



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 29th September 2003

Present: Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Chair of Committee), Mrs R Gregory, C Mason, P Norton, R Pitt, M Skelton.

Also Present: Mr Miles Hoskin (Chair of Scrutiny 2 Telford & Wrekin Council), Mr Steven Bentley, Mr John Evans (Both of Scrutiny 2 Telford & Wrekin).

1. Apologies: Councillors Mrs P A Green (Hospital), B Green (With Wife).
Resolved to accept apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Resignation of Councillor

The Clerk informed the Committee of the resignation of Mr J R Shepherd due to work commitments and that the vacancy had been advertised as per the legal requirements.

4. Greenaway Bin Scheme

The Chair of Scrutiny 2 explained that he was trying to get some feedback regarding the "Greenaway" Bin trials occurring in Donnington and to this effect had ten questions that he would like to put toward the Council. The Chair of Finance ensured that Miles Hoskins and his team were aware that he would only get the views of the Finance Committee and that they were not the views of the Full Council. After the questions had been asked, it was concluded that the scheme was somewhat of a success but the Finance Committee had the following comments to make:

1. The scheme should have started at the beginning of the gardening season, not toward the end.
2. The public should be educated as to how much money is being saved and how long items of rubbish take to erode away.
3. Packaging companies should be targeted to produce less non degradable waste.
4. Involve and educate children in recycling, possibly invoking a school reward scheme. It was suggested that more schools would take part providing they did not have to store the waste at school premises.
5. Tin crushers could be provided for schools and possibly for homes.
6. Three or four compartmental bins could be invented to increase public participation.



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Miles Hoskin then thanked the Parish Council for allowing them to attend the meeting and for their useful and constructive comments. It was then asked what would happen when the scheme finished? Mr Hoskin did not know but would find out.

5. New Grant Application Forms

The Clerk produced a new grant application form for the approval of the Finance Committee. **Resolved** that the new form be accepted and used from now on.

6. Grant Applications:

Resolved that the following grants be approved under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

1. Oakengates Theatre Summer School	£250.00
2. Donnington Cabaret Committee	£240.00
3. Telford Crime Prevention Panel	£100.00
4. Older Person's Working Group	£ 50.00
5. Kids Crazy Klub*	£200.00
6. Muxton School Travel Plan Group^	
7. Marie Curie Cancer Care	£200.00
8. Donnington Friendly Club	£200.00
9. Telford Pensioners Action Group	£ 75.00
10. Princess Royal Hospital	£200.00

*The Clerk was asked to ensure that the applicant was aware of the new regulations regarding the ratio of staff to children for the age groups involved.

^Initially the Committee awarded a grant of £200.00 but then the Clerk was asked to contact Telford and Wrekin Safe Routes to School and find out if reflectors were available from them and if so could he acquire enough of them for all the schools in the Parish.

Total Grants Awarded **£1515.00**

7. Parish Plan Registration

Resolved that the Clerk register the Parish Council to partake in providing a Parish Plan to enable it to achieve Quality Parish status. The Clerk explained that there is a maximum grant available of £5,000 and the Parish Council are responsible for 25% of the cost.

8. Bank Signatories



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Resolved that the Bank Signatories remain the same.

9. Binding of Old Minutes

Resolved that the Clerk get the old minutes bound at a cost of £525.00. This covers the years from 1954 to 2002. The colour of the books to be green with gold writing. In future only the Full Council minutes to be bound with the Sub-committees' minutes to be stored on disk.

10. Computers

Resolved to destroy the old computers previously used in the Parish Office.
Resolved to set up a Parish Council Website using Kalidescope at a cost of £200 for the design and a monthly maintenance cost of £40.00.

11. Ideas for Pensioners at Christmas

The Clerk was asked to write to all Councillors asking for ideas in writing as to what to give the pensioners within the Parish for Christmas.

12. Full Liquor Licence for Cordingley Hall

Resolved that the Council had no objection to Richard Mundy applying for a full liquor licence for Cordingley Hall.

13. Legal Fees

The Chair read out a letter from Thursfield Solicitors which explained that the original estimate of costs dealing with Broadoaks Building Services would now be exceeded and consequently could the Partners involved increase the funds available to cover any future costs. **Resolved** to transfer £5,000 from net balances to Legal Fees budget heading providing the other partners do so as well.

14. Correspondence

Minor Local Authority Governors

Councillor M Skelton would like to continue as a Governor for Lilleshall Primary School. The Chair read a letter from the Headteacher of the school requesting that M Skelton be put forward to stand again as Governor. **Resolved** that Mr M Skelton continue as a Governor of Lilleshall Primary School.

Voluntary Groups



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The Clerk informed the Council that he had lists of Voluntary Groups in the Donnington Area and also a list of Who's Who of Group Organisers.

The meeting closed at 2100hrs.