

# ***FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES***

**MINUTES** of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at the Parish Council Centre at 2.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr's. C.F. Smith, K.R. Watkins and S.A. Watkins.

## **08/547 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** – that Cllr. S. A. Watkins be elected Chair for the forthcoming twelve months.

## **08/548 ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** – that Cllr. C.F. Smith be elected as Vice Chair for the forthcoming twelve months.

## **08/549 APOLOGIES**

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

## **08/550 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **08/551 TO RECEIVE BUDGET INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED** – To accept the statement of grants issued to date. It was noted that the current available balance is £1250.

## **08/552 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 Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival**

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

### **b) To consider a grant application from Oakengates Rangers Football Club**

**RESOLVED** – to award a grant of £50 to help buy new equipment.

### **c) To consider a grant application from Newport Visually Impaired Peoples Association**

**RESOLVED** – to grant £50 towards trips to places that stimulate members sensory awareness.

## **08/553 To consider the provision of a Youth Club at the Parish Council Centre**

A request was received from the local Police Team to provide facilities for a youth club for age range 6 – 11 years on Friday evenings.

**RESOLVED** – to allow the use of the meeting room on a trial basis, and to review this decision at the next finance committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October. It was AGREED that the committee could meet at an earlier date if this decision needs reviewing before October.

**08/554 To consider a contribution towards the Summer Activities Day on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008.**

It was pointed out that we have budgeted £1000 for youth activities in our Parish. It was **RESOLVED** to use some of this budget to provide the refreshments for the Summer Activities Day at Oakengates Leisure Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

**08/555 Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Listen & Care Group saying that they were disappointed that we were unable to give them a grant and they will continue to support clients who live within our parish and ask that we consider them in the future.

**08/556 Items of Information or Items for the Next Agenda**

- a) A request was received from the Family Literacy Group who hires the meeting room twice a week for storage space for which they would provide a cabinet or pay for a built in cupboard in the Clerks office that we would be able to have joint use of. It was pointed out that the office does not have sufficient space for further storage. It was AGREED to urgently investigate the possibility of building a store cupboard on the side of the meeting room which would solve our storage problem and allow space for permanent groups.
- b) It was AGREED to contact Telford & Wrekin Council to see if they are able to contribute towards the cost of providing more litter bins in the Parish.

**08/557 Date & Venue of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6pm.

Signed.....  
Chair.

Date .....