



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 26th September 2006

Present: Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Chair), A Baker, Mrs R Gregory, C Mason, Ms C Mason, M Skelton, Mrs V Verster.

Also Present: WPC N Scott, Joan Gallagher (West Mercia Police Authority).

1. **Apologies:** Councillors B Green (Holiday), Mrs P A Green (Holiday), P Norton (Sports Advisory Meeting), R Pitt (School Governors Meeting).
Resolved – that the apologies be accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Also C Mason – Item 14 Planning, Item 9 and 13 LGPS. Mrs E A Clare – Item 14 Planning. Mrs R Gregory – Item 4 Little Blossoms Pre-school.
3. **Sponsorship of Beat Manager's Vehicle**
The Chair introduced the Councillors to Joan Gallagher who was then asked to present information with regard to the Beat Manager's Vehicle. She presented three options available (see attached) for the future sponsorship of the Beat Manager's Vehicle.
Option 1 was to pay an annual contract hire fee for the vehicle.
Option 2 was to purchase a vehicle with a replacement vehicle after 5 years.
Option 3 was to purchase a vehicle with no replacement vehicle after 5 years.
Joan then proceeded to explain the differences in costs and the procedures involved with the Police regarding the hire and purchase of a vehicle to the Committee.
Councillors then asked questions regarding the contribution to local policing that a Beat Manager's Vehicle would have and that as the police are funded through rates this could be seen as an additional payment from public taxes. The Chair thanked WPC Scott and Joan Gallagher for attending and asked them to leave whilst the Council discussed it further.
Resolved – that the Councillors have more time to consider the options presented and that the Clerk was asked to include this as an agenda item on the next Finance Committee meeting.

Proposed – that as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee have declared an interest in planning due to their Borough Council commitments, item 4, planning applications on the agenda is discussed at the end of the meeting.
Resolved – that item 4 on the agenda is discussed at the end of the meeting.

4. **Grant Awards**



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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 as amended by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 s36.

1. Donnington Friendship Club	£ 250.00	
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2. Telford Drive	£ 100.00	
3. Marie Curie Cancer Care	£ 180.00	
4. Little Blossoms Pre-school	£ 283.00*	
Total	£ 813.00	

* As this grant application had arrived late at the Parish Office the Chair asked the Councillors if they would allow it to be included for discussion. **Resolved** – that the Little Blossoms Pre-school grant application is allowed to be considered at this meeting.

5. **Transfer of money from reserves**

The Chair informed the Councillors that £3,500 should be transferred from reserves into the Turreff Hall Improvements budgets to cover the cost of work carried out by the Borough of Telford and Wrekin for the proposed extension at Turreff Hall.

Resolved – that £3,500 is transferred from reserves into the Turreff Hall Improvements budget.

6. **Budget Comparisons.**

The Councillors received a copy of all budget comparisons for the Parish Council as at 31st August 2006. **Resolved** – that they are confirmed as a true record.

7. **Financial Regulations**

The Committee reviewed the Parish Council Financial Regulations in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. **Resolved** – that:

- The recommendation made by the Halls and Environment Committee on the way quotes are received is added to the Financial Regulations and this is then presented to full Council for ratification.
- No further modifications are required at this time.

8. **Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)**

The Committee discussed correspondence received from Shropshire County Pension Fund regarding options for a new look LGPS and Amendment No2 Regulations 2006. **Resolved** – that if Councillors wish to comment on the



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options regarding the new look LGPS and Amendment No. 2 Regulations 2006 then they have to reply to LGPS before 29th September 2006.

9. Street Light, The Fields, Donnington

The Committee considered purchasing an extra street light on land opposite 5 and 5a The Fields, Donnington.

Resolved – that under the Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 and Highways Act 1980 s301 an extra street light is purchased at a cost of around £900 to be erected on the land opposite 5 and 5a The Fields, Donnington.

10. Street Lights, Ewart Road, Donnington

The Councillors discussed the proposed refurbishment of 7 lights with new lanterns, replacement of 3 columns and installation of one new column at Ewart Road, Donnington. Councillor Clive Mason explained the background to this proposal and that the Clerk had met with the Borough Council's Street Lighting Officers to discuss and highlight the problems.

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Resolved – that under the Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 and Highways Act 1980 s301 the aforementioned work is carried out at an estimated cost of £5,375 and that due to the required urgency the funding is to be taken from reserves but is to be replaced in the precept for the financial year 07/08.

11. Street Lights, James Way

The Clerk informed the Committee that he had discovered that the upgrading of the lights in James Way, Donnington, is the responsibility of the Borough of Telford and Wrekin's Highways Department. Councillors Mrs E A Clare and C Mason stated that they would investigate further the upgrading of the lights with the Borough Council and that the Clerk is to continue in obtaining costs for the work involved.

12. Correspondence

The Chair informed the Committee that the following correspondence had been received at the Parish Office.

- a. **“Thank You” letters for grants from Telford Crime Prevention Panel; Oakengates Rangers FC; Wrockwardine Wood Arts College.**
- b. **Bridgnorth District Council Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement – Submission 2006.**

Private Session

Resolved – that under Local Government Act 1972 Section 100A, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that these matters be discussed in Private Session and the Public have been asked to withdraw.



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13. Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

The Clerk explained the background to a request to permit the transfer of a member of staff's pension rights from an earlier employment into the LGPS.

Resolved – that the member of staff concerned is allowed to transfer pension rights from an earlier employment into the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Resolved – that members of the public are allowed back into the meeting.

14. Planning Applications

The Chair and Vice Chair of Finance left the room due to their declaration of interest. **Resolved** – that the Chair of Council Ms C Mason preside as Chair for the final item. The Committee then discussed the following planning applications:

a. W2006/1087

Kendall Holdings Ltd, 14 The Fields, Donnington, Telford.
Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

b. W2006/1088

Daniel Critcheson, Maradan, Wellington Road, Muxton, Telford.
Erection of a conservatory to rear.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

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c. W2006/1090

Mr C Cartwright, Moss Rose Cottage, Old Farm Lane, Lilleshall,
Shropshire.

Erection of a two storey extension.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

d. W2006/1103

Miss Z K Busby 20 Brick Kiln Way, Donnington, Telford.
Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

e. W2006/1137

Mr & Mrs L Thomson, 59 Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall, Shropshire.
Erection of a single and two storey extensions.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

f. W2006/1140

Mr & Mrs Ghaut, Two Ways Bungalow, Furnace Lane, Trench, Telford.
Erection of a new pitched roof and erection of 2 dormer windows.



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Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

The meeting closed at 2020hrs.

Signature:

Date: