

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
held on the 19th July 2011, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

189/11 PRESENT

Councillors J Smart (Chairman), R G Dickens (Vice-Chairman), H P Dickens, W A M McClements, L A Savage and A Twyford.

Clerk to the Council: Colin Potts.

190/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Councillors A Bentley, G I Moore and M J Smith.

191/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

192/11 COMMENTS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DECLARED PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, AND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IN RESPECT OF ITEMS LISTED IN THE AGENDA ONLY

Two members of the public were present. No matters were raised.

193/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee which was held on the 21st June 2011 (previously circulated) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

194/11 BUDGET MONITORING

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

PLANNING

195/11 Applications for consideration

RESOLVED that the under-mentioned applications are dealt with as follows:

1. TWC/2011/0534 – erection of a garage, 13 Haybridge Avenue, Hadley, Telford – no objection.
2. TWC/2011/0541 – renewal of outline planning permission W2006/0291 for residential development, land off Peregrine Way, Apley, Telford – no objection subject to all of the conditions attaching to the extant permission W2006/0291 being carried forward to the renewed consent.

196/11 Permissions granted (for information only)

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

1. TWC/2011/0324 – erection of a first floor extension and attached single garage to side, conversion of existing garage to habitable room, 15 Barnes Wallis Drive, Apley, Telford.
2. TWC/2011/0468 – installation of mezzanine floor and office accommodation with external windows, ancillary toilet and canteen facilities and open storage area, Unit 1c, Queensway Business Park, Hadley, Telford.

197/11 Speaking at Plans Board

The Committee was informed that the Clerk will be on annual leave on the date of the next meeting of the Plans Board, 3rd August 2011, and it therefore needed to consider the nomination of a member or members of the Council to speak on behalf of the Council at that meeting in the event that any applications which have been referred by the Parish Council appear in the agenda.

RESOLVED that

(1) Councillor R G Dickens is authorised to speak on behalf of the Council at a meeting of the Telford & Wrekin Council Plans Board in respect of application numbers TWC/2011/0378, 0380, 0391 and 0470;

(2) If Councillor R K Austin, previously authorised by the Council to speak on behalf of the Council at Plans Board in respect of application TWC/2010/0790, is unable to attend the relevant meeting for any reason Councillor R G Dickens is authorised to speak on behalf of the council in respect of that application;

(3) The foregoing to be effective in the event that the meeting(s) of the Plans Board at which the aforementioned applications are to be dealt with fall on a date when the Clerk to the Council is on leave.

GRANTS

The Committee was informed that the budget provision for grants for 2011/12 is £5000.00, of which £1650.00 has been spent leaving a balance of £3350.00.

198/11 Applications for consideration

RESOLVED that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 will make the following grant:

G18/11 Towers Above Art Group	£300.00
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199/11 Thanks for grants previously made (for information only)

The Committee **noted** that thanks for a grant previously made have been received from Leegomery Community Club.

PAYMENT AUTHORISATIONS AND APPROVALS

200/11 Expenditure for ratification

RESOLVED that expenditure incurred on behalf of the Council under the terms of Financial Regulation 3.4 as detailed below is ratified:

Amount Excl VAT	Details
£14.00	Central Taxis – transport for Parish representative to Bus User Group meeting 22.6.11 (<i>s.111 LGA 1972</i>)
£21.00	Novascope IT Ltd – identity cards for new councillors (<i>s.111 LGA 1972</i>)
£81.60	Ian Gibbons Building Maintenance – manufacture of football target for Youth Café; repairs to toilet door CFCC (<i>s.19, LG(MP)A 1976</i>)
£30.00	George Fenney Photography – photographs of new councillors for web site and id cards (<i>s.111 LGA 1972</i>)

201/11 Payments for ratification and 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 302020 to 302030, six payments in respect of salaries by BACS, and direct debits in favour of Titan Telecommunications, UK Fuels Ltd., Telford & Wrekin Services Ltd., and Eon, all payments totalling £8585.15 and as detailed in an approval list submitted, is authorised.

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

202/11 DEEDS TO PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNCIL**RESOLVED** that

(1) Councillors W A M McClements and L A Savage are authorised to sign authorities in respect of the following:

- **Hadley Cemetery and Lodge:** an authority to enable the Clerk to collect the deeds to the property from Parry Carver, Solicitors for preparation of an application for registration of the Council's title, the deeds to be returned to Parry Carver on completion of registration for continued safe custody;
- **Castle Farm Community Centre:** an authority to enable the Clerk to collect the deeds to the property from Murray Cairns & Co, Solicitors for the purposes of inspection, and on completion to deposit the deeds with Parry Carver, Solicitors for safe custody;

(2) in respect of **Hadley War Memorial**, on completion of registration of the Council's title the deeds will be deposited with Parry Carver, Solicitors for safe custody.

203/11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

204/11 POWERS RELATING TO THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER – TEMPORARY CCTV INSTALLATIONS

The Committee considered a request by the Local Policing Team for funding to deploy a temporary CCTV camera at a location within the parish currently experiencing anti-social behavior. The request had been made on the basis that the deployment would be to a lighting column that is already enabled for the purpose, which would involve a cost of approximately £50.00. However it had since been confirmed that no suitable column exists at the required location, and to install and enable a suitable column would cost in the region of £2,000.00. The Committee also discussed whether the Council should make a budget provision for costs relating to the deployment of temporary CCTV cameras in the future. The Committee was of the view that the Council should not be expected to take on any further responsibility for police funding, having funded a car for the use of the Local Policing Team for over 10 years, and more recently provided a second car for use by the second Local Policing Officer deployed in the parish who has since been moved to another area and not replaced.

RESOLVED that the Council does not provide funding for the installation of a temporary CCTV camera at the requested location on the grounds that the cost is disproportionate to the benefit.

205/11 RECOMMENDED that the Council does not allocate a budget for the purpose of funding temporary CCTV installations for the reasons detailed above.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.