



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 25th April 2005

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

1. **Apologies:** Councillors R Pitt (Meetings), G Platt (Holiday), Mrs V Verster (Other Commitments).

Resolved – that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:**

Councillors: Mrs E A Clare – Agenda Item No 3 Grant Applications for Home Start, Oakengates Theatre Summer School, Summer Play Scheme, Kids Crazy Klub.

Mrs R Gregory – Agenda Item No 3 Grant Applications for Older Person Working Group, Agenda Item No 7 Year of the Volunteer.

C Mason - Agenda Item No 3 Grant Applications for Home Start, Oakengates Theatre Summer School, Summer Play Scheme, Wrekin Special Swimming Club, Agenda Item No 4 Town and District Centres.

P Norton - Agenda Item No 3 Grant Applications for Telford and Wrekin Childminding Association and Agenda item No 7 Year of the Volunteer.

J Thompson – Agenda Item No 5 Advertisement Little Theatre.

3. **Grant Awards**

Resolved – that 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. Lilleshall Cricket Club	£100.00
2. Trans Shropshire	£ 50.00
3. Shropshire Peer Counselling and Advocacy Service	£ 50.00
4. Donnington Methodist Church	£100.00
5. Severn Hospice	£100.00*
6. Newport and District Visually Impaired Person's Association	£ 50.00
7. Telford and Wrekin Senior Citizen's Forum	£ 50.00
8. Telford and Wrekin Childminding Association	£ 50.00**
9. Oakengates Theatre Summer School	£ 50.00
10. WRVS Meals on Wheels	£150.00
11. Summer Play Scheme	£500.00
12. Shropshire Kidney Patient Association	£100.00
13. Kids Crazy Klub	£500.00
14. Fields Friendship Club	£100.00
15. Older Person' Working Group	£100.00



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16. Wrekin Special Swimming Club	£ 50.00
17. Age Concern, Donnington	£100.00
18. Lilleshall Memorial Hall (LGA 1972 s133)	
£3,500.00***	

* This grant award is to purchase 10 bricks at a cost of £10 each which will bear the name of this Parish Council. The clerk was asked to write explaining this.

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** This grant award is to go toward the hiring of the “scrappies workshop”. The Clerk was asked to write explaining this.

*** This grant was awarded under the Local Government Act 1972 s133 and it was **resolved** that the money be paid in two halves in conjunction with the Parish Council receiving its precept from Borough of Telford and Wrekin. The Clerk was asked to write explaining this and to invite the new Chairman, Mr M Margerrison to a future meeting to discuss funding for the Hall.

Unsuccessful applicants were No Panic, Abraham Darby School, Home Start, Donnington Methodist Church (Provision of Disabled Toilet) and Donnington Rainbows/Brownies/Guides. The Clerk was asked to write explaining the reasons as to why these applicants had been unsuccessful.

4. Town and District Centres

The Councillors discussed a letter received from Oakengates Town Council regarding a request to work together for the investment and development interests of town and parish councils in the Telford area. **Resolved** – that the Clerk write to Oakengates Town Council stating that whilst this Parish Council does not have any current concerns regarding a report that there is a possibility of funds being diverted from district centres, it will be willing to work with them should problems arise.

5. Advertisement Little Theatre.

The Councillors considered the continuation of placing an advertisement for the availability of Turreff Hall for functions and events in the Little Theatre’s notice of events. **Resolved** – that an advertisement continue to be placed in the Little Theatre’s notice of events at a cost of £113.45.

6. St. John’s Church

Councillor B Green gave a brief history of the setting up of the Trust for St John’s Church and of events leading to the receipt of a letter from them regarding the Trust’s future and the transfer of accumulated funds. As this Parish Council gave a grant of £2,000 to the Trust in 1998 when the building was opened, the Trust is now offering to repay this money. **Resolved** – that the repayment of money be accepted and added back into the s137 budget for redistribution throughout the



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community. The Clerk was asked to write informing the Trust of this decision and to thank them.

7. Year of the Volunteer

As this year is the year of the volunteer, a suggestion was made at the Donnington Partnership Executive Committee meeting to host a celebration for all the volunteers that serve the community. This would take the form of two stages: one would be the setting up an “awareness day” which would be held at Turreff Hall around June/July and the second would be a party for all the volunteers. A request was made by Donnington Partnership for a couple of Councillors to help organise these events. **Resolved** – that the Councillors support this event but the Clerk includes it as an agenda item for discussion at the next Full Council meeting.

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8. Correspondence

- a. **Shropshire County Pension Fund – Recharging of early retirement strain on the pension fund and revocation of LGPS (Amendment No.2).**

Each Councillor had received a copy of the above and the Chair stated that any comments regarding this should be given to the Clerk.

- b. **Transfer of Justices Licence, The Bell Inn, Donnington Wood**

The Chair informed the Council that notification for an application for the transfer of the Justices’ Licence for the Bell Inn had been received for Christopher Dalton. The Council have no objection to this application.

- c. **TSMP Information Newssheet and Invite to AGM 2005.**

The Chair informed the Councillors that an invitation had been received from the TSMP to attend their Annual General Meeting. The Clerk was requested to ask the Council’s representative for this body, Mrs V Verster, if she would like to attend on behalf of the Council.

- d. **2004 Shropshire County Pension Fund Actuarial Variation**

The Chair informed the Council that notification had been received from Shropshire County Pension Fund that its contributions as an employer for the next three years would be 15.8%.

- e. **Sports Funding Information**

The Chair informed the Council that an email had been received informing it that a grants programme for voluntary groups was available for sports for up to £1,000. Any ideas of who could benefit would be welcomed.

- f. **Emergency Planning Briefing to Town and Parish Councils Postponement**

The Chair informed the Council that the aforementioned briefing had been postponed to 28th September. The Clerk was asked to include this as an



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agenda item at the next Full Council meeting and to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

g. Justices' Transfer, Clock Tower, Donnington Wood Way.

The Chair informed the Councillors that an application for the transfer of Justices Licence had been received for the above premises. The Council have no objection to this.

h. Mobile phone mast Brookside Perimeter Road

A request had been received for the Parish Council to discuss the siting of a mobile phone mast at Brookside perimeter road. The Clerk was asked to include this as an agenda item for the next Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 2055hrs.

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