

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's. S.A. Watkins – Chair, C.F. Smith – Vice Chairman, K. Hanmer, M. Hanmer and D. Plant.

11/651 Apologies No apologies, all members present.

11/652 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any item specified in the agenda.

11/653 To receive budget information

RESOLVED – to accept the statement of grants issued to date, showing a balance of £660.

11/654 Grant Applications

RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

a) **To consider a grant application from Wrockwardine Wood Junior Football Club.**

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £100 towards new kit.

b) **To consider a grant application from Wrockwardine Wood Arts College towards the Choir's concert tour to Spain in July 2011.**

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £100 towards helping families who find the cost of the concert trip difficult.

The Clerk informed members that a letter of application was received from Marie Curie Cancer Care to support their work in Wales. It was Agreed to invite them to apply for a grant for patient care in our area.

11/655 To consider the Councils financial support of user groups at the Parish Council Centre

a) **Youth Club – RESOLVED** – to continue to support the Youth Club by allowing free use of the room each Thursday evening.

b) **Brownies Group – RESOLVED** – to continue to allow free use of the Meeting Room each Monday

evening.

c) **Toddler Group – RESOLVED** – to continue to allow free use of the Meeting Room every Tuesday morning.

11/656 To consider the Churchyard Maintenance Contract for 2011/12

It was noted that there has been several complaints about the poor upkeep of the churchyard, including the grass around the graves being too long and grass cuttings left.

RESOLVED – to obtain several new quotes for the upkeep of the churchyard.

11/657 To consider contributing towards a proposed footpath near Oakengates Leisure Centre.

A request was received from Borough Cllr. Bob Groom for a contribution towards this footpath near Oakengates Leisure Centre. The total cost is £15K and Telford & Wrekin Council have around £7K to contribute to the scheme. Cllr. Groom has also approached Oakengates Town Council for a contribution as this path is in their area, but there has been no response from them to date.

RESOLVED – to defer a decision on this item until Oakengates Town Council have responded.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Victor Brownlees, to say we are of the opinion that there should be some money available to fund this footpath to make it easier for the public to use and gain access to the new tennis centre. It was agreed to point out that we are concerned that TWC did not address our concerns about extra vehicle congestion at the junction of New Road with Wrockwardine Wood that will be caused by the new tennis centre.

11/658 To consider the 2011/12 Precept for recommendation to the Full Council

Suggested figures were tabled and considered by the Committee (copy attached to office minutes.) It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Council that the 2011/12 precept should be set at £106,000 for the fifth year running.

11/659 Any Items of Information or Items for the next Agenda.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Shropshire Star that we have not increased the precept for several years, once the Precept figure has been confirmed at the Full Council Meeting on 11th January.

11/660 Date & Venue of the next meeting Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm.

Signed.....
Chair.

Date