

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 10th September 2007

Present: Councillors, P Norton (Chair), Mrs V Brown, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, G Platt, K Watkins.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors A Baker (Holiday), B Green (Holiday), Mrs P A Green (Holiday), Ms C Mason (Work).
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As Per Register.
3. **Right of Way, Rock Acres/Hillside East, Lilleshall.**
The Chair updated the Committee on events regarding the unauthorised closure of the Right of Way adjacent to Anvil House, Lilleshall. Councillor G Platt asked if a notice could be placed on the Parish Council notice board to keep residents informed of events.
4. **Street Lighting**
The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining quotes for the provision of management, maintenance and electricity supply to the Parish Council street lights. The Committee then considered the following street light improvements for the Parish:
 - a. The purchase of a new light at Barn Close.
Resolved – to purchase a new street light for Barn Close at a cost of £1,750.
 - b. The purchase of a new light at Penistone Close.
Resolved – to purchase a new street light for Penistone Close at a cost of £950.
 - c. The purchase of a twin head lantern for the light situated on the corner midway along the footpath of James Way and Furnace Lane at a cost of approximately £325.
Resolved – to purchase a twin head lantern at a cost of £325.
 - d. Replace the lantern on the light opposite the bus shelter on Park Road.
Resolved – to purchase a new lantern for the light opposite the bus shelter on Park Road of £225.
5. **New Doors Turreff Hall**
The Committee considered quotes received for replacing the doors from the foyer into the office corridor.
Resolved – that Company A replace the doors at a cost of £790.
6. **Lilleshall Memorial Hall**
Councillor G Platt updated the Committee on events occurring at the Memorial Hall. An application had been made for funding to the National Lottery, the decision of which had been delayed due to the large number of applications received. As a result a decision on whether the application will progress to stage two will be delayed until the end of December.

Alternative funding is also being sought to upgrade the toilets, and the memorial Hall Committee has approached Telford and Wrekin Council Community Manager and SITA Trust. The Committee was asked if the Clerk could place an article about the Memorial Hall in the next Parish Newsletter and this was granted.

7. Correspondence

The Chair informed the Members that the following correspondence had been received.

a. Consultation on the draft Countryside Access Strategy for Shropshire.

The above document is available to Councillors after the meeting. Comments are requested by 31st October 2007.

b. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

The above document is available to Councillors after the meeting. Comments are requested on the proposed changes to the way the fire and rescue service delivers its services.

c. Sports and Leisure Facilities Draft Framework – Public Consultation

Consultation will take place between 24th August and 24th September 2007 whereby the public will be asked to provide comments on the recommendations contained in the above document. A letter received from Mark Pritchard MP was also read out as it had been received after the agendas had been sent. Councillors were concerned that there was no provision made in the Draft Framework for facilities in Donnington, Muxton and Lilleshall especially as Donnington is classed as a deprived area. The Clerk was asked to send the comments forms to all Councillors and collate the responses onto one sheet.

d. Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health.

The PPI is actively seeking new volunteers to join the Forum which influences the way healthcare is organised and delivered. Any Councillor interested in volunteering should inform the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 1940hrs.

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