

HADLEY AND LEEGOMERY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
held on the 19th April 2011, commencing at 7.15 p.m.**

***Note:** The Committee has delegated authority to incur individual items of expenditure of up to £2,500.00 from within its agreed budget without reference to the Council. Recommendations for expenditure in excess of £2500.00 are subject to ratification by the Council.*

36/11 PRESENT

Councillors R G Dickens (Chairman), J Smart (Vice-Chairman), P H Dickens, M D Grindrod, C S J Harrison, G I Moore, R R Plenderleith, P Smart, M J Smith and S Thomas.

Clerk to the Council: Colin Potts.

37/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

38/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Agenda item 7, Grant Applications:

Councillor S. Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in respect of an application by Friends of Apley Woods, as Chairman of the organisation.

Councillor M J Smith declared a personal interest in respect of an application by the Ladies Committee of Hadley and District Orpheus Male Voice Choir, being the Honorary President of Hadley and District Orpheus Male Voice Choir.

**39/11 COMMENTS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DECLARED PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS,
AND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Councillor S Thomas indicated that, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12(2) of the Council's Code of Conduct, he would like to speak in respect of the grant application by Friends of Apley Woods.

RESOLVED that the order of business be so amended so that Councillor Thomas speaks on the matter immediately before the application is considered.

40/11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee which was held on the 15th March 2011 (previously circulated) be confirmed and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

**41/11 MINUTES OF VILLAGE GREEN FUN DAY SUB-COMMITTEE 14TH MARCH AND 4TH
APRIL 2011**

The Committee **considered** the minutes of the meetings of the Village Green Fun Day Sub-Committee held on the 14th March and 4th April 2011.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and adopted.

PLANNING**42/11 Applications for consideration**

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

1. TWC/2011/0308 – change of use from light industrial (use class B1) to performing arts school (use class D2), Unit 24, Horton Court, Hortonwood, Telford.

43/11 Permissions granted (for information only)

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

1. TWC/2011/0085 – Minor crown reduction on Beech tree at Princess Royal Hospital, Apley, Telford.

2. TWC/2010/0102 – erection and display of 1 No. 3.1m high free-standing non-illuminated monolith entrance sign, land at junction of Hadley Park East, Hadley, Telford.

44/11 Rescission of Council resolution dated 4th January 2011 re: planning application TWC/2010/0790

The Council considered new information which had been received from Telford and Wrekin Council Estates and Investments team regarding proposals for retail development at Trench Lock contained in planning application TWC/2010/0790. The information related to the implications of the proposals for the planned regeneration of Hadley Centre.

RECOMMENDED that the full council reverses its decision made on the 4th January 2011 in respect of planning application TWC/2010/0790 (erection of two blocks for up to 6 units for use classes A1 retail, A2 financial and professional, A3 restaurants and cafes and A5 hot food takeaway, outline to include access, Enterprise Garage, Trench Lock, Hadley), in order that the Council can reconsider the proposal in the light of additional information that the Council has received and submit revised comments to the local planning authority prior to the application being determined”.

GRANTS

Note: the budget provision for grants for 2011/12 is £5000.00, none of which has yet been spent. Councillor S Thomas, having declared a prejudicial interest, spoke in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12(2) of the Council’s Code of Conduct in respect of an application by Friends of Apley Woods, and then left the room whilst the application was considered.

45/11 Applications for consideration

RECOMMENDED that

1). the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should make the following grant which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will directly benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Friends of Apley Woods	£250.00
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2). the following grants be made under the powers quoted in italics:

Donnington Police Community Sports and Social Amateur Boxing Club	£100.00
Telford & Wrekin Council Summer Playschemes	£500.00
Hadley Lunch and Social Club	£150.00
Hadley Five-0	£100.00

(s.19, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)

Hadley Orpheus Male Voice Choir Ladies Committee	£100.00
Ironbridge Gorge Brass band Festival	£ 50.00
Wrekin and Telford Choral Society (s.145 Local Government Act 1972)	£100.00

3). No grant be made to the following:

Telford Gateway Club
Dalby Close Residents Association – Street Party

46/11 Thanks for grants previously made

The Committee noted that letters of thanks for grants previously made had been received from Severn Hospice, Mark's Pit Stop, Leegomery and District Allotments Association and Hope House Children's Hospices.

PAYMENT AUTHORISATIONS AND APPROVALS

47/11 Financial Report

RESOLVED that the report submitted be approved and 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
£87.87	PP Electrical Services – repairs to outside light, CFCC
£45.00	Severn Security Alarms – service visit CFCC
£11.30	Refund of overpaid hire fee, CFCC (s.19, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976).

48/11 Payments for approval

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

RESOLVED that

(1) the drawing of cheques numbered 301919 to 301930, seven payments in respect of salaries by BACS, and direct debits in favour of Titan Telecommunications, Neopost Ltd and Severn Trent Water, all payments totalling £10,185.85 and as detailed in approval lists submitted, is authorised.

(2) Councillors P Smart and M J Smith are authorised to sign the authorities for payment and the cheques to be drawn.

HADLEY YOUTH CAFÉ

49/11 Proposed visit

The Committee discussed proposals submitted by the Youth Engagement Officer for expenditure on a trip to Alton Towers for members of the Youth Café. The Youth Café has been awarded two grants, one from the Police Community Fund of £300.00 and one from the borough council £££s for projects scheme for £800.00. These are awarded to be used towards the costs of purchasing a pool table and undertaking an organized recreational visit during the summer of 2011. Arrangements are in hand for the purchase of the pool table at a cost of £1050.00 excluding VAT. The trip is planned to take place in July and will cost approximately £600.00. Hire of a minibus will cost £260.00 and admission for 12 members would cost approximately £440.00. After accounting for the grant funding the contribution by the Parish Council for these two items would be approximately £550.00.

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The Committee decided that attendance should be conditional on participation in the council's Fun Day on the 26th June, at which the Youth Café has been asked to arrange some form of activity to raise funds.

RESOLVED that the arrangements for a visit to Alton Towers during July 2011 for members of Hadley Youth Café who have taken part in the Village Green Fun Day are agreed, at an estimated cost of £550.00, the final cost dependent on the number of young people and staff who attend; and that the Clerk is authorised to confirm the final sum and make necessary bookings.

50/11 Delegation of powers to authorise expenditure within agreed limits

RECOMMENDED that the Council grants delegated authority the Youth Engagement Officer to authorise expenditure in respect of youth café activities and equipment, in consultation with the Clerk, up to a limit of £200.00 at any one time.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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Chairman,

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