MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2011 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. G. Burton,

Councillor P. Jones (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Miss S. Farr,

Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier,

Councillor A. J. Mould. Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Councillor Mrs. G. Burton proposed re-election of Councillor P. Jones. Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations and Councillor P. Jones was duly re-elected.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. DONATIONS FOR YEAR 2011/2012.

Forsbrook Parish Council Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the usual following worthy charitable causes for the amounts shown.

Cheadle & District Home Link Scheme	100.00
Douglas Macmillan	100.00
British Red Cross	100.00
Cheadle CAB	100.00
Cheadle Animal Welfare	100.00
Samaritans	100.00
Rape Crisis	100.00
St. John Ambulance	100.00
Royal British Legion	100.00
Marie Curie Cancer	100.00
Women's Royal Voluntary Service	100.00

Donna Louise Trust	100.00
Mencap	100.00
Vitalise (Previously the Winged Fellowship)	50.00
Arch (Previously the Elizabeth Trust)	50.00
Staffordshire Wildlife	50.00
Community Council of Staffordshire	50.00
C.P.R.E.	50.00
Victim Support	50.00
Longton Central Hall Marching Band	150.00
Royal British Legion (Donation for Poppy Wreath)	66.50
Total	1816.50

5. COUNCIL'S PRECEPT FOR YEAR 2011/2012.

The Finance Committee members considered individual committees financial requirements for year 2011/2012 and agreed other expenditure as detailed below:

Cemetery	8000.00
Environment	14400.00
Insurance	2500.00
Audit	550.00
Newsletter	750.00
Memberships and Periodicals	800.00
Elections	1000.00
Stationery/Petty Cash/Telephone/Broadband	1000.00
Donations	1820.00
Chair's contingency	250.00
Chair's allowance	250.00
Staff costs	14000.00
Training expenses	50.00
Advertising	100.00
Village Hall Hire	300.00
Collaret engraving	50.00
Total	45820.00

RECOMMENDED:

- > To maintain or improve the same level of service to the community with no increase in the precept figure of £46000 for 2011/2012.
- > To issue a press release stating that Forsbrook Parish Council has not increased their precept for 2011/12 with the commitment to maintain or improve the level of service they provide to the community.

Clerk to the Council Chairman