

# **FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 15**

The Finance, Governance and Policy Committee (FG&P) comprises the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the parish council together with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and two other parish councillors. Other councillors with a specific interest in items being considered by the FG&P Committee are encouraged to attend its meetings to make their views known.

The committee normally meets six times a year - all meetings being open to the public.

An additional meeting was held during the year to finalise budgets for the parish and to recommend a precept for the year 2015 – 2016. That recommendation, accepted by the parish council, was that the precept should not result in any increase in the King's Sutton Parish Council's share of council tax due to be collected in 2015 – 2016.

As its title suggests, the committee's main responsibilities are to consider and make recommendations to the full parish council on financial, governance and policy matters.

During the past year this work has included: -

- the preparation of the draft budget and precept
- the regular examination of all council payments and receipts
- the review of the effectiveness of internal control arrangements which is informed by the quarterly internal control checks carried out by Mr Andrew Waite to whom the committee is most grateful
- the review of recommendations from councillors/working parties relating to the allocation of Section 106 monies
- the proposed provision of additional footway lighting relating to the Banner Homes and Barwood developments
- the continued financial support for the weekly Thursday Bus service until its recent temporary withdrawal for reasons beyond the Council's control.
- the consideration of applications for financial assistance from village individuals/groups
- the examination and preparation of revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
- the allocation of responsibilities and contractual arrangements for the maintenance and development of the village website
- the consideration of financial and contractual arrangements for the carrying out of various other projects such as the Play Project and other amenity activities

In carrying out these tasks the committee has relied on the knowledge, advice and work of the Parish Clerk who is also the council's Responsible Finance Officer. The Committee and I wish to thank her for unfailingly providing that valuable advice and support throughout the year.

**Ronnie Irving**

Chairman Finance Governance and Policy Committee 2014/15