

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

**Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at
Turreff Hall on 4th October 2010 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs V Brown, M Edwards, B Green, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, C Mason, P Norton, G Platt, J Thompson, K Watkins.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), WPC N Scott (West Mercia Police).

1. **Apologies:** Councillors A Baker, Mrs E A Clare, Mrs P A Green, Mrs B Mason.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.
3. **Public Session**
There were no members of the public present.
4. **Presentation by WPC N Scott**
A presentation was received from WPC N Scott regarding her visit to Holland and the Leonardo Project Partnership with which she was involved in with the Dutch and Italian Police. The Chairman thanked WPC Scott for an interesting insight into how other European Police Forces operate in comparison to the British Police.
5. **Minutes**
Councillors were asked to confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th September 2010.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising for Information**
The Clerk informed Councillors that the police had been informed about the issue regarding speeding cyclists on Coronation Drive and that they would be investigating the matter. Councillors were also informed of the date that work repairing the roof at Cordingley Hall would commence.
7. **Expenditure Transactions**
Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for August 2010.
Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for August 2010 are confirmed and signed as a true record.
8. **Bank Reconciliations**
Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2010.
Resolved - that the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2010 is confirmed and signed as a true record and that cheque 202855 dated 31st March 2010 is cancelled.

9. Financial Budget Comparison

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st August 2010.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

10. Allotments

The Clerk informed Councillors that the lease for the proposed Donnington site was currently with the Parish Council's solicitors and that the agreement regarding the sale of land adjacent to 78 Wellington Road, Lilleshall for allotments was currently being drawn up by Telford & Wrekin Council Legal Department. It is expected that this also should be with the Council's solicitors shortly.

11. New Bench, Wrekin Drive

A request had been received to purchase a new bench to be placed adjacent to the Bus Shelter near to The Parade, Wrekin Drive, Donnington as there was no seating facility for those waiting for a bus.

Resolved – to purchase a new bench for the aforementioned location and that the Clerk is to liaise with Telford & Wrekin Council regarding the purchase and installation.

12. Sensory Garden

The Chairman informed Councillors of the project to provide a sensory garden at land opposite Barclay Gardens, Donnington. Work by the Greenwood Trust has already started as it organised a team building day with staff from Park Hotel to clear the fruit. It is hoped to provide raised beds and "bug hotels" and to teach children from nearby schools about plants and wildlife together with creating an area of relaxation for elderly residents living nearby. A small grant has also been applied for from the Fairshare Trust to cover the cost of materials and plants.

13. Change of Name Order for Parish Council

Councillors were informed that the Order for the change of name for this Council to Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton Parish Council has been received and this will take effect from 1st December 2010.

14. West Mercia Police Authority

Councillors discussed a letter received from West Mercia Police Authority requesting comments from this Parish Council on which aspects of policing are most valued by the Council and on the value of the Local Policing Teams and PACT engagement processes. Comments received from Councillors were:

- The Local Policing Team (LPT) in this area is very good and that the Parish Council must ensure that any potential Government cuts should not affect this.
- The redistribution of police to cover manpower shortage often leaves other areas thin on the ground.
- The LPT is often undervalued in this area and throughout Telford.
- If the LPT are not available then police response appears to be slow. This may be due to the personal knowledge of the area and residents by the LPT.

The Chairman informed Councillors that a new telephone number for reporting Anti-Social Behaviour will be available in the near future.

- 15. LINK Telford and Wrekin – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS**
The Council considered a request from LINK to nominate a representative from this Parish Council to contribute to a collective response to the consultation process about the changes being proposed at its open public meeting to be held on Thursday 7th October at 7pm.
Councillors were concerned that Telford NHS would lose services if any changes occurred regarding the coalition governments plans to change the way the NHS works.
- 16. Purchase of Container for Pressure Washer Bowser**
Councillors considered quotes for the purchase of a container for the Bowser together with the costs regarding a hard standing on which the container will be placed.
Resolved – not to proceed with the purchase of a bowser due to the high cost of providing safe storage for it and the recently improved accessibility of hiring a bowser for the cleaning of the bus shelters.
- 17. Church Wall, Lilleshall**
Due to the requirement to point and make good 2 square metres of the Church wall to ensure its safety, Councillors discussed quotes received.
Resolved – that Company A is to be awarded the contract to repair the Church wall at a cost of £320 + VAT.
- 18. Planning Applications**
Councillors considered the following planning applications:
- a. TWC2010/0055
Mr G Geraci, 38 Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall, Telford, Shropshire.
Alterations to include extensions and new pitched roofs.
An error had been made on the Borough Council’s website requesting comments on this application from the Parish Council. This is because the Parish Council had already submitted its comments and therefore no further action or comments were required.
 - b. TWC2010/0434
Mr & Mrs Forrester, Moor Farm, Kynnersley Drive, Lilleshall, Shropshire.
Proposed conversion of barn to 1no. dwelling.
Resolved – that there is no objection to this application.
 - c. TWC2010/0440
Mr R Hinsley, Land adjacent, 86 Church Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Removal of condition 6 from planning permission W2008/0701 to enable installation of upvc white windows and doors.
Resolved – that there is no objection to this application.
 - d. TWC2010/0461
Mr G Stevens, 117 Jubilee Avenue, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of a summerhouse with decking (Retrospective).
Resolved – that there is no objection to this application.

e. TWC2010/0488

Mr Terry Aucott, Lodgewood Farm, Redhill Way, Donnington Wood, Telford, Shropshire.

Change of use of existing storage bays to storage of salt.

Resolved – to object to this application as Councillors were concerned over the site drainage and the effect this would have on surrounding areas with the possibility of salt water contamination. Also there would be an unacceptable increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles accessing the site.

19. Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy

Councillors were informed that the Clerk has passed the Certificate of Higher Education in Local Policy and as per the Clerks contract the Clerk is to receive a salary increment of one scaling point with effect from 1st October 2010.

Resolved – that the Clerk is to be congratulated on passing this qualification and to receive a salary increment of one scaling point with effect from 1st October 2010 as per his contract of employment.

20. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next meeting will be held on Monday 1st November 2010 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2020hrs.

Signed:

Date: