

**Minutes of Martham Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting
held in the Martham Methodist School Room on 14th November 2007
at 19:30 hrs.**

Those Present:

Councillors: B Carberry; T Gates; M Huke; K Jordan

Councillors B Wright, T Brookman and M Horrocks attended as members of the public along with Mr P Able of the Scouts.

Presiding: M Huke

Clerk in attendance: P Dawson

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2007 were AGREED as a true record. *Proposed* by Cllr. T Gates, *seconded* by Cllr. B Carberry. *Unanimous.*

3. Lease to the Scouts of land at Staithe Road

The draft lease was AGREED subject to the revisions required by the Borough Council concerning the access road.

It was AGREED to recommend to Council that a contribution of £250 be made to the Scouts for their additional costs of preparing the lease of this land for their new premises.

Concern was expressed that members had not seen the draft lease early or been told what the Council's solicitor's opinion about the terms of the lease were.

4. Christmas lighting to trees on The Green.

The Chairman handed round a written update of the latest funding position. The Borough Council had not been able to release any funding towards the project as anticipated as this type of scheme did not meet Section 106 criteria.

It was AGREED that a virement of up to £800 be made from the enhancements budget if there was any shortfall once contributions from local businesses had been received. It was noted that the official switch on of the lights would be carried out by Councillor Mary Coleman at 5pm on Saturday 1st December.

5. Internal Auditor

The appointment of Pauline James as the Council's new internal auditor was approved.

6. Financial Update of 2007- 08 Accounts

The Clerk informed the meeting that a bank reconciliation was carried out as at 6th November 2007 and circulated details.

The next meeting was confirmed as being at 19.30 hrs. on 6th February 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.57 hrs.

Signed.....(Chairman) Dated.....