

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES of the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at the Parish Council Centre, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's. Mrs S.A. Watkins (Chair), L. Madeley, C. Smith, H. Smith and J. Thompson

18/1052 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

18/1052 Apologies

All members were present.

18/1053 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were disclosed.

18/1054 Grant Request

The Committee considered a grant request from Wrockwardine Wood Toddler Group for £100 towards the cost of their Toddlers Christmas Party.

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £100 to Wrockwardine Wood Toddler Group to help with putting on a Christmas party for the children.

18/1055 Heating Thermostat Replacement

The Clerk reported that there have been problems with the central heating thermostat and as a result the building is either too hot or too cold. The Clerk called out the heating contractor who replaced the boiler earlier in the year and he suggested that a new thermostat would be more viable than repairing the old unit. The cost saving from having a new control which could vary the settings on a daily basis rather than a weekly basis would be evident within 12 months.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council agreed to purchase a new thermostat as recommended by the Clerk at a cost of £220 + vat, which included fitting.

18/1056 PRH donation to renovate doctor's accomodation

At the last Full Council Meeting on 13th November 2018, the Parish Council resolved to pledge £2,500 towards the refurbishment of accommodation for doctors at the PRH Hospital, to be paid once confirmation is received that the A & E Department will remain open overnight.

The Clerk wrote to The Leader of the Council, Cllr Shaun Davies to pledge £2,500 and received a request from him for the money to be donated now to enable materials to be purchased and the work to continue.

RESOLVED: that in view of the urgent need for the accommodation to be completed and made available to doctors wishing to work at the PRH, it was agreed to make £2500 available immediately.

18/1057 Banking arrangements

The Clerk reported that she had to use her own funds to purchase some large items recently before being reimbursed by the Parish Council and asked if she could look at having a top-up card for this purpose.

Cllr C. Smith agreed that it was a matter of concern and suggested that the Clerk researched suitable options and it is discussed again at the next meeting.

18/1058 Ward Pride Fund

Cllr Charles Smith updated that he still had £1,583.50 of his Ward Pride Fund remaining and asked for suggestions from councillors on possible environmental projects. Several options were discussed, but Cllr C. Smith decided to allocate £467 on replacing missing fencing in Lineton Close to ensure the safety of school children using the gap as a short cut on to Church Road and £1116.50 towards the resurfacing of the path at Trench Road playing fields.

18/1059 Budget review

The clerk distributed a copy of the budget as at 31st October 2018.

Cllr Madeley asked whether an eco-drain could be installed as part of the resurfacing of Trench Road playing fields as it has been previously discussed as part of the project.

The Clerk will follow up the request with TWS who have contracted the work.

Councillors asked whether the quote has been received yet to put up railings at the top of Church Road to stop students from Telford Priory School stepping straight into the road at a very dangerous junction.

The Clerk has chased up the quote on 3 occasions with Telford & Wrekin Council but has still not received the quote.

The Clerk was asked to escalate the issue to director level.

18/1060 Date & Venue of the next meeting

Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Meeting finished at 7.30pm.

Signed.....
Chair.

Date