

**Minutes of Finance Committee**  
**Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare, A Baker, Mrs V Brown, Mrs R Gregory, J Lavery, Mrs B Mason, C Mason, P Norton.

**Also Present:** Mr & Mrs R Brown, Mrs S Brotherton.

**1. Apologies:** Councillor B Green (Other Commitments).

**Resolved** – that the apology is accepted.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Also C Mason – Item 6.

**3. Grant to Lilleshall Memorial Hall**

Councillors discussed the correspondence received from Mr Brown regarding the grant recently awarded to the Lilleshall Memorial Hall. The Chair provided explanations to the information requested regarding the following:

- a. The criteria in which the way grants are awarded.
- b. The fact that the Parish Council did see the Accounts for year end 2006.
- c. The fact that the Parish Council did see recent bank reconciliation.
- d. There is no legal necessity for a Parish Council to check on the Charity Commission web site for information to assist in any decision making.

The Chair informed Mr Brown that if he had any more queries then she would be more than willing to meet with him and discuss them further. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Brown confirming the details and to include a copy of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

**4. 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. Newport Shropshire Carnival Committee	£ 100.00
2. Severn Hospice	£ 300.00

**Total            £ 400.00**

**5. Review of the Effectiveness of the Council's systems of internal audit and internal control**

Each Councillor received a copy of this Parish Council's Statement of Internal Control in accordance with the Audit and Accounts (Amendment)(England) Regulations 2006 for consideration and adoption.

**Resolved** – that this Parish Council adopts the Statement of Internal Control.

## **6. Local Government Pension Scheme Actuarial Valuation 2007**

Each Councillor received a copy of notification from the Fund Actuary, Mercers, of the result of the 2007 Valuation and to consider the proposed contribution rates payable over the next three years.

**Resolved** – that the Parish Council continues to keep its Actual Employer Contribution Rate at 15.8% over the next three years as recommended by Shropshire County Pension Fund.

## **7. Council Insurance**

Councillors discussed the current Parish Council's Insurance Cover to ascertain whether or not it is considered to be adequate.

**Resolved** – that the Committee has discussed and reviewed the Parish Council's Insurance Cover and is satisfied that it is adequate.

## **8. Precept**

The Committee discussed the proposed budgets as provided by the Clerk for the financial year 2008/2009 for the Finance Committee. The Clerk was asked to investigate if better rates of interest were available from other financial institutions for its reserves and capital funds. The Parish Council is to review the continued provision of the Community Bus in January prior to the setting of the Grants budget in the precept.

**Resolved** – that this Committee accepts the budgets for 2008/2009 and recommends them to full Council when it discusses the setting of the precept.

## **9. Correspondence**

The Chair informed those present that the following correspondence had been received at the Parish Office:

- a. "Thank You" letter from Summer Play Schemes 2007 for the grant recently awarded by this Parish Council.
- b. Telford and Wrekin Local Development Framework Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report Consultation 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- c. Telford and Wrekin Local Development Framework Draft Supplementary Planning Document Consultation 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008 "Design for Community Safety".

The meeting closed at 2000hrs.

Signature:

Date: