

Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 10th January 2011 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: C Mason (Chairman), A Baker, Mrs E A Clare, M Edwards, B Green, Mrs P A Green, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, Mrs B Mason, P Norton, G Platt, K Watkins.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Mrs L Dugmore (Representing Councillor N Dugmore), Mrs M Henderson and Mr V Rainsford (Breton Park Residents Association).

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs V Brown, J Thompson
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.

3. **Public Session**

Mrs M Henderson asked the Council for information regarding the development at Church Walk, Donnington and at the former King's Club site off St Matthew's Road, Donnington. Councillor Mrs E A Clare informed Mrs Henderson that the contractors appear to be having difficulties funding the completion of the development at Church Walk and the concerns over Anti Social Behaviour at this location had been raised with the developer and Telford & Wrekin Council. Councillor Clare stated that the Borough Councillors would again raise this issue with the aforementioned and report their findings back to her.

With regard to the King's Club site Councillor Mrs R Gregory informed those present that bore holes have been drilled and there are concerns that a mine shaft had been discovered but this could not be confirmed. The Borough Councillors agreed to also follow up this issue and the Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council requesting an update of works carried out at the site.

Mr V Rainsford introduced himself and asked if the Parish Council would consider purchasing a grit bin for the residents of Breton Park as the owners of the site were unwilling to take responsibility for gritting the roads and footpaths within the Park due to fear of recriminations and personal injury claims against them during the snow and icy period despite pressure from the residents there.

The Chairman stated that the Council would consider this further when the agenda item was discussed.

The Chairman thanked those present for their questions.

4. **Minutes**

Councillors were requested to confirm the Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 6th December 2010.

Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising for Information**

The Chairman allowed Councillors to receive information regarding the progress made with the allotments despite the item not being contained in the Minutes of 6th December 2010.

The Clerk informed Council that the documents were still with the Legal Department of Telford & Wrekin Council and grant application forms had been submitted to the National Lottery Awards for All and to the Fair Share Trust to help offset the cost of setting up the sites. Councillors were extremely frustrated at the slow progress being made and requested that the Clerk writes to the Legal Department to enquire as to why matters were taking so long. The Clerk was also asked to copy the correspondence to Councillor Andrew Eade and Mr Victor Brownlees, Telford & Wrekin Council.

6. Expenditure Transactions

Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for November 2010.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for November 2010 are confirmed and signed as a true record.

7. Bank Reconciliations

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliation as at 30th November 2010.

Resolved - that the bank reconciliation as at 30th November 2010 is confirmed and signed as a true record.

8. Financial Budget Comparison

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 30th November 2010.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

9. Transfer of Reserves

Councillors were requested to authorise the transfer of £20,000 from reserves to the Parish Council's current bank account. This figure is made up from spent Capital Funds and balances.

Resolved – that £20,000 is transferred from reserves into the Parish Council's current bank account to cover expenditure of Capital Funds and balances recently undertaken.

10. Salt Bins, Muxton

Councillors considered requests made to purchase salt bins for Muxton at a cost to the Parish Council of £100 each and £40 for refilling three times over the winter period. Potential sites had been identified by Councillor N Dugmore in an email sent to the Parish Council. Councillors stated that:

- It should be the responsibility of the Borough Council to provide grit bins and should amend the criteria contained within its current policy to reflect this.
- Telford & Wrekin Council should take a hard look at the "Partnership" working with Parish and Town Councils as this Council contributes a great deal to street lighting, bus shelters and planning for facilities at Broadoaks and Donnington Recreation Ground whilst at the same time the Borough Council is happy to charge this Parish Council for a piece of waste land so that it can provide allotments.
- It could open the door for other areas to request grit bins which would lead to a greater cost burden on the Parish Council.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to Telford & Wrekin Council requesting it reviews its criteria for the provision of grit bins, to clarify if the bins are meant for footpaths or roads and to reconsider the provision of salt bins to be located at:

Wellington Road – by the shops, Breton Park and the Post Office
Muxton Lane – by Laneside corner

Saltwell's Drive – by the doctors' surgery and the church

Marshbrook Way – by the school

Fieldhouse Drive – by the shops

With regard to Breton Park, the Parish Council will write to the owners of the site stating that it had been approached by a resident concerned that the roads are not being treated within the site and requesting money from the Parish Council to purchase a bin for the Park. The Council should also point out that the owners are responsible for the safety of those residing there.

11. Donnington Regeneration

The Chairman informed Councillors that an enquiry had been made to Telford & Wrekin Council with regard to the regeneration of Donnington District Centre. It is hoped to hold discussions and obtain improvements to the public toilets situated in Hawthorn Road near to The Parade, Donnington and to have a bus lay-by installed on Wrekin Drive near to the Ambulance Station during the next financial year (2011-2012).

12. Hanging Baskets, The Parade, Donnington

Councillors received the total costs for the installation of hanging baskets to be placed on The Parade, Donnington and Fieldhouse Drive, Muxton together with costs for planting and watering. A percentage of the costs will be met by the Borough Council's £££'s for Projects Scheme.

Resolved – that due to the high cost of supplying, planting and watering hanging baskets at the aforementioned locations the Parish Council would not be considering this project for the time being. The Clerk was asked to enquire if the money from the £££'s for Projects Scheme could be transferred and used to purchase Salt Bins for the Communities.

13. Councillor Surgeries

Councillors discussed the value of continuing to hold Parish Councillor Surgeries throughout the Wards due to poor attendance and the improved way of communicating through the media of internet and email.

Resolved – that the Parish Council will not hold any more Parish Councillor Surgeries but to reaffirm this after the elections at the next Annual General Meeting as any possible new Councillor may want to reinstate them.

14. Donnington Partnership Executive Committee

Due to the resignation of Councillor Mrs P A Green from the Donnington Partnership Executive Committee the Parish Council has been requested to nominate another Councillor to represent the Parish Council on this Committee.

Resolved – that Councillor P Norton is nominated as this Parish Council's representative on the Donnington Partnership Executive Committee.

15. Dissemination of short notice information to members of the public within the Parish Council Wards.

Councillors considered the best way in which to inform members residing within the Parish Council boundary of events organised/occurring at short notice. Suggestions were made such as having an email database of residents wishing to receive information or through Shropshire Radio but others felt it was the responsibility of the organisers of events to inform the members of the public. The Chairman asked Councillors to consider this issue and to discuss this matter again in the future.

16. Parish Council Precept

Each Councillor had received a copy of the Budget Comparisons as at 30th November 2010 as well as the proposed budgets and financial information for the forthcoming financial year 2011/2012. After much discussion Councillors voted on the proposals tabled.

Resolved – that the Precept for the year 2011/2012 is increased to £193,500 which will mean an increase of 97p per elector in the Parish Council element of the Council Tax, a rise of 2.25%.

17. Correspondence

The Chairman informed Councillors that the following correspondence has been received at the Parish Council Office:

a. Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust.

Councillors were informed that the latest quarterly magazine has been received at the Parish Council office.

b. Telford & Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)

Councillors are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the CVS which will take place in the Walker Room, Meeting Point House, Telford commencing at 7pm on Wednesday 19th January 2011. Its Annual and Financial Reports were also included.

c. “Our Future”: A shared vision for Telford & Wrekin.

Councillors are invited to attend this event which will take place on Thursday 3rd February 2011 at Civic Offices, Telford.

d. The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital “Keeping it in the County”.

Councillors are invited to attend this public event as part of its consultation which will take place at the Holiday Inn, Telford on Wednesday 16th February 2011.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February 2011 at Muxton Primary School, Muxton commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2100hrs.

Signed:

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