

Parish Council/Community Centre Governance

As the Chairman of the Parish Council has recently been elected as the Chairman of the Chesterfords Community Centre Management Committee, the PC needs to consider governance related issues as the CCC was last year granted Parish Council precept funds for the financial year April 2011-March 2012 and may request funding, in October, for the following financial year.

As it may be viewed that there is a conflict of interest, the PC needs to decide what additional safeguards need to be put in place, if any, to ensure that funding decisions made by the PC are impartial. It also needs to decide if any extra finance reports are required from the CCC, in addition to those agreed before funding was granted.

1. The Chairman will have to declare an interest in any CCC agenda items and should not vote on any funding related matter. Does the PC also require the Chairman to not 'chair' these items?
2. The financial reporting was previously agreed as part of the funding request, is there any additional information required? Should the Treasurer of the CCC, rather than the PC Liaison, present these reports on a quarterly basis at the PC meeting?
3. Is the role of the PC Liaison redundant (in the current situation)?
4. If not, who will fill this role? The Councillors already have heavy workloads and it is unlikely that a resident will step forward as they would have to attend the CCC meetings (and previous requests for residents to join the CCC have failed).