



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 26th September 2005

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

1. **Apologies:** Councillors B Green (Holiday), Mrs P A Green (Holiday), Ms C Mason (Work), R Pitt (Family Emergency).

Resolved – that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** C Mason – Grant Applications Hope House Children's Respite Hospice and McDonalds Restaurant Planning Application.

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. Christmas Vouchers for Pensioners	£ 5250.00*
2. Hope House Children's Respite Hospice	£ 500.00
3. Wrekin Ladies Hockey Club	£ 50.00**

Total **£ 5800.00**

* The Clerk is to use his discretion on the number of vouchers to be purchased from the Co-operative Store and Asda Store according to demand.

** The Clerk was asked to include a list of addresses from which this group could apply for sports grants to aid it with financial support.

The following grant applications were also discussed:

Childcare Support on Site – The Parish Council decided not to award a grant due to the fact that this organisation is a business and as such is not eligible for a grant under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mark's Pit Stop – Whilst supporting this worthwhile project the Parish Council are unable to award a grant due to the fact that it is based outside the perimeter of the Parish.



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Visible Minorities Development Council – The Clerk was asked to write requesting a balance sheet from this organisation. A decision will then be made at the next Committee meeting when this has been received.

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The Clerk then explained that a response received from West Mercia Police stated that due to difficulties experienced with another Parish Council purchasing a police vehicle this option would not be favoured. The Clerk was asked to invite Alan Harris West Mercia Fleet Manager and Alan Parkinson West Mercia Facilities Manager to the next Finance Committee meeting to explain the procedure in purchasing a vehicle for the Beat Manager stating that funds may be withheld next year unless a satisfactory explanation is received.

4. Financial Budget Comparison

The Clerk presented the Financial Budget Comparison from 1st April 2005 to 31st August 2005. The Clerk was asked to provide a breakdown of costs for mower maintenance over the last two years and present this as an agenda item at the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting. The Clerk was also asked to contact Mr Nick Gibbons, lighting officer for Telford and Wrekin to find out when the last and next lighting checks in the parish have and are being carried out.

Resolved – that the Financial Budget Comparison be accepted as a true record.

5. Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2005 to the Council for their information. **Resolved** - that the bank reconciliation be accepted as a true record.

6. St John's Church

The Chair informed the Committee that a letter had been received from St John's Church and Community Centre Trust together with a cheque for £2000. This is for the repayment of a grant that was made by the Parish Council to the Trust when the building opened in 1998.

7. Transfer of Funds

The Clerk informed the Committee that a transfer of funds of £1700 was required from the Capital Fund set up for the purchase of the new mower. This is to complete the audit trail and provide sufficient funds in the relevant budget heading. **Resolved** - that £1700 is transferred from the Capital Fund set up for the purchase of the new mower.

8. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:



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- a. **W2005/1025, McDonalds Restaurant, School Road, Donnington, Telford**
Variation of condition 11 (opening hours) of planning permission W98/0266 to permit opening between 6.30am and 11.30pm Sunday to Thursday and 6.30am to 12 midnight Friday and Saturday.
Resolved – to object to this application due to the fact that longer hours would only exacerbate the problems with litter throughout the parish. However, if the Borough of Telford and Wrekin pass this application then the Parish Council is to approach McDonalds Restaurant, Donnington and request that they purchase extra bins as part of a Public Relation exercise.

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- b. **W2005/1033, Mr Chris Bilton, 115, Jubilee Avenue, Donnington, Telford.**
Pruning of 1no Ash Tree.
Resolved – that the Parish Council will abide by the decision made by the Tree Officer of Borough of Telford and Wrekin with regard to this matter.
- c. **W2005/1060, Mr & Mrs K Stevens, Land at 1 Arran Way, Muxton, Telford**
Erection of a two bedroom bungalow (outline).
Resolved – to object to this application for the following reasons:
- i. Traffic Safety Issues – Due to the narrowness of Arran Way visibility at the junction with Fieldhouse Drive is already a concern especially with Fieldhouse Drive being on a main bus route. There would be additional safety problems caused by the current lack of off street parking facilities.
 - ii. Drainage – The drains lead from adjoining properties across the proposed site. Any development would require the drainage system to be diverted. This may cause blockages and accessibility problems.
 - iii. Character – The proposed bungalow would be out of character with the adjoining houses.
 - iv. Overdevelopment – The proposed site is considered to be too small to support the erection of a property.
 - v. Gates have already been erected for off street parking to the rear of 1 Arran Way, and the Clerk was asked to inform Borough of Telford and Wrekin that to access this area vehicles are driving across pavements.

9. Correspondence

- a. **Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2005.**



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The Chair informed the Committee that this document was available to them from the Parish Office.

b. Ethical Standards Bulletin – Summer 2005.

The Chair informed the Committee that this document was available to them from the Parish Office.

c. Thank you letter.

The Chair read a thank you letter received from Black History Working Group for the grant awarded to them by this Parish Council.

d. Planning Application W2005/1109, The Ellerdine Partnership, Moss Rose Cottage, Old Farm Lane, Lilleshall, Shropshire – Erection of a single storey rear extension.

The Council had no objection to this application.

e. Tree Preservation Order 2005 – Borough of Telford and Wrekin, Land to the rear of “Laneside” 20, Church Road, Lilleshall, Shropshire.

The Chair informed the Committee of the above Tree Preservation Order.

f. Community Council of Shropshire – Village Halls Conference

The Chair informed the Committee that the above would be taking place on Saturday 15th October should any Councillor wish to attend and that the Parish Council would pay the £5 fee. The Clerk was asked to mention this to the Vice-Chair to ascertain if she would like to attend this.

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Councillor John Thompson then wished the Chair of Finance a happy birthday on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 2035hrs.

Signed:

Date: