

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held at St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on Monday 3 August 2015 at 6.48pm.

PRESENT: Councillor A Humphries (Vice-Chairman) – In the Chair
Councillor R G Beale (Ex-officio)
Councillor A H Laird
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley
Councillor R E Murphy
Councillor T J Noyes

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors S Best, Ms J Bolton, Mrs C Bowden, L Evans, Mrs A Hawkins and A Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors G R Brookes and A M Sinton (committee members), also Councillors Mrs S Harris, R J Morris and Mrs C Powell.

86 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

87 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Committee held 1 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

88 NEW HOMES BONUS

Wychavon District Council had lifted the hold on 2015/16 New Homes Bonus (NHB) payments to parish and town councils, giving a further tranche of any of the allocations for Years 2 to 4 available to draw down, plus the first tranche of Year 5 allocations. Details were:

New Homes Bonus grant	Paid for increases in housing stock between October	Payable from 1 April	Annual allocation	Total over six years	Amount paid to date	Interest deducted	Currently available to draw down	Remaining balance for future years
Year 2	2010 and 2011	2012	£8,544	£51,264	£48,271	£2,993	£0	£0

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Year 3	2011 and 2012	2013	£7,702	£46,212	£31,729	£0	£0	£14,483
Year 4	2012 and 2013*	2014	£21,619	£129,714	£0	£0	£43,238	£86,476
Year 5	2013 and 2014*	2015	£26,468	£158,806	£0	£0	£26,468	£132,338
Total			£64,333	£385,996	£80,000	£2,993	£69,706	£233,297

**Disregards any change in the number of empty properties*

NB

There was no allocation of Year 1 New Homes Bonus (NHB) to parish and town councils.

40% was allocated of Year 2 and Year 3 NHB grants to parish and town councils.

Up to 40% was allocated of Year 4 NHB grants to parish and town councils, with a sliding scale for annual allocations over £50,000.

The Committee noted that for allocations of over £10,000 Wychavon District Council wished to see proposals for new community facilities and services or significant expansions to existing ones were being sought, rather than expenditure on lots of small items or activities. Further information was available including the protocol and guidance at www.wychavon.gov.uk/newhomesbonus

Local Members were requested to digest the information for consideration within their wards. Councillor L Evans suggested that a Sub-Committee be set up but the Town Clerk advised that the applications would come before the Resources Committee for consideration and it was likely that applications for New Homes Bonus would be submitted shortly, as St Peter's Fields Association, Fortis Living, the High School and others had been in contact just prior to Wychavon District Council suspending the scheme.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

89 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Creditor accounts in the sum of £8,141.16 were considered for payment, along with supplementary payments in the sum of £1,843.93 as appended.

RESOLVED That the statement of accounts appended be received and the expenditure totalling £8,141.16 (£6,297.23 + £1,843.93) be approved and duly passed for payment.

The meeting closed at 6.58pm.

Chairman of Committee
12 October 2015

Chairman of Council
28 September 2015

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 1 JUNE 2015 – MINUTE NO 89 REFERS**Cheques already signed 6 July 2015**

10629	Stannah Lift Services Limited Replacement keys for Stannah stairlift	£105.55
10630	Mint Electrical Services Supply and replace faulty light in Community Hall - £90.00 Repair Fan in Community Hall / Emergency Light testing Connection & certification for electricity pillar in Victoria Square - £366.00	£456.00
10631	Npower Limited Christmas Lighting - 01.04.14 to 31.03.15	£213.72
10632	PR Support Services Handyman duties - June 2015	£334.47
10633	Novatron Scientific Limited Eltek Darca Heritage software	£552.00
10634	County Security Limited Alarm Call-out 18 June 2015	£22.62

Cheques signed 3 August 2015

10635	Smart Office Solutions Photocopier use - April to June 2015	£307.75
10636	Dudley's Coaches Limited TIC ticket sales June 2015 less commission	£702.40
10637	Orca Book Services Limited TIC Purchases	£48.72
10638	Premier Concepts Limited TIC Information Guides - Worcestershire Royal Hospital	£420.00
10639	Droitwich Royal British Legion Grant	£300.00
10640	Droitwich Spa & District Horticultural Society Grant	£500.00
10641	Droitwich Spa Art Club Grant	£400.00
10642	Droitwich Spa Area Forum for Older People Grant	£500.00

10643	Spectrum Days Grant	£900.00
10644	Droitwich Spa Allotment & Leisure Gardening Association Allotment Subscriptions 2015/16	£294.00
10645	R J Woodward Mayoral Board - Signwriter	£60.00
10646	Wychavon District Council Road Closure for Friday Charter Market	£180.00

SUB-TOTAL £6,297.23

Supplementary Cheques signed 3 August 2015

10647	Merlin Office Supplies Stationery	£13.18
10648	Stannah Lift Services Limited Service of stairlift	£148.15
10649	Bourne Decorators Limited Making safe holes following removal of Town signs - £360.00 Removal of redundant electric box, Victoria Square - £342.00	£702.00
10650	Zurich Management Services Limited LCAS Seminar - 15 July 2015	£36.00
10651	R T Harrison Work on Westwood Lodge Allotment Site Lengthsman Duties	£105.00 £123.20
10652	P R Support Services Handyman Duties	£407.40
10653	gcd consultancy IT Hardware	£309.00

SUB-TOTAL £1,843.93

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