

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Parish Council Centre at 6.30pm

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

## **08/565 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED** - To accept apologies from Cllr. H. Smith (no babysitter) and Cllr. K.R. Watkins (Meeting)

**08/566 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

## **08/567 TO RECEIVE BUDGET INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED** – To accept the statement of grants issued to date. It was noted that the current available balance is £1150.

## **08/568 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.

### **a) To consider a grant application from Marie Curie Cancer Care**

**RESOLVED** – to award a grant of £150 towards domiciliary nursing services in our area.

### **b) To consider a grant application from The Black History Working Group**

**RESOLVED** – that we are unable to award a grant on this occasion.

### **c) To consider a grant application from Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery Eco Committee towards bird tables and boxes and planting shrubs between the parish room and back gate to provide screening.**

The Clerk was instructed to check with the school that the planting of shrubs between our room and the back gate will not obstruct our fire exit.

**RESOLVED** – that we will plant shrubs ourselves between the Parish Centre and playground. It was noted that funding for this work would not come out of the Section 137 budget.

### **d) To consider a grant application from No Panic**

**RESOLVED** – to award a grant of £50 towards ongoing costs.

### **e) To consider a grant application from Shropshire Peer Counselling & Advocacy Service**

**RESOLVED** – not to award a grant on this occasion.

### **f) To consider a grant application from Donnington Police Community Sports & Social Amateur Boxing Club**

**RESOLVED** – not to award a grant on this occasion.

**08/569 CORRESPONDENCE** There was no correspondence.

**08/570 TO CONSIDER THE RUNNING OF A WEEKLY KEEP FIT CLASS IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

The Clerk informed members that the keep fit class, for over 50's has already started and so far there has been sufficient attendance to cover costs. The cost however, will increase once we have to pay the school for heating and unless we can attract more members there may be a deficit. The cost of the instructor is £20 per session.

**RESOLVED** – to continue with the keep fit class charging £2.50 for attendance and to cover any surplus costs and review this decision in December.

**08/571 ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

It was AGREED to Cllr. Smith's suggestion to write to Victor Brownlees, Financial Officer at Telford & Wrekin Council to invite him to attend one of our meetings to tell us what benefit we get from paying for our Street Lighting. This will enable us to consider if we should continue with the Street Lighting Contract at our budget meeting in December.

**08/572 Date & Venue of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.30pm to set the budget for approval by the Full Council in January.