



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 26th February 2007

Present: Councillors C Mason (Vice Chair), A Baker, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, G Platt, Mrs V Verster, K Watkins.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Meeting), B Green (Holiday), Mrs P A Green (Holiday), P Norton (Sports Advisory Meeting), R Pitt (Governors Meeting), M Skelton (Contractors at Home), J Thompson (Work).
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Councillor C Mason Item 6 and 7.
3. **Advertising**
The Councillors discussed continuing to advertise Turreff Hall in the Little Theatre Magazine for 2007.
Resolved – that the Parish Council continues to advertise in the Little Theatre Magazine for 2007.
4. **Financial Budget Comparisons**
Each Councillor received a copy of the Financial Budget Comparisons as at 31st January 2007.
Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.
5. **Appointment of External Auditor**
The Committee considered the Audit Commissions proposal to extend the appointment of UHY Hacker Young as auditors to Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council for the financial year 2006/2007.
Resolved - to accept the Audit Commissions recommendation to extend the appointment of UHY Hacker Young as auditors for the financial year 2006/2007.
6. **The Draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007**
Each Councillor had received the first set of regulations which will establish the “new look LGPS” from 1st April 2008. Any comments from Councillors regarding this document are to be passed to the Clerk.
7. **Local Government Pension Scheme**
Each Councillor received a copy of Circular No 193 January 2007 which advises on the changes to The LGPS in England and Wales for information only.



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8. Jim Fitzpatrick MP

Councillors discussed the response from the MP regarding correspondence inviting the Minister to a Parish Council meeting to discuss the proposed closure of Post Offices.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes in reply stating that the Parish Council is disappointed that the MP is unable to attend and to reaffirm its objections to any proposed closures of Post Offices.

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9. Councillor Surgeries

Each Councillor received a list of proposed dates and venues where Councillor Surgeries are to be held in the forthcoming year.

Resolved – to accept the dates and venues proposed.

10. Local Development Framework (LDF) Design for Community Safety.

Councillors were informed that the aforementioned consultation document is now available from the Parish Office and any comments regarding it are to be made before the closing date of Wednesday 21st March 07.

11. Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.

Councillors were informed that the aforementioned document is available from the Parish Office and that any comments regarding it are to be made before Friday 9th March 07.

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.”

Donnington Beat Manager’s Vehicle

The Clerk explained that the information requested at the last Finance Committee meeting had not been available when the agendas were distributed to Councillors. However, correspondence recently received now shows that the Wrekin Housing Trust and Asda are both willing to contribute £1,000 each toward the cost of the lease on the Donnington Beat Manager’s Vehicle. As a result of this the Parish Council would now only have to contribute £1,000 should it wish to do so.

Resolved – that the Parish Council will also contribute £1,000 toward the lease of the Donnington Beat Manager’s Vehicle.

12. Correspondence

a. SALC Courses

The Chair informed the Councillors of the following courses and seminars:



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- i. Chairmanship Training Session Modules 1 and 2 to be held on Tuesday 27th February 07.
- ii. Introduction to Local Councils to be held on Tuesday 13th March 07, 19th March 07 and 27th March 07.
- iii. Seminar to discuss issues regarding large Parish and Town Councils to be held on Wednesday 14th March 07.

b. “Thank You” Letters

The Chair informed Councillors that letters had been received thanking the Parish Council for awarding grants from:

- i. Little Blossoms Pre School
- ii. Newport Cottage Care Centre
- iii. Hope House Children’s Hospices
- iv. Newport Music Society

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c. List of Short Courses Available at Harper Adams University College

The Chair informed Councillors that a list of courses run by Harper Adams University College had been received and was available from the Parish Office.

d. Telford and Wrekin Council campaign called “Live Here and Love It In Telford and Wrekin”.

The Chair informed Councillors of the aforementioned campaign.

e. Invitation to “An Evening with the Coroner” on Monday 26th March 2007.

The Chair informed Councillors that an invitation had been received to attend the aforementioned event.

f. Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill passes 2nd Reading.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Sustainable Communities Bill had passed its second reading in the House of Commons.

g. LDF Minerals Preferred Options Report Consultation – Receipt of Parish Council’s comments.

The Chair informed the Councillors that the above receipt had been received from Telford and Wrekin Council.

The clerk was requested to attend the forthcoming meeting regarding the procedure and timescale on the final consultation process for the Local Development Framework.

The meeting closed at 1940hrs.

Signature:

Date:

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