

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2011 AT 19.15 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD

PRESENT: Cllr. Blundell, Chairman of the Finance Committee
Cllr. Jeff Baldwin
Cllr. Terry Brooker

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

The meeting convened at 19.30

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Baldwin proposed Cllr. Blundell, seconded by Cllr. Brooker; there were no other nominations, carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Blundell was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed there was no requirement for a Vice Chairman at this time.

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. David Taylor. Members signed the attendance register

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS - Nil

5 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The Committee discussed the advantages of changing from Chubb Fire Protection Services to Future Fire Protection.

The cost of servicing and replacing fire extinguishers in 2010/11 had been £291 for the two buildings. Several extinguishers will require replacement with the next service.

The price quoted for site visits and maintenance with FFP would be approximately £57 plus any new appliances. These will cost approximately £75.

Future Fire Protection are able to provide public liability insurance plus a safety certificate.

It was **Resolved** to recommend to Council that this company be used for a year on a trial basis.

6 LETTER FROM THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

This related to the Clerk's salary. There has not been an incremental increase for several years.

The Committee discussed this matter.

Cllr. Blundell proposed that this be discussed at the July Parish Council Meeting with a recommendation that an increase be considered for financial year 2012/13, seconded by Cllr. Brooker and carried. It was **Resolved** to recommend at the June Parish Council meeting that this topic be discussed by full Council at the July meeting.

7 INFORMATION - Nil

The Meeting closed at 19.50