

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
held in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford on
Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr Nightingale (Chairman), Mrs Hodge (vice-chairman) Mrs Harwood. Mr Knowles,
Mr Smith and Mr Watson – apologies Councillor Mr Shelton.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING from minutes of meeting held on 20th November 2013.

Chancel Repair (minute 6) Following the proposal that Jesus College should be approached for a deed of rectification of the 1928 conveyance by extending the indemnity on the cemetery land, the Chairman has contacted the solicitor seeking his advice.

3. VACANCY PARISH CLERK

The committee was brought up to date on the interview that took place earlier in the month. After a full discussion it was proposed that the position of Clerk/Responsible Officer should be offered to this candidate. A contract of Employment and job description will be provided.

4. WORK SCHEDULE

Cllr: Smith distributed a copy of the work schedule for the village man; the previous schedule needed to be updated. Following a few adjustments it was proposed that the revised list should be put in to action as soon as possible.

5. FINANCE

- (a) *Accounts* It was **resolved** that 7 accounts totalling £2,836.12, as presented by the Clerk be approved for payment.
- (b) *Precept* The proposed budget requirements by each committee, together with all other annual costs were presented to the meeting; as the proposed increase is higher than in previous years a full an extensive discussion followed. After much deliberation a compromise was reached and a figure agreed for the 2014/2015 precept. This will be presented to the full Council for approval at the meeting in January.

Following the Governments localisation of council tax support, the B and D council tax base for 2013/14 and the District Councils decision not to pay the parish council a portion of the grant it will receive from the Government, the increase on the Parish Council precept will be a far higher percentage on council tax billing than in previous years.

- (c) *Salary increases* An increase of 2% was **agreed**.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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