



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 10th April 2006

Present: Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Chair), A Baker, Mrs R Gregory, C Mason, R Pitt, J Thompson, Mrs V Verster.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Ms C Mason (Work), P Norton (Ill), G Platt (France), M Skelton (School Governor Meeting).

Resolved – that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Also A Baker (Item 3.3 Lilleshall Memorial Hall), Mrs E A Clare and C Mason (Item 3.1 Wrockwardine Wood Arts College).

3. **Grant Applications**

Resolved - in the opinion of the Council it is in the interest of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants that the following grants be approved under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

1. Wrockwardine Wood Arts College	£ 100.00
2. No Panic	£ 100.00
3. Lilleshall Memorial Hall	£5000.00*
4. Telford and Wrekin Play Team	£ 200.00
5. Telford Sea Cadets	£ 360.00**
6. Relate	£ 100.00
7. Severn Hospice	£ 200.00

Total £6060.00

* It was **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow Mr Margerison to present his request for a grant from this Parish Council. The meeting was then reconvened. The grant was awarded under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19 and the Clerk was asked to write to the Lilleshall Memorial Hall Committee explaining that this amount would be for this year only and not to set a precedent for future grants awarded. The grant will be made up of the following: £3,600 toward the maintenance and refurbishment costs and £1,400 would help toward the cost of a consultant.

Councillor A Baker left the room for the whole discussion regarding this item.

** The Clerk was asked to write and inform the Telford Sea Cadets that the grant awarded is for the purchase of two rucksacks and two pairs of boots.



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The grant request from the Musical Theatre Academy was deferred pending the Clerk enquiring as to whether or not it is a private company or a volunteer organisation.

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4. Planning Applications

The Councillors discussed the following planning applications:

- a. W2006/0317
Mr S Coultrip, Clocktower, Donnington Way, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Promotional display unit.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.
- b. W2006/0363
Mr & Mrs D C Blagbrough, 18, Ash Lea Drive, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of a single storey rear extension and conservatory.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

5. Payments by Direct Debit

The Councillors were provided with a list of Direct Debits paid by this Parish Council. **Resolved** – to continue paying those companies listed by Direct Debit and to pay any statutory increase that may occur during this and the next financial year.

6. Authorisation of BACS Payments

The Clerk informed the Committee that in future all BACS payments will be authorised by two of the Councillors authorised to sign cheques.

7. Asda Trolleys

The Clerk informed the Committee that work is to commence at Asda on 18th April 06 to install the Techtronic system that will prevent trolleys from being removed from the store. It is hoped to be operative from 3rd May 06.

8. Review of Office Rent

The Committee reviewed the rent of the offices at Turreff Hall. **Resolved** – that the rent for the Parish Council Office is increased from £75 to £85 per week and that the rent for the use of the adjacent office is increased to £40 per week for the Borough of Telford and Wrekin's Donnington Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and £25 per week for the Fairshare Trust.



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9. Lilleshall Post Office

The Clerk informed the Members that Lilleshall Post Office will be staffed by the subpostmistress from Edgmond by the end of March.

10. Footpaths and Road Maintenance Lilleshall

The Councillors received an update on the Footpaths and Road Maintenance in Lilleshall.

11. Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling

The Councillors discussed the request from Borough of Telford and Wrekin asking the Parish Council for its views and comments on the issues regarding the provision of bins, problem “hot spots”, education and prevention, and enforcement with regard to dog fouling within its parish.

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Resolved – that the Parish Council purchase four new bins. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Borough of Telford and Wrekin to ensure that it would empty them and if so then one is to be placed in Donnington, Donnington Wood, Lilleshall and Muxton respectively.

12. Budget Comparisons

The Councillors received a copy of the budget comparisons for the Parish as at 28th February 2006. **Resolved** – that they are confirmed as a true record.

13. Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

The Councillors received a copy of the letter received from defra regarding the new guide available for “Getting to grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005”.

14. Disposal of Tables

Due to the agreed purchase of new tables for Turreff Hall, the Committee discussed how the old tables were to be disposed of. **Resolved** – that the tables are to be distributed to local groups and good causes free of charge. Tables are to be collected by the groups themselves and the Parish Council is not to store them. If any tables are left then they are to be offered to individuals to purchase at a cost of £5 per table.

15. Correspondence

The Chair informed the Councillors that the following correspondence had been received and was available to read after the meeting or later from the Parish Office.

- a. **“Thank you” letters from Arthritis Support Group, Telford Friends and Newport and District Visually Impaired Persons Association.**



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- b. **SALC Seminar - Parish and Town Councils' Responsibilities as Employers.**
- c. **CVS Working Together Conference.**
- d. **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Notice to make an order prohibiting traffic from proceeding along Station Road, Donnington.**
- e. **Local Government Pension Scheme – Meeting for employers**
- f. **Letter received from Telford and Wrekin in response to reduction of bus services.**
- g. **Copy of letter to HM Customs and Excise from Borough of Telford and Wrekin regarding VAT Exemption for extension to Turreff Hall.**
- h. **Minerals Development Plan Document – Acknowledgement of receipt of written representation from this Parish Council.**
- i. **Retirement gratuities as respect non pensionable service employees of Parish Councils.**
- j. **Local Government Pension Schemes – Regulations.**
- k. **Campaign for the Sustainable Communities.** The Clerk was asked to include this as an agenda item for the next full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 2025hrs.

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