



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 15th November 2004

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

Also Present: Sgt S Scott (West Mercia Police).

1. **Apologies:** R Pitt (Away on business)
Resolved – that the apology be accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Councillors Allowances**
The Council discussed the remuneration report regarding Councillors Allowances and **resolved** to recommend the following to Full Council:
 - a. That the Council adopts the Remuneration Panel Report in relation to Parish Basic Allowance. Councillors Mrs R Gregory and M Skelton voted against this proposal.
 - b. That the amount be set as £500 and each Member must notify the Clerk in writing as to whether or not they wish to claim it. Councillors Mrs R Gregory and M Skelton voted against this proposal.
 - c. That the Council adopts the Remuneration Panel Report in relation to the Chairman's allowance and the amount be agreed as £1,000.
 - d. That the Council adopts the Remuneration Panel Report in relation to Travel and subsistence, the mileage allowance set as 37.4 pence per mile and only for meetings outside the Parish boundaries.
 - e. That the Council agrees to implement payment as from the new financial year starting on 1st April 2005.
4. **Capital Funds**
The Council considered setting up Capital Funds as recommended by the Assets Committee and **resolved** to recommend the following to Full Council:
 - a. A Capital Fund of £5,000 is set up for 2005/2006 to replace the Parish Van when required.
 - b. A Capital Fund of £2000 is set up for 2005/2006 to replace of the Tractor unit of mower when required.
 - c. A Capital Fund of £1000 is set up for 2005/2006 for repairing the flat roof at Turreff Hall when required.
 - d. That an item be placed on the agenda for Full Council that another two Councillors become members of the Assets Committee.
5. **Beat Manager's Vehicle**



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The Council discussed the letter received from Sgt Scott regarding the options available regarding the funding of the Beat Manager's Vehicle. Sgt Scott then answered questions put to him by the Committee.

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The following items were to be investigated further:

- a. Sgt Scott to see if a cheaper quote can be found
- b. PC Nikki Scott to explore the possibility of providing some service to Lilleshall.
- c. The Clerk was asked to invite a Police spokesperson to a meeting in January to explain the restrictions on the specifications set out by the Police regarding the types of vehicles that their Officers are allowed to use.

Resolved – that unless a cheaper quote is received from Sgt Scott the Committee recommend to Full Council to sponsor the Beat Manager's vehicle for the next two financial years (2005/2006 and 2006/2007) at a cost of £2,300 per annum plus any inflation up to a maximum of £2,500 unless Police requirements diminish.

6. Bank Reconciliation

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

7. Financial Comparisons

The Clerk presented a report of the financial status of the allocated budgets to the 31st October 04 to the Councillors. **Resolved** – that these are accepted as a true record.

8. Precept 2005/2006

The Council discussed the list of budget headings for the Parish provided by the Clerk regarding the precept for 2005/2006 and **resolved** to recommend to Full Council that it increases the Grants Budget to £17,500 and accept the other budgets as stated.

9. Correspondence

a. Newport Music Club, Shropshire

The Chair read a letter from Newport Music Club requesting that the Parish Council sponsor one of this years concerts at a cost of £250. The Council decided against sponsoring a concert.

b. Code of Conduct – Registering of Interest and Freemasonry



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The Clerk had sent each Councillor a copy of the letter regarding the above and any Councillor to whom it was relevant was to inform the Clerk for their records to be amended accordingly.

c. Telford and Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau

The Chair read a letter from the above inviting members to their Annual General Meeting. Any Councillor interested in attending should give their names to the Clerk.

d. Telford and Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)

The Chair informed the Council that the CVS intended carrying out a short term project called "Windows to Progress" the aim of which is to give support to the voluntary and community sector to help them identify and meet their learning and training needs.

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e. W2004/1099, 10, Cardinals Close, Donnington, Telford

The Chair informed the Council that an application to have a garage conversion to a study and rear door built to form a window at the above address had been refused by Borough of Telford and Wrekin.

f. W2004/1372, Cavendish House Ltd, Parade Autos Site, St George's Road, Donnington.

Display of Showroom Facia signs and 2 flags.

The Council have no objection to this application.

g. W2004/1373, Cavendish House Ltd, Parade Autos Site, St George's Road, Donnington.

Erection of 2 flagpoles.

The Council have no objection to this application.

The meeting closed at 2115hrs.

Signed:

Date: