

**HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee**  
**held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011, commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**325/11 PRESENT**

Councillors J Smart (Chairman), R Dickens (Vice-Chairman), A Bentley, H Dickens, M Grindrod, G Moore, L Savage, A Twyford and M Smith.

Administrator: Gail Lawrence.

**326/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** that apologies are approved and accepted from Councillor W McClements.

**327/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**328/11 COMMENTS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DECLARED PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, AND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IN RESPECT OF ITEMS LISTED IN THE AGENDA ONLY**

One member of the public was present. No matters were raised.

**329/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee which was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (previously circulated) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**COUNCIL BUDGET****330/11 Monitoring report**

The Committee reviewed a budget comparison report in respect of the Council's budget for 2011/12. There were no matters arising.

**PLANNING****331/11 Applications for consideration**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made in respect of the following:

1. TWC/2011/0940 – proposed two-storey side extension, 2 Pool Meadow, Hadley, Telford.
2. TWC/2011/0949 – outline planning application for residential development (24 no. units) all matters reserved except access, Gladstone House, Hadley, Telford.
3. TWC/2011/0953 – erection of a new District Centre comprising food store (371m<sup>2</sup> GFA) (Use Class A1), ancillary units (Use Classes A1, A2, A3 & A5) (560m<sup>2</sup> total GFA), vets (245m<sup>2</sup> GFA) (Use Class D1), creation of 70 no. parking spaces and associated infrastructure, landscaping and public realm following demolition of existing structures, Gladstone House, Hadley, Telford.

**332/11 Permissions granted (for information only)**

The Committee **noted** that Telford & Wrekin Council has granted permission in respect of the following:

1. TWC/2011/0832 – two storey rear extension and installation of new window to first floor bedroom, 11 Kearton Terrace, Hadley Telford.

**333/11 Application withdrawn (for information only)**

The Committee **noted** that the following application has been withdrawn:

1. TWC/2011/0805 – felling of 1 no. Sycamore tree, The Coach House Cottage, 28 Apley Castle, Telford.

**334/11 GRANTS**

The Committee was informed that the budget provision for grants for 2011/12 is £6000.00, of which £3200.00 has been spent leaving a balance of £2800.00.

**RESOLVED** that the following grant be made:

G23/11 Telford Twisters £250.00  
(s.19, Local Govt. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)

**PAYMENT AUTHORISATIONS AND APPROVALS****335/11 Payments for approval**

The Committee reviewed a list of payments to be made. Councillor J Smart had verified against invoices etc. the cheques to be drawn and payment authorities to be signed.

**RESOLVED** that

(1) The drawing of cheques numbered 302118 to 302129, six payments in respect of salaries by BACS, and direct debits in favour of Eon, Telford & Wrekin Services Ltd and UK Fuels Ltd., all payments totalling £7978.86 and as detailed in an approval list submitted, is authorised.

(2) Councillors R Dickens and L Savage are authorised to sign the authorities for payment and the cheques to be drawn.

**336/11 LIBRARY SERVICES**

The Committee was informed that the opening hours at Hadley Library are due to be cut by 11 hours per week and considered a proposal that the Parish Council should provide funding to maintain the opening hours at their current level.

**RESOLVED** that the council would have some interest in supporting this proposal however it would not make any financial commitment at this time.

**337/11 COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITY AT APLEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Committee considered a request by Apley Wood Primary School for financial support towards a project to create a community sports facility in the school grounds. It is proposed that a bid for grant funding under the "Fields in Trust Diamond Jubilee" scheme will be made, and to qualify the applicant must demonstrate that it has secured 30% of the project cost from other sources. The project cost is £50,000.00, requiring a contribution in total of £15,000.00. The school hopes that the Friends of Apley Wood School will be able to raise £6000.00 and a local sports team will contribute £1000.00.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Council gives financial support to Apley Wood Primary School to support its bid for grant funding for a community sports facility utilizing the school fields, and that the full Council considers the proposal and determines the amount to be committed and the timescale for its payment.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.