

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2010 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's. S.A. Watkins – Chair, K. Hanmer and C.F. Smith.

10/612 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED – to accept apologies from Cllr's K. Hanmer and H. Smith (illness)

10/613 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

10/614 TO RECEIVE BUDGET INFORMATION

RESOLVED – To accept the statement of grants issued to date. It was noted that the current available balance is £720.

10/615 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 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.

To consider a grant application from Marie Curie Cancer Care

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £200 towards Marie Curie Cancer Care nursing services in our area.

10/616 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 at a cost of £10 per week to the Wrockwardine Wood Infant School for heating and cleaning the hall.

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.

10/617 To consider the Churchyard Maintenance Contract for Holy Trinity Church for 2010/11

A list of recommendations for the Churchyard was received from Mr. Regan of TF Garden Services. Mr. Regan recommends severely cutting back or removing the tree that is partially obstructing access at the rear of the Churchyard with the Councils approval. It was AGREED to authorise this work. Other recommendations included stopping dogs fouling the graveyard and asking people to consider placing discarded flowers in the rubbish bins provided. It was AGREED to talk to Reverend Stafford about having a notice displayed at the front and rear entrances to the churchyard to try to resolve these issues. Mr. Regan said that ideally a full time gardener is needed but in the present economic climate this is unlikely and says perhaps a part time position of 15 to 20 hours per week may be considered in the longer term.

RESOLVED – To renew the current Contract with TF Garden Services for a further twelve months at a cost of £4605.

10/618 To consider Gas and Electricity Suppliers.

Cllr. D. Plant asked if we should consider alternative suppliers and also consider one supplier for both gas and electric if this would save money. It was pointed out that we do receive our electricity at a reduced rate because we agreed to a twelve month contract. Alternative suppliers have been considered, but as our building is classed as commercial we are unable to find an alternative supplier at a reduced rate.

10/619 To consider the 2010/11 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 2010/11 precept should be set at £106,000. It was noted that this will be the fourth year running that we have not increased the precept.

10/620 Items of Information or Items for the Next Agenda

An email was received from Andrew Banham asking us to consider alternative locations for two of the 15 litter bins that we are installing in the area. Andrew said that the bin on the corner of Plough Road is tarmaced into the surface so he proposed siting its intended replacement by the Methodist Church instead. It was AGREED to site this bin on the right of way footpath at the rear of the bungalows at Johnstone Close because of the amount of litter and dog fouling in this area. Andrew asked if we will consider siting the bin that was to go by the Sun Tan shop by the new bus stop near the entrance to Stratford Park instead to replace the tatty yellow bin there. It was AGREED to site this bin at the original location by the Sun Tan shop.

09/621 Date & Venue of the next meeting

Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled for 2nd February and 6th April. It was AGREED that the 2nd February Meeting will be cancelled if there are no grant applications to consider.

Signed.....
Chair.

Date