

Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 4th April 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, P Norton, G Platt, K Watkins.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), John Dasgupta (Shropshire Fire Authority), Councillor N Dugmore (Telford & Wrekin Council) and Mr T Nelson.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs B Mason, J Thompson.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.
3. **Public Session**
There were no questions from those present.
4. **Presentation from Shropshire Fire Authority**
Mr John Dasgupta introduced himself to the Council and explained the impact that the spending review will have on the Shropshire Fire Authority. He explained to Council:
 - how much money had to be saved over the next four years and how this would be done
 - the number of staff that would be lost
 - the reduction of preventative activities such as provision of smoke alarms to the general public and educating children on the dangers of fire.
 - The restructuring of the Fire Authority together with the possibility of sharing command centres with neighbouring brigades such as Hereford.
 - And how the authority will be engaging with local councils to seek help in identifying vulnerable people.The Chairman then invited questions from Councillors. When this had finished the Chairman thanked Mr Dasgupta for an informative and very interesting presentation.
5. **Minutes**
Councillors were requested to confirm the Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 7th March 2011.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising for Information**
Councillor G Platt complemented the Parish Council article sent to the “In and Around” magazine in response to Councillor Dugmore’s previous submission.
The Clerk also informed Councillors on the progress with the allotments.
7. **Expenditure Transactions**
Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for February 2011.
Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for February 2011 are confirmed and signed as a true record.

8. Bank Reconciliations

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliation as at 28th February 2011.

Resolved - that the Bank reconciliation as at 28th February 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 28th February 2011.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

10. Path at Saltwell’s Drive, Muxton

In response to a request made at the previous full Council meeting regarding the reinstatement of a path on land between Thornton Park Avenue and Saltwell’s Drive, Muxton, Councillors are asked to consider cost sharing with Telford & Wrekin Council. The path goes through onto Telford & Wrekin land adjacent to St John’s Church and therefore the Parish Council is asked to make a contribution of a quarter of the total price as the path on Parish Council land is approximately ¼ of the total length. The cost to the Parish Council will be £800.

Resolved – to contribute to reinstating the path on land between Thornton Park Avenue and Saltwell’s Drive with Telford & Wrekin Council at a cost to the Parish Council of £800.

11. Internet Banking

Councillors were requested to authorise access to the Parish Councils bank accounts via the internet. The accounts will be set up so that they can be viewed only. This will also help prepare the Parish Council for future internet banking with the forthcoming abolition of cheques.

Resolved – to proceed with setting up internet banking for the Parish Council’s bank accounts so that they can be viewed only at this present moment in time but also for preparation for future banking when cheques are abolished.

12. Footpaths

Councillors were informed that a footpath modification order has been made with regard to land off Sylvan Close, Lilleshall. Councillors also discussed a request to remove the “No Public Right of Way” signs at the Talbot Centre, Lilleshall.

Resolved – that the signs are removed from the Talbot Centre, Lilleshall.

13. Community Emergency Coordinator

The Parish Council has been asked to nominate a Community Emergency Coordinator with whom Telford & Wrekin Council’s Civil Resilience Team can liaise with during an emergency incident affecting this Parish Council’s community.

Resolved – to wait until after the May elections before nominating a representative from the Parish Council.

14. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing: Consultation on Conditions

Councillors were informed that the aim of the consultation is to review a number of conditions on which all relevant parties will have the opportunity to comment. Hackney Carriages, Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators must comply with conditions set by the Council and attached to their licences. The consultation period will commence on 8th March 2011 for a 12 week period, and will end on 7th June 2011. Councillors were asked to consider the proposals and comment where necessary.

15. Telford & Wrekin Sports Forum

Councillors were asked to consider renewing the Parish Council's membership to the T&Wr Sports Forum.

Resolved – to wait until after the May elections before considering the renewal of its membership to T&Wr Sports Forum.

16. Private Session

Resolved – that under Local Government Act 1972 Section 100A, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that these matters be discussed in Private Session and the Public have been asked to withdraw.

The Clerk informed the Council that, after consulting with the Chairman, an outstanding debt of £232 for the hire of Turreff Hall has been written off. This is due to the hirer consistently ignoring letters delivered to his house regarding the debt and that it would cost the Council more to pursue this through the Courts than the actual value of the debt itself.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next meeting will be the Annual Public Meeting to be held at Turreff Hall on Monday 23rd May 2011 commencing at 7pm to be immediately followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Council. This is due to the Council elections which are being held on 5th May 2011.

The Chairman then thanked the Councillors for their support and contributions to meetings over the last number of years and wished them well for the future. This was emulated by the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 2015hrs.

Signed:

Date: