



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 8th March 2004 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors Mrs P A Green (Chair), Mrs V Verster (Vice-Chair), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, B Green, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, C Mason, P Norton, J Roberts, M Skelton, J Thompson, K Watkins.

Also Present: Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator), Sgt Scott, PC N Lake, CSO A Hall and J Bowen, Mr D Thompson, Mr G Perks.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Ill), R Pitt (Work).

Resolved that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None.

3. **Public Session:**

Resolved that the Parish Council meeting be adjourned for the Public Session.

Sgt Scott introduced the Community Support Officers (CSO) and explained that there were four others that worked the north side of Telford. He then proceeded to briefly explain their role within the community. He asked if at the next Full Council meeting it would be possible to introduce the new footbeat manager and this was agreed.

Sgt Scott then mentioned Operation Clean Sweep which, together with the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Wrekin Housing Trust and Telford and Wrekin Borough Council, aimed to clean up Donnington and Donnington Wood over the Easter period. Dates for this would be confirmed and advertised in the near future.

He also informed the Council that a meeting had been arranged with Peter Bradley MP to discuss the enforcement of Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO) as it was felt that Donnington was not getting the support from the Courts with this matter and would inform the Council when a date had been decided.

Councillor C Mason then asked the CSO how they saw the area in which they worked. The CSO found that they were getting more feedback from the public who found them easier to approach than Police Officers and felt that they were starting to make an impact on the quality of life for the people of Donnington. Mr D Thompson mentioned that they were extremely appreciative of the CSO.



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Resolved that the Parish Council meeting re-start after the Public Session.

4. Minutes

- (a) **Planning Committee of 12th January 2004.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (b) **Amendment to Item 6 of Full Council of 1st December 2003.**
Resolved that this be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (c) **Full Council of 12th January 2004.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (d) **Planning Committee of 26th January 2004.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (e) **Finance Committee of 26th January 2004.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (f) **Halls and Environment Committee of 16th February 2004**
These minutes were not signed as a query arose regarding the staffing item in the private session of the minutes and it was **resolved** that this be an agenda item at the next Halls and Environment meeting.
- (g) **Expenditure Transactions for December 2003.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (h) **Expenditure Transactions for January 2004.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

5. Brands Meadow Ball Court Agreement

At the previous Halls and Environment meeting the Clerk had been asked to discover who would be responsible for liability for organised events on this Ball Court. The Clerk now reported back that each individual organiser of an event would have to ensure that they had personal liability cover.

6. Martial Arts Academy - Mats

At the previous Finance Committee meeting it had been resolved that the Parish Council would purchase the mats for the academy and store them at Turreff



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Hall. Due to the size of the mats it has been discovered that there is no storage available. Therefore the Clerk had contacted the Academy who informed him that they would be willing to store them and sign an agreement that they would be responsible for any damage or loss of the said mats. **Resolved** that the Parish Council continue to purchase the mats and that the Martial Arts Academy store them off the premises with a written agreement that they be responsible for any damage or loss to them.

7. Land Opposite Muxton Primary School – Update

The Clerk informed the Council that the felling of the large tree and the flailing of the land was scheduled to take place this week. He also informed them that he had contacted the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Muxton Primary School who were willing to work together with the Parish Council in planting the bulbs in the autumn.

8. Asda Stone – Update

The Clerk informed the Council as to the cost of skimming and re-engraving the parish logo onto the stone. It was discussed that due to the cost the stone be placed face down to hide the engraving already on it and that there could be a possibility of placing a plaque on the flat exposed side. He also informed the council that he had managed to arrange the removal and delivery of the stone with the Territorial Army based at Trench when ready. A suggestion was made that perhaps the council could place a time capsule under the stone and ideas should be given to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Resolved that:

- i. The Parish Council still obtain the stone from Asda.
- ii. The Parish Council place a time capsule under the stone.
- iii. The stone be placed face down.

The following Councillors asked that their objections to having the stone be minuted. They were Cllrs. A Baker, Mrs C Mason and J Thompson.

9. Correspondence

a. Newport Canal Trust

The Chair informed the councillors that it had received the latest newsletter from the Newport Canal Trust together with some raffle tickets should any councillor be interested in reading or purchasing them respectively.

b. Car Parking Charges



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The Chair informed the councillors that a letter had been received from Peter Bradley MP regarding the proposed car parking charges in Telford asking that the Council consider raising its precept to offset parking charges. If, however charges are brought in then this Parish Council will reconsider the proposal.

c. Minor Local Authority Governor

The Chair informed the Councillors that a letter had been received requesting that a member of the Council be nominated for vacancies as a governor at Muxton Primary School and St Matthew's CE Primary School.

Muxton Primary School – **Resolved** that Councillor Mrs V Verster represent the Council on the board of governors.

St Matthews School – There were no nominations.

d. Lilleshall Relief in Need

The Chair informed the Councillors that a letter had been received requesting that the Parish Council re-nominate Mrs P A Green as a representative onto the Lilleshall Relief in Need Charity.

Resolved that Councillor Mrs P A Green be re-nominated as a Parish Council representative on the Lilleshall Relief in Need Charity.

e. Wellington Town Council Letter and Peter Bradley's response

The Chair informed the Councillors that a letter had been received from Wellington Town Council requesting that the Parish Council lobby the Member of Parliament that the Borough Council be adequately funded in line with the actual population. Peter Bradley MP's response was available to read in the Parish Office.

f. Parish Councils Awareness Visit

A letter was received from Mark Pritchard requesting a meeting with the Parish Council as part of his "Community Awareness Programme". The Clerk was asked to reply to this request.

g. Renewable Energy

The Clerk requested that the questionnaire regarding renewable energy that had been sent out with the agendas be returned to him after the meeting.

h. Consultation by ODPM regarding the Local Investigation and Determination of Misconduct Allegations

The Chair informed the Council that a consultation document had been received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister regarding the local



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investigation and determination of misconduct allegations and that comments should be received by 18th May 2004. The document would be available from the Parish Office.

i. Community Conference

The Chair informed the Council that a letter had been received from Peter Bradley MP regarding the Community Conference held at Cordingley Hall on 2nd February 04. It thanked those that had attended and expressed hopes that other such meetings could be arranged in the future.

The Council was then informed that a former Councillor Mr. B Curran was in hospital from a suspected heart attack and the Chair offered the Councils heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Chair thanked the Community Cabaret especially John Cocker and Fiona Moore and all that took part in making the evening extremely enjoyable.

The meeting closed at 1750hrs.

Signed:

Date: