

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2013 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 7pm.

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

13/737 Apologies

There were no apologies as all members were present.

13/738 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

13/739 To receive budget information

RESOLVED – to accept the statement of grants issued to date, showing a balance of £800.

13/740 Grant Applications

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

It was AGREED that this application cannot be considered as Marie Curie have not returned a completed grant application form.

b) To consider a grant application from Ironbridge Brass Band Festival.

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £50 towards printing poster to advertise this year's Festival.

c) To consider a grant application from Mark's Pit Stop

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £100 to be issued in April in the new financial year.

d) To consider a grant application from Crucial Crew

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £100 to be issued in April in the new financial year.

13/741 Precept 2013/14

Suggested budget figures were tabled and considered by the Committee (copy attached to office Minutes.) It was **RESOLVED** – to recommend to the Full Council that they should consider setting the 2013/14 Precept at £89,565 which together with our allocated grant of £16,435 gives a total of £106,000. It was noted that because of the changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme which has resulted in a reduction to the council tax base from 1608.7 to 1336 the charge to Band D equivalents will increase by 1.73%.

13/742 TWC Parish Environmental Team – 2 for 1 Initiative

RESOLVED – to recommend to the Full Council that we enter into a Service Level Agreement with Telford & Wrekin Council for three years to provide a Parish Environmental Team for our area. The team will offer over and above the baseline service for the benefit of the environment and will only

function within our Parish boundary. The cost to the Parish Council will be £25,000 per year with Telford & Wrekin Council paying £12,500. It was **AGREED** that this initiative should be financed from the Council's reserves for at least the first two years. It was noted that after two years the loan from the PWLB will be paid.

13/743 To consider Grit Bins for upper Chapel Terrace, Dickens Road, Lincoln Road, Rocfield Terrace and Oaklands Drive.

The Clerk informed members that TWC will check to see if the locations of grit bins for Dickens Road, Lincoln Road and Rocfield Terrace fit their criteria for providing bins. Cllr. Smith said that there used to be a grit bin located at upper Chapel Terrace and the Clerk was asked to check what happened to it. It was agreed that there is not sufficient room for a bin to be installed at Oaklands Drive. It was **AGREED** to purchase a bin for Rocfield Terrace if TWC do not agree to install one.

13/743 To consider altering the Clerks hours of work

It was **AGREED** to defer this item until after the AGM.

13/744 Date & Venue of the next meeting

To be agreed at the AGM in May.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

Signed.....
Chair.

Date