carried forward figure from 2010/11. Cllr Taylor believes that the two SIDs should be installed at the same time.

Survey and statistical work has yet to be carried out to assess whether a second SID should be installed.

Both Cllrs. Blundell and Brooker felt that Council should proceed with the installation of the SID in Watercroft/Station Road which is to be paid for with a grant from County Cllr. Parry, as this funding cannot be carried forward to 2012/13.

The Committee assessed the figures and noted that making possible savings in the current budget Council should be at a break-even situation at the end of the Financial Year.

4 REQUEST FOR DONATION

St Margaret's Church has requested a donation towards the purchase of a new boiler. This will cost in the region of £37,000. The Committee discussed the matter and noted that there was only £450 left in the S137 budget. £500 had only been budgeted for 2011/12 and a £50 payment had been made to the Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Sunday wreath. Cllr. Blundell proposed, seconded by Cllr. Brooker that £450 should be given to St Margaret's Church. This recommendation will be put to the Parish Council.

5 INFORMATION

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 7 November at 18.00 in the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 21.00