



# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2005

**Present:** Councillors J Thompson (Chair), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, P Norton, G Platt, K Watkins.

**1. Election of Chair**

Nominations were requested for Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee. Councillor Ms C Mason was nominated. No other nominations were received.

**Resolved** - that Councillor Ms C Mason be Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee for this Parish Council.

**2. Election of Vice-Chair**

Nominations were requested for Vice-Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee. Councillor P Norton was nominated. No other nominations were received.

**Resolved** - that Councillor P Norton be Vice-Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee for this Parish Council.

**3. Apologies:** No apologies were received.

**4. Declaration of Interest:** None.

**5. Electricity Contract**

The Clerk explained that notification had been received that the current contract for the supply of electricity to Turreff Hall was due for renewal.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk investigates alternative prices with other companies and if the Clerk is able to find a cheaper alternative then he is to proceed with that company for the supply of electric to Turreff Hall without being required to seek Councils approval. However, the Clerk is to inform the Council of any decision made.

**6. Footpath – James Way to Furnace Lane**

Councillor J Thompson expressed concerns over the condition of the footpath between James Way and Furnace Lane. Shrubs had overgrown the footpath, there is an excessive amount of litter, graffiti on the fencing, bad lighting and there is a considerable amount of rubbish at the rear of the Newsagents. **Resolved** – that the Clerk contacts R Jevons (Borough of Telford and Wrekin Environmental Technician) to discuss options for improvements to be made and report back at the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting.



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**7. Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)**

Councillor Mrs R Gregory suggested that it would be good practise to have an audit of Turreff Hall to ensure that the Parish Council building complied with the Disability Discrimination Act. **Resolved** – that the Clerk and Councillor Mrs R Gregory make enquiries into obtaining costs for an audit for Turreff Hall to ensure the building complies with the DDA and report back to Council.

**8. Bus Shelter, Wellington Road, Muxton**

The Council discussed options on renovating and replacing the old tin bus shelter in Wellington Road, Muxton as it is in a poor state of repair. The Clerk had already made enquiries into replacing the shelter with a Perspex shelter and produced this for the Councillors. **Resolved** – that the Clerk makes further enquiries into the cost of replacing the tin sheets providing the steel structure is in good condition and to enquire as to the cost of erecting a half brick shelter as a replacement similar to the new shelter opposite the Sutherland Arms, Muxton and report back to Council.

**9. BT Payphones**

The Clerk informed the Council that correspondence had been received from BT with proposals to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand. Due to the increase in mobile phone ownership the number of calls made from BT payphones had more than halved. Within this Parish BT proposed to change one payphone in Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall from a cash payphone to a cashless payphone rather than remove it completely. **Resolved** – that the clerk place this information in the next newsletter and to place a notice in the payphone in order to produce feedback from the public regarding this matter.

**10. Lighting Cordingley Way**

A member of the public had complained about the condition of the lighting in Cordingley Way, Donnington. Councillors stated that new lights had been placed in Cordingley Way and that this had improved the situation there. **Resolved** – that the Clerk investigate the current lighting situation in this area and report back to Council.

**11. Potholes, Turreff Avenue, Donnington**



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Councillors complained about the number of large potholes appearing in the road in Turreff Avenue. Yellow markings were around the potholes indicating that work to repair them would be carried out. **Resolved** – that the Clerk contact the Borough of Telford and Wrekin and enquire as to when the repairs to the highway would be carried out.

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**12. Service Contract Renewal Turreff Hall**

The renewal of the Service Contract for the boiler at Turreff Hall was discussed.

**Resolved** – that Shropshire Heating Services retain the Service Contract at Turreff Hall at a cost of £85 plus VAT.

**13. Green Gym Project**

Cliff Hallam, the green gym project officer indicated that he was looking for more projects in the Donnington Area. The Clerk was asked to inform the public of this project through the Parish Newsletter. The Councillors gave various suggestions which included the gardens at Cordingley Hall, St Matthew's Church and the rear of the Scout Hut, Little Theatre and Barclay Gardens. **Resolved** – that the Clerk enquire as to the suitability of these suggestions with the project officer.

**14. Radio Masts**

The Chair informed the Council that an email had been received from Great Dawley Parish Council via Sharon Clayton (Administrator for SALC) requesting support from this Parish Council in that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin does not allow radio masts on its land. The Councillors were concerned that if the masts were not to be placed on Borough of Telford and Wrekin land then they could be erected anywhere. **Resolved** – that the Clerk writes expressing the Council's concerns regarding the siting of radio masts and requests it is fully consulted prior to any agreement being made when applications to site masts are made.

**15. Correspondence**

**i. Telford and Wrekin Libraries and Shropshire Archives Open Evening.**

The Chair informed the Council that an invitation had been received for Councillors to attend this Open Evening. Councillors G Platt and A Baker requested that their names plus wives be put forward to attend.

**ii. Invitation to Civic Service.**



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The Chair informed the Council that an invitation had been received for Councillors to attend a Civic Service held by the Mayor in St Michael's and All Angels Church, High Ercall. Councillors J Thompson, Ms C Mason and P Norton requested that their names be put forward to attend. The Clerk was asked to send copies of the above invitations to those Councillors not on this Committee for their information.

**iii. Parish Forum Meeting.**

The Chair informed the Councillors that the next Parish Forum had been "pencilled in" for 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Reception Suite at Civic Offices.

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**iv. Planning Application W2005/0645, Growing Wings Ltd, Greenfields Farm, Station Road, Donnington, Telford – Retention of Farm Shop and Cold Store.**

The Council had no objection to this application.

**v. Planning Application W2005/0658, Mr A Kang, 11 Queens Road, Donnington, Telford – Erection of a dwelling.**

The Council had no objection to this application.

**vi. Report from Borough of Telford and Wrekin Scrutiny Commission for Environment and Economy – Review of Granville Country Park February 2005.**

The Chair informed the Council that the above report was available to Councillors from the Parish Office.

**vii. Report from Borough of Telford and Wrekin Scrutiny Commission for Environment and Economy – Review of Regeneration of local and district centres February 2005.**

The Chair informed the Council that the above report was available to Councillors from the Parish Office.

The meeting closed at 2010hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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