

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 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 and D. Plant.

12/716 Apologies

RESOLVED – to accept apologies from Cllr. M. Hanmer (OTC Meeting)

12/717 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr. D. Plant declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4c on the agenda – *to consider a grant application from the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench History Group.*

12/718 To receive budget information

RESOLVED – to accept the statement of grants issued to date, showing a balance of £1200.

12/719 Grant Applications

- a) **To consider a grant application from Parents Opening Doors** an independent parent forum supporting families with a disabled child.

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £100 towards their passport project and the purchase of a card printer.

- b) **To consider a grant application from Donnington Police Community Amateur Boxing Club.**

RESOLVED – not to award a grant on this occasion.

- b) **To consider a grant application from Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Local History Group.**

Cllr. Plant left the meeting while this item was considered.

RESOLVED – to allow the continued use of the meeting room free of charge for the next twelve months. It was noted that the group meets once a month for two hours.

12/720 TWC Parish Environmental Team – 2 for 1 Initiative

RESOLVED – to recommend to the full council that they favourably consider this initiative. It was AGREED that we should consult with residents through the newsletter to ascertain if they would be in favour of this initiative as it would mean an increase in the precept next year. It was AGREED to carefully consider if any savings can be made in the budget for 2013/14 to prevent the precept being considerably increased.

12/721 To further consider the purchase of a new Notice Board

The Chair informed members that this item has been put on the agenda for consideration again as the board is costlier than first anticipated.

RESOLVED – to purchase an Aluminium A0 Notice Board from the Sign Shop, Wellington at a cost of £987. The price includes lockable doors, shatterproof polycarbonate, red pin board, header panel, 3m posts and installation of the board.

12/722 To consider tree cutting at Holy Trinity Churchyard

The Clerk informed members that Yew Trees along the footpath on Church Road overhanging from the churchyard are blocking the street light, the Lime Trees at the entrance to the churchyard require trimming and the Japanese Knotweed needs treating again to keep it contained. John Virgo from TWS has verbally quoted a price of approximately £120 to cut the trees, but the Clerk is waiting for written confirmation. It was **RESOLVED** to have this work carried out as it is an urgent requirement.

12/723 To consider purchasing mobile phones for all members

The Clerk outlined the different packages available and it was noted that the lowest priced option would be £13.50 per month for a basic handset giving 50 minutes of calls and 250 text messages. Packages then vary in cost and the number of minutes allowed with the highest being £60 per month. It was **RESOLVED** not to consider the purchase of phones for all members because of the cost involved and the current economic climate.

12/724 To consider funding Defibrillators in the Community

An email has been received from Jo Revell asking if we would be prepared to fund or part fund the cost of a defibrillator at £1000. Jo says that training for volunteers to use the unit would be free. It was pointed out that the centre would not be an appropriate building to store a unit as it would have to be kept in the Clerk's office so would be locked up in the evening when groups use the building. It was therefore **RESOLVED** not to fund or part fund the cost of a defibrillator.

12/725 To consider the future of the Keep Fit Class

The Clerk informed members that the class is now attended by 8 people at least and sometimes 10 turn up. It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the class and review at the end of the current financial year. It was **AGREED** to offer the first session free to try to gain an increase in attendance.

The Clerk informed members that Telford & Wrekin Council has hired the meeting room for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections on Thursday 15th November 2012 from 6.30am – 10.30pm and are enquiring about the cost. It was **RESOLVED** to charge a flat rate of £100 and to pay the keyholder double the normal rate because of the unsociable hours of opening and closing the centre.

12/726 Date & Venue of the next meeting

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on 2nd January 2012 at 7pm.

Signed.....
Chair.

Date