



# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003

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

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

2. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr M Skelton – Grant Application No. 38 Lilleshall Primary School. Cllr. Mrs E A Clare – Item 4 on agenda.

### 3. Grant Applications

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

1. Home Start Telford and Wrekin	£250.00*
2. Turreff Hall Short Mat Bowling Club	£100.00
3. Newstart Womens Project	£200.00
4. MacMillan Cancer Relief	£200.00
5. Action Research	£150.00
6. Lodge Coppice Neighbourhood Watch**	
7. Telford Day Hospice	£250.00
8. Lilleshall Primary School	£300.00

**Total                    £1450.00**

\* The Clerk was asked to write to Home Start as they had originally asked for £500.00 with a view to applying for a grant again in the new financial year to make up the balance requested.

\*\* **Resolved** that the Parish Council purchase two Neighbourhood Watch Signs on behalf of Lodge Coppice Neighbourhood Watch at a cost of £28.82 and present the signs to them.

### 4. Pedestrian Crossing – Wellington Road

**Resolved** that as Mrs E A Clare had declared an interest in this item, Cllr M Skelton acted as Chair for this discussion.



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It is estimated that the cost of a pedestrian crossing by Barclay Court, Wellington Road, Donnington would be in the region of £60,000. Telford and Wrekin Borough Council have agreed to contribute half of the money providing the remainder be raised from other sources. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator has agreed to contribute £5,000 from her funding and a request had been made that the Parish Council contributes £15,000. **Resolved** to recommend to Full Council that it includes in the precept for 2004/2005 £7,500 to be put toward the cost of the proposed pedestrian crossing at Wellington Road, Donnington. Consideration for the balance requested of £7,500 will be given next financial year dependant on money raised from other sources.

## 5. Precept 2004/2005

The Clerk produced a list of budget headings for discussion regarding the precept for 2004/2005. **Resolved** to recommend to Full Council the following:

- a. Reduce the Grants Budget to £15,000
- b. Include a Budget Heading of £5,000 for Christmas Decorations to be purchased for next Christmas.
- c. Reduce Elections Budget to £0.00 and that if an election is required the money can be transferred from net balances.

Also **resolved** was the £5,000 previously agreed upon to be transferred to Cordingley Hall budget heading by the Halls and Environment Committee be passed by the Finance Committee.

## 6. Prize Donnington Wood Junior School

**Resolved** that 2 x £5 vouchers be used as a prize for designs produced by the pupils at Donnington Wood Junior School for a logo for the Breakfast Club.

## 7. Correspondence

### Auditor Report

Whilst the Internal Auditor was inspecting the Accounts a discrepancy was discovered concerning the Clerk's wages. The minute recorded that "his salary was to be S.C.P. 29 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003." The Clerk's salary would automatically have increased to S.C.P. 29 from this date in accordance with his Contract of Employment. The additional increment given by Council would have put the Clerk on S.C.P. 30 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003. **Resolved** that this be actioned as soon as possible.

**Transfer of Justices' Off License, Asda, Donnington Wood**



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The Chair informed the Council that an application for Transfer of Justices' Off License had been made from Belinda Julia Lavenstein and Deborah Anne Smith to David Benjamin Foxall and Deborah Anne Smith for Asda, Donnington Wood.

**Resolved** that there were no objections to this.

The meeting closed at 2040hrs.