

Minutes of Finance Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 23rd February 2009

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

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Mrs H Holdroyd.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors M Edwards, J Hockin, P Norton.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Councillors A Baker – Item 3 LAPs, Mrs E A Clare – Item 7, Mrs B Mason – Item 7e, C Mason – Item 3 Severn Hospice.
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. Newport Carnival Committee	£ 100.00
2. Lilleshall Area Playscheme(LAPs)	£ 500.00
3. Severn Hospice	£ 300.00

Total £ 900.00

4. **Street Lighting Budget**
Each Councillor received details of the street lighting budget for this Parish Council for 2009/2010 provided by the Group Engineer, Highways and Transport Maintenance for Telford & Wrekin Council.
5. **AdvantEDGE Online**
The Parish Council currently uses AdvantEDGE Onsite for the remote backup system for its accounts. To ensure that the Parish Council receives the new versions automatically it is proposed to upgrade its account to the AdvantEDGE Online programme at an initial set up fee of £360 for the first year and then £300 for the next four years.
Resolved – that the Parish Council upgrades its account to the AdvantEDGE Online programme at an initial set up fee of £360 for the first year and then £300 for the next four years.
6. **Councillor Training**
Each Councillor received details of the forthcoming SALC Training Seminars and were informed that should they wish to attend then they are to give their names to the Clerk.
7. **Planning Applications**
Councillor Mrs E A Clare left the room whilst these were discussed. The Vice-Chair, Councillor C Mason chaired the meeting for this item. Councillors then discussed the following planning applications:

- a. W2008/1211
Mr I Butler, 5, The Parade, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.

Installation of a new external ATM unit (Amended Plans).

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

- b. W2009/0023
Bromford Carinthia Housing Association Ltd, Land adjacent to 18 Hayward Avenue, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of 4no. semi-detached 2 storey dwellings (Amended Plans).
Resolved – that the Clerk contacts Telford & Wrekin Council Rights of Way Officer to discuss if there is a footpath listed on the definitive map running through this proposed site. If it is confirmed that there is not a footpath, then the Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- c. W2009/0076
Telford & Wrekin Council, Donnington Wood Roundabout, Junction of, Celadine Way, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Display of 4no. 1200mm x 500mm non-illuminated sponsorship signs.
Resolved – to object to this application for the following reasons:
- i. Historically it is considered a dangerous roundabout due to the number of road traffic accidents that have occurred here.
 - ii. The Parish Council is of the opinion that placing advertising boards here would add to street clutter.
 - iii. Advertisement boards distract driver's concentration which leads to issues with traffic safety which, as previously mentioned, is already an issue at this roundabout.
 - iv. Telford & Wrekin Council should undertake measures to make the roundabout safer such as a notice warning drivers that they are approaching a roundabout coming in the direction from Asda, along Donnington Wood Way toward Muxton and initiating lower speed restrictions approaching the roundabout.
- d. W2009/0085
Mr D Edwards, 27, Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall, Shropshire.
Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.
- e. W2009/0111
Carillion Enterprise, Building B9, DSDA, New Trench Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Change of use of car park to vehicle washing and water recycling unit.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

Urgency Resolution – Section 100B(4), Local Government Act 1972.

The Chair stated that:

“I am of the opinion that the following item of business should be dealt with as a matter of urgency at this meeting in order to avoid any unnecessary delay.”

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- f. W2009/0131
Netto Foodstores Ltd, Former Champion Jockey Public House, Wrekin Drive, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Felling of one Willow tree and one Cherry tree.

Resolved – to object to this application due to the fact that the Parish Council obtained a Tree Preservation Order on the Willow tree, through Telford and Wrekin Council, as recently as September 2008 (TPO/05517/spg).

The Parish Council considers the Willow tree to be of significant stature and merit to the surrounding area as it is the only tree of its kind in the vicinity and would strongly object to any removal or damage to this tree.

8. Planning Notifications Received

Councillors were informed that the following planning determinations have been received from Telford & Wrekin Council:

- a. Telford & Wrekin Council permits the change of use from open land to private garden and erection of fence at 12, Andreas Drive, Muxton.
- b. Telford & Wrekin permits the erection of bungalow (outline) on land at 6 Hillside East, Lilleshall.

9. Correspondence

The Chair informed the Committee that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. **“Thank You” letter and photographs from Newport and District Visually Impaired Persons Association** – for the grant awarded to it by this Parish Council.
- b. **Invitation to Wellington Town Council Civic Dinner & Dance, 14th March 2009.**
- c. **Invitation to The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust Annual general meeting** - to be held at Rodington Village Hall, on Saturday 21st March 2009 at 12 noon.
- d. **Telford & Wrekin Scrutiny Committees review into bus services in Telford.** To request the views of the Parish Council with regard to the bus service by 31st March 2009. The Clerk was asked to forward this on to all Parish Councillors requesting their comments prior to it being discussed at the forthcoming full Council meeting on 9th March 2009.
- e. **Notice of Appeal against the decision made by Telford & Wrekin Council regarding planning application W2008/0461.**
- f. **Telford & Wrekin Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)** – an extract of site data in Appendix 1 to the SHLAA report regarding sites within this Parish Council’s boundary.

The meeting closed at 1955hrs.

Signature:

Date: