

Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 7th March 2011 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), N Dunbar (Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council), Councillor N Dugmore (Telford & Wrekin Council), Mrs M Henderson, Mr & Mrs A Morris (S.A.F.E.R.), T Nelson.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors P Norton, G Platt.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Also Councillor Mrs R Gregory – Item 12e.

3. **Public Session**

Mrs M Henderson asked the Council for information regarding ownership of a fence to the rear of her garden which was loose and causing damage to her own property.

The Chairman stated that she should speak to her local Borough Councillor, N Dugmore, for help in this matter and informed Mrs Henderson that the Parish Council will also investigate the ownership.

Councillor N Dugmore asked who was responsible for the path that runs from the play area adjacent to St John's Church through to the area near the junction of Saltwell's Drive and Marshbrook Way. He stated that the footpath had virtually disappeared and asked if it could be reinstated.

The Clerk informed the Council that it had considered reinstating the footpath a couple of years ago but decided it was not cost effective. The Chairman stated that the Council would investigate the issue and discuss the matter at a future meeting.

Mr T Nelson introduced himself to the Council as the Conservative candidate for the Borough Council elections for Donnington.

The Chairman thanked those present for their questions and comments.

4. **Presentation from Shropshire Ambulance First Emergency Responder (S.A.F.E.R.)**

Mr & Mrs Morris introduced themselves as the representatives of S.A.F.E.R. that covered Donnington, Muxton and St George's. They informed members that Lilleshall was covered by the Newport representative. Mr & Mrs Morris then proceeded to demonstrate some of the equipment they use when they attend any emergency to administer advanced medical assistance. They then explained the training required by members and the format and duration this takes.

Councillors then ask questions relating to their work. It came as somewhat of a surprise that nobody in the room knew that there are First Emergency Responders based in and around the local area and that they are all volunteers. When asked how they were funded, Councillors were informed that the Ambulance Service provides most of the equipment but they had to use their own vehicles and had to purchase their own defibrillators at a cost of around £1,200 each. Much of the money came from fund raising events throughout the year.

The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Morris for taking the time to attend the meeting and for a most informative presentation.

5. Minutes

Councillors were requested to confirm the Minutes of:

- a. Full Council meeting held on 7th February 2011
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b. Planning Committee meeting held on 14th February 2011.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising for Information

Councillor A Baker raised the issue about the provision of grit bins for Muxton and drew the Council's attention to an article written by Councillor N Dugmore in the "In and Around" magazine that is distributed throughout the parish. He was disappointed that Councillor Dugmore had left the meeting as he would have liked him to explain what had been written as it only told half a story. Councillor Baker stated that he felt extremely aggrieved by the contents of the article and that it was not the first time that Councillor Dugmore had produced articles somewhat derogatory of the Parish Council. He requested that the Parish Council responds to this article regarding the issues raised. Councillor Mrs E A Clare stated that it should be pointed out that it is not in the Parish Council remit to decide where grit bins are located but the responsibility of the Borough Council. Councillors were of the opinion that Councillor Dugmore fully understood the situation as it had been discussed at the Council's last meeting at which he was present. The Chairman stated that he would discuss responding to the article with the Clerk and include an article in the Parish Council newsletter explaining the Parish Council's view on the provision of grit bins.

7. Expenditure Transactions

Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for January 2011.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for January 2011 are confirmed and signed as a true record.

8. Bank Reconciliations

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2011.

Resolved - that the Bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2011 is confirmed and signed as a true record.

9. Financial Budget Comparison

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st January 2011.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

10. Known Significant Flood Events

In response to a letter received from Telford & Wrekin Council, Councillors considered if there has been any historic large scale flooding within the Parish boundary. The Clerk was asked to respond to the letter informing Telford & Wrekin Council that the following areas constantly experienced problems with flooding:

Wellington Road, Donnington to include Cordingley Hall Car Park right up to The Little Theatre.

Muxton Lane/Laneside, Muxton

Entry Bank, Wellington Road, Muxton where a resident recently had to be evacuated from his home.

Bottom of Church Road, Lilleshall possibly as a result of overflow from Old Ben Homes along a culvert.

11. Allotments

The Clerk informed Councillors that the site at Lilleshall had now been ploughed and that the next stage would be to employ contractors to do the work required as part of planning consent conditions. The Clerk requested that the Council give delegated powers to the Chairman, Clerk and Councillor K Watkins to consider quotes received for the work so as to speed up the preparation process of both the allotment sites. The Clerk informed Councillors that the documents regarding the sale of land were near completion but there had been a problem with the planning application for the Donnington site. Councillors were not happy with this and asked the Clerk to email D Sidaway, Councillor A Eade and Mr V Brownlees (all of Telford & Wrekin Council) requesting that all issues regarding the completion of sale of land at Lilleshall and the lease agreement for Donnington are concluded by the end of March. The Clerk is to copy Councillors Mrs E A Clare and C Mason into the email.

Councillor A Baker requested that he becomes a member of the working group for the allotments.

Resolved – that the Chairman, the Clerk and Councillor K Watkins are given delegated powers to approve quotes provided and award contracts for the work required for the allotment sites, the Clerk email D Sidaway and the others listed and that Councillor A Baker becomes part of the working group for the allotments.

12. Planning Applications

Councillors considered the following planning applications:

a. TWC2011/0090

Mr Hartley Colin Jenkins, 60A Wellington Road, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.

Extension/widening of existing dropped kerb.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application providing the applicant stays within the legal boundary of his property. Councillors were made aware of a dispute between the applicant and his neighbour as to the exact location of the property boundary.

b. TWC2011/0103

Mr D Binsley, 21 Winchester Drive, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of first floor rear extension.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

c. TWC2011/0106

Daniel Bryant, 42 Brookside, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of two storey rear extension and erection of detached garage with bedsit above following demolition of existing garage.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application

- d. TWC2011/0110
Andrew Laverie, 20 Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall, Shropshire.
Erection of one and two storey extensions to side and rear elevations and alterations to roof following demolition of existing garage
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.
- e. TWC2011/0111
Mrs R Gregory, Silverthreads Hall, Wellington Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of entrance canopy and new external wall insulation with associated alterations including replacement windows and doors.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

Urgency Resolution – Section 100B(4), Local Government Act 1972.

The Chair of the meeting made the following statement:

“I am of the opinion that the following item of business should be dealt with as a matter of urgency at this meeting in order to avoid any unnecessary delay.”

- f. TWC2011/0120
Mrs J Jones, 20 Bridge Way, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of a single storey side extension.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

13. Correspondence

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

a. Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust

To inform Councillors of its Annual General Meeting which is to take place on 26th March 2011 and receipt of its latest newsletter.

b. Gating Order 2011 – Alleyway from Park Road to Cordingley Way, Donnington, Telford.

Councillors were informed that a notice and plan in respect of the above gating order had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next meeting will be a full Council meeting to be held at Turreff Hall on Monday 4th April 2011 commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2020hrs.

Signed:

Date: