

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN BANSONS ON
THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2015**

Present: B. Surtees (Chair) P. Gode* S. Jackman
R. Prosser D. Roberts J. Rushton*

*Non committee members

Officers: A. Middlehurst (Town Clerk)

Other: No members of the public

ACTION

63/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kaye and Gambardella.

64/14 Declarations of personal and or prejudicial interest

None received.

65/14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None present.

66/14 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

During discussion concerns were expressed regarding circulating documents that did not originate from the Council. Cllr Surtees proposed and seconded by Cllr Jackman that a recommendation be made to Full Council that contributions made by the public not be recorded or circulated with the Council's minutes. In view of this, such documents will not be circulated until Full Council has taken this decision.

AGREED – Unanimous vote received.

67/14 Matters arising

None received.

68/14 Clerk's report

Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2015/16

The Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for parish councils for the purposes of section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 ("1972 Act") for 2015-2016 is £7.36.

This is the amount that results from increasing the amount of 2014-15 (£7.20) by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2013 and September 2014 (of 2.26%) in accordance with Schedule 12B to the Act.

Water Supply to Ongar Social and Sports Club

The Town Council's contractor will complete the upgrade in the coming days.

69/14 Recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee

Cllr Surtees proposed and Cllr Jackman seconded that the lease for the Castle St allotments site be accepted.

AGREED – Unanimous vote received.

70/14 Jubilee Park (Love Lane Sport Facility)

Cllrs noted that the conditions on the Aviva Insurance report had been met.

71/14 The Council is asked to RESOLVE to exclude the press and public for this meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following items contain confidential information relating to contractual matters.

72/14 Jubilee Park (Love Lane Sport Facility)

73/14 The Council is asked to resolve to permit the press and public to return to the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Cllr Roberts proposed and Cllr Surtees seconded that a formal minute be made at Full Council to thank the staff for their hard work over the last year and especially in the last week in cleaning and improving the Jubilee Pavilion.

AGREED – Unanimous vote received.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Chair

Date