



# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005

**Present:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Chair), A Baker, Mrs R Gregory, C Mason, P Norton, M Skelton.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Ms C Mason (Work), R Pitt (Work), G Platt (Holiday), J Thompson (Work).

**Resolved** – that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.

3. **Beat Managers Vehicle**

The Chair read an email from Sgt B Spencer apologising for the fact that the police were unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Beat Managers Vehicle. In it Sgt Spencer thanked the Parish Council for its support and hoped that it would continue. In their absence the Members discussed the options of purchasing a vehicle for the Beat Manager, to continue with financing the lease of the current vehicle and the proposed changes to the structure of the Police Force.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Police stating that the Council was disappointed that nobody was available to attend the meeting especially as it was to discuss the budgeting for the precept. In future the Council may find it is unable to support either option of purchasing or leasing a vehicle for the Beat Manager.

**Resolved** – that the Council makes provision in its precept 06/07 for the continued leasing of the Beat Managers vehicle unless major changes occur during the proposed restructuring of the Police Force.

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. Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 125.00
2. Club Seventeen	£ 100.00
3. Southall School Dawley	£ 50.00*
4. Lilleshall Area Play Scheme	£ 100.00**

**Total**                      **£ 375.00**



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\* The Clerk is to write to the School informing it that £50 has been reserved for it and that this will be released a month before the planned trip. The School is asked to inform the Council when this is.

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\*\* The Clerk is to write to Lilleshall Area Play Scheme informing them that £100 has been reserved and will be released when they are nearer their fund raising target. The Clerk was also asked to inform them that funding may be available from Kate Jenkins (Borough of Telford and Wrekin), planning gain from proposed developments in Lilleshall and from Pam Bradburn (Community Fund, Meeting Point House).

The following grant applications were also discussed:

Visible Minorities Development Council – The Council did not award them a grant due to the fact that it deemed them to have sufficient funds in their account and that Under Section 137 LGA 1972 grants were not permitted to be given to Companies. The Clerk was asked to write wishing them well in their endeavour.

Telford Crime Prevention Panel - The Clerk was asked to inform this organisation that the Council applauded the good work done by it but, unfortunately in view of their current bank balance and unless it has a specific project within this Parish then it is unable to award a grant.

Lilleshall Neighbourhood Watch – The Clerk was asked to inform this organisation that they had been unsuccessful in their application for a grant as no balance sheet was sent with the application and that it had already received a grant from the Parish Council this year.

Lilleshall Sugar Craft Group – The Clerk was asked to inform this group that they had been unsuccessful in their application for a grant as it had been awarded funds from the lottery and that very few members were from this parish.

Cancer Research – The Clerk was asked to inform Becci Gorse that the Council wished her well on her fund raising “Cycle Cuba” but unfortunately were not going to award a grant to Cancer Research on her behalf as she resided outside the parish and that the Council supported the local hospice.

## 5. Neighbourhood Watch Signs

The Clerk informed the Council that due to the number of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes within the area the Parish Council needed to purchase more signs.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk be allowed to spend £165 on purchasing more Neighbourhood Watch Signs.



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## 6. Hall Closure

The Clerk informed the Council that Turreff Hall will be closed for decorating from 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> January 06 inclusive.

## 7. Change of Date of Meeting

**Resolved** – that due to the fact the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2006 fell on a Bank Holiday that it be brought forward to 10<sup>th</sup> April 06.

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## 8. Terms of Reference for Finance and Staff and Personnel Committees.

**Resolved** - to recommend acceptance of the Terms of Reference for the above committees to full Council.

## 9. Precept

The Councillors discussed the budgets for recommendation to full Council for setting of precept 2006/2007.

**Resolved** - that the Clerk makes enquiries as to the cost of the forthcoming elections in 2007 and that:

- a. A recommendation is made to full Council to initiate a Capital Fund of £1,000 toward the forthcoming elections in 2007.
- b. A recommendation is made to full Council to increase the precept from £168,000 to £175,000 for 2006/07 to increase reserves for developments and new initiatives.
- c. That the proposed budgets be presented to full Council for ratification.

The meeting closed at 1930hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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