

Minutes of Finance Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 21st July 2008

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

1. Election of Chair

Nominations were requested for Chair of the Finance Committee. Councillor Mrs E A Clare was the only person nominated.

Resolved – that Mrs E A Clare be Chair of Finance Committee for this Parish Council.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were requested for Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. Councillor C Mason was the only person nominated.

Resolved – that C Mason be Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee for this Parish Council.

3. Apologies: Councillor G Platt (Holiday).

Resolved – that the apology is accepted.

4. Declaration of Interest: As per Register. Also A Baker – Items 5 Lilleshall Memorial Hall and 6d, Mrs E A Clare – Item 5 Kids Krazy Klub and C Mason – Item 5 Lilleshall Memorial Hall.

5. 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. Summer Play Scheme	£ 400.00
2. Oakengates Rangers F.C.	£ 200.00
3. Newport Visually Impaired Peoples Association	£ 100.00
4. West Mercia Police	£1000.00*
5. Kids Krazy Klub	£ 650.00
6. Lilleshall Memorial Hall	£2500.00**

Total £4,850.00

* This grant is awarded under Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s31.

** This grant was awarded under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

The Clerk was asked to request more information with regard to the grant application made by the Listen and Care Mental Health Day Centre and to inform the Committee at its next meeting.

6. Planning Applications

As the Chair is involved with planning matters with Telford and Wrekin Council she handed over to the Vice-Chair and left the room for this entire item.

The Councillors then discussed the following planning applications:

- a. W2008/0765
Aldi Stores Ltd, Wellington Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Rendering of external brickwork to retail store building.
Resolved - that there is no objection to this application.
- b. W2008/0766
Mr G Singh, Land at, Bradley Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of 5 detached two storey dwellings (Reserved Matters).
Resolved - that there is no objection to this application.
- c. W2008/0772
Mr I Dean, Land adjacent to 76, Laneside, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of a detached dwelling (Outline).
Resolved - that there is no objection to this application.
- d. W2008/0777
Mr J Kelsall, Woodland House, Hillside, Lilleshall, Shropshire.
Erection of a single storey extension to front of dwelling, linked to replacement garage.
Resolved - that there is no objection to this application.

7. Financial Budget Comparisons

Each Councillor received a copy of the Financial Budget Comparisons as at 30th June 2008.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

8. Pensioners Vouchers

The Committee discussed the provision of Pensioners Christmas Vouchers required for 2008 and the allocation of budget toward costs.

Resolved – that the Parish Council continues to issue Pensioner Christmas Vouchers for 2008 to the value of £5 and to allocate £5,000 for the purchase of said vouchers under the Local Government Act 1972 s137. If there are no vouchers left by the closing date then the Clerk is to take names and addresses of those requesting vouchers and purchase more. The Clerk is to keep the Chair of Finance informed of events.

9. Parish Council Reserve Deposit

The Committee reviewed the Parish Council Reserve Deposit Account to ensure that the best value with regard to interest rates is achieved. Due to the fact that changes were due to be made to the current Deposit Account, Councillors discussed options available.

Resolved – that the Council closes its current deposit account and that the Clerk moves the reserves to an account which provides the best Interest Rate available. The Clerk is to report back to the Council when this has been completed.

10. Staff Training

The Committee discussed the future enhancement of the Clerk's qualifications with regard to the Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy run by Gloucester University.

Resolved – that:

- The Parish Council agrees that the Clerk undertakes the Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy.
- The Parish Council will pay for the training by monthly direct debit.
- Once qualified, the Clerk will be obliged to remain with the Parish Council for three years otherwise financial reimbursement for the training on a sliding scale will be required.
- The Chair of the Finance Committee is to write to the Clerk informing him of the agreement.

11. Correspondence

Donnington Recreation Ground

The Chair informed the Committee that Halcrow Group Ltd had been employed by Telford and Wrekin Council to develop a management plan for Donnington Recreation Ground. A public meeting will be held to consult with members of the public and the Parish Councillors on Wednesday 6th August 2008 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 2030hrs.

Signature:

Date:

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