

Lilleshall, Donnington and Muxton Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 5th September 2011 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: J Lavery (Vice-Chairman), A Baker, Mrs C A Baker, Mrs V Brown, Mrs E A Clare, Mrs L M Dugmore, N Dugmore, A Lawrence, C Mason, Mrs E P Millard.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Mrs P Coffey and Mrs W Thompson (Lilleshall Village Tennis Club), Ms C Slaytor, J Cook and D MacPhail (Veolia), Mrs R Gregory, J Plant.

Due to an apology being received from the Chairman Councillor Mrs P A Green, the Vice-Chairman Councillor J Lavery chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** M Bolam, Mrs P A Green, J Haigh, P Norton.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

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

3. **Public Session**
There were no questions from those present.

4. **Veolia In Vessel Composting Facility**
In response to this Parish Council's objection to a planning application submitted by Veolia, representatives from the company gave a presentation about the proposed composting facility. Mr MacPhail introduced the members present from Veolia and then went on to explain:

- a. How the in vessel composting process works
- b. The proposed facility
- c. The proposed site layout plan
- d. Opening Hours and access.

After the presentation Councillors raised the following concerns and questions:

Location – Councillors were concerned that the location remained unsuitable as it intruded on Granville Country Park and suggested it would be better located on an industrial estate e.g. Battlefield Enterprise Park, Shrewsbury due to the fact that the majority of the waste would come from Shropshire. Councillors thought that this would also be a cheaper option. Veolia explained that Telford & Wrekin Council and Shropshire Council had carried out their own investigations into location and had identified this area as a potential site. Also, historically these types of facilities have been built on green land. The site was chosen based on a scoring system created by Veolia.

Access – Concerns were raised that the land which would be used for access was partly privately owned by the residents of Watling Grange. Also, Granville Road is a narrow road and the increased use by HGV's would cause traffic safety issues.

Veolia stated that they had approached local residents and checked with Land Registry and this showed that it did not cross privately owned land. Councillors suggested that they meet with the residents of Watling Grange to discuss this issue. Veolia intend to construct passing places in selected areas but did not intend to widen the whole road. It considered this to be the best access scheme possible.

Facility – Telford & Wrekin Council already has a small provision to deal with food and green waste and Shropshire Council processes food waste from other areas so there were concerns how the proposed new site would affect jobs at these plants. Councillors did not see why another similar facility was needed. Also, concerns were raised regarding the longevity of the scheme as this Parish Council had been told that the current landfill site would only be in location for ten years but it was still operational and had grown considerably in size. The Council did not want a repeat with this facility.

Heavy Goods Vehicles – Concerns were raised regarding the stated increased number of vehicles. Veolia stated that, based on actual results, lorries would be able to carry 18 tonnes of waste but as green waste generally weighs less than normal waste Councillors were concerned that lorries would only effectively be able to carry 13 tonnes and therefore, there would be a necessity for more HGV accessing and leaving the proposed site.

In conclusion, Councillors still objected to the proposed composting facility and stated that a Councillor would speak about the application when it went before Telford & Wrekin Council's Plans Board.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from Veolia for their presentation.

5. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council:

- a. Parish Council Meeting of 25th July 2011.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b. Planning Committee Meeting of 15th August 2011.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising for Information

Councillors received updated information on the speeding issues on Wellington Road, Muxton and the obnoxious smell that is by the junction of Wellington Road, Muxton and School Road, Donnington. The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent Water again and ask them to speak to the local shopkeepers and residents as part of their investigation.

7. Expenditure Transactions

To receive and accept the expenditure transactions for July 2011.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

8. Bank Reconciliation

To receive and accept the Bank reconciliation as at 31st July 2011.
Resolved – that it 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 July 2011.

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

10. Pensioners Christmas Vouchers

Councillors were asked to consider the provision of £5,500 for £5 Pensioners Christmas Vouchers for 2011.

Resolved – to grant £5,500 for the purchase of £5 Christmas Vouchers for pensioners that are 65 years of age and over residing within the parish.

11. Conclusion of Audit

The Chairman informed the Council that the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2011 has been concluded and signed off by the auditors, Mazars LLP. It is their opinion the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

12. Draft Housing Needs Survey Report

Due to new information arising showing that the draft Housing Needs Survey Report did include The Humbers, Councillors considered accepting the recommendations made within the draft Housing Needs Survey Report presented to the Council in June. It was stated that the presentation given to the Council was appalling and that six months of officer time and work only concluded and recommended that four bungalows should be built in the rural area of this Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to convey this to Telford & Wrekin Council.

13. Parish Council Newsletters.

At present the newsletter is issued three times a year. The cost of each issue is £1,259 for 5,500 newsletters. Delivery of these newsletters is a constant problem and the last edition cost £330 to deliver. With the increasing number of developments in the parish it is likely that in the near future more newsletters would have to be purchased. Councillors were asked to consider the following options:

1. To continue purchasing 5,500 newsletters at a cost of £1,259 + delivery per issue and distributed to every house within the Parish.

2. To include a 2 page article in the “in and around” magazine 4 times a year. The cost of this will be £300 + VAT. Unfortunately, distribution of this magazine does not include Donnington apart from the housing estate opposite McDonalds (Kingsley Drive, Bloomsbury Court etc) and Monarch Fields (opposite Wyevale). Again, due to distribution costs it would not be willing to include the whole of Donnington.

3. To purchase 1,000 or 500 newsletters and distribute around the parish in libraries, medical centres, dentists, churches, schools etc. Also to advertise the fact in local papers (Shropshire Star, Telford Journal) that the latest newsletter is available online, but should anyone require a hard copy to contact the parish council Clerk. Estimated cost for this advertisement will be £100.

Resolved – that Option 3 is used, 500 copies are purchased and that the cheapest printers as per the report are used. This will be reviewed as and when deemed necessary.

14. Cyclist Issues Junction of Coronation Drive and School Road, Donnington

Complaints have been received that cyclists are using the footpath at this junction and consequently being a danger to pedestrians. Councillors suggested:

- a. that a bus shelter is installed at this location as there is currently no bus shelter for the public to use on School Road when waiting for a bus to Telford Town Centre.
- b. “kissing” gates are installed on the footpath.

Councillor C Mason stated that he was meeting with an officer from Telford & Wrekin Council to discuss other issues regarding School Road and will ask his opinion of installing a bus shelter at this location. Councillor Mason will report back to the Council regarding this matter.

15. Signatory of Bank Accounts

Councillors were requested to authorise the Assistant Clerk to be a signatory on the Parish Council’s Bank Accounts. This will solely be to allow access to the Council’s Accounts online and in no way permit the signing of cheques or making transactions online as this can only be done by the current signatories.

Resolved – that the Assistant Clerk is to be a signatory on the Parish Council’s Bank Accounts solely to allow access to the Council’s online Accounts.

16. Lilleshall Tennis Courts

Councillors considered a request from Lilleshall Village Tennis Club to get the courts professionally cleaned and the Sycamore trees reduced in height due to the sap falling on the courts and when wet, become dangerously slippery.

Resolved – that the Clerk:

- a. Ascertain ownership of the trees and that there are no Tree Preservation Orders on them. Once ownership has been identified then this is to be discussed at the next available meeting as an agenda item.
- b. Get quotes for the cleaning of the courts and
- c. That the Parish Council will pay 50% of costs for the courts to be cleaned with Lilleshall Village Tennis Club paying the remaining 50%

17. Planning Application

Councillors considered the following Planning Applications:

- a. TWC/2011/0677
Mr George Singh, Land at junction of Ash Lea Rd, Bradley Road, Donnington, Telford.
Renewal of planning permission W2008/0766 for the erection of 5no, detached 2 storey dwellings.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

b. TWC/2011/0691

Mr Stephen Hardwick, 1, The Incline, Lilleshall, Shropshire.
Erection of steel- framed storage building.

Resolved – to object to this application for the following reasons:

- i. Out of character with the adjoining Grade II listed building
- ii. Visual Impact on surrounding areas due to its proposed size as it will be seen from Church Meadow.
- iii. Poor access to proposed site. It is unclear in the application exactly what vehicles and equipment will be stored here.

c. TWC/2011/0693

Aquila Trucks Centre Ltd Aquila Truck Centre, Deer Park Court,
Donnington Wood, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of 2No. Internally illuminated fascia signs and 1No. Non
illuminated panel sign.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the date of the next meeting is 3rd October 2011 to be held at Turreff Hall commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2050hrs.

Signed:

Date: