



# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006

**Present:** Councillors A Baker, Mrs V Brown, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, P Norton,  
J Thompson, K Watkins.

**Also Present:** Residents from Smiths Crescent, Wrockwardine Wood.

**1. Election of Chair**

Nominations were requested for Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee. Councillor P Norton was nominated. No other nominations were received.

**Resolved** - that Councillor P Norton be Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee for this Parish Council.

**2. Election of Vice-Chair**

Nominations were requested for Vice-Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee. Councillor Mrs P A Green was nominated. No other nominations were received.

**Resolved** - that Councillor Mrs P A Green be Vice-Chair of the Halls and Environment Committee for this Parish Council.

**3. Apologies:** B Green (Holiday), Mrs P A Green (Holiday), G Platt (Holiday)

**Resolved** – that the apologies are accepted.

**4. Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Also K Watkins and J Thompson – Item 6(b); A Baker – Item 10.

**5. Footpath Breton Park, Muxton**

The Chair informed the Councillors that apologies had been received from both A Careless and R King (Footpath Officers for Borough of Telford and Wrekin) for their unavailability for the meeting. **Resolved** – that the Clerk writes to:

Carl Longland (Head of Mobility & Development) asking the exact reasons why they were unable to attend and what further evidence for reinstating the footpath is required.

Mr R King to ask why this Parish Council appears to be the last to be consulted on the Footpath Association.

**6. Planning Applications**

To discuss the following planning applications:



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- a. W2006/0628  
Mr Tsang, 3 The Parade, Donnington, Telford.  
Change of use from solicitors' office (Use Class A2) to hot food  
takeaway (Use Class 5).  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.  
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- b. W2006/0629  
Mr & Mrs Robson and Mr & Mrs Whitehouse, Land adjacent to  
The Farm, Furnace Lane, Trench, Telford.  
Erection of 2 detached dwellings with detached garages.  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.
- c. W2006/0631  
Malamar Homes Ltd, Land off Barrack Lane/Garden Land of 112  
Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall.  
Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage.  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.

## 7. **Smiths Crescent, Wrockwardine Wood**

The Chair informed the residents of Smiths Crescent and the Committee that no reply had been received from the Borough Council in reply to the email sent by the Clerk. The email requested information regarding the options relating to the adoption of the highway at Smiths Crescent by the Borough Council. **Resolved** – that:

- a. The Clerk writes to Carl Longland (copy to Charles Smith) to enquire as to why no response had been given to the email and enquire as to how the Borough Council can carry out emergency repairs at The Nabb, St George's when that is also an unadopted road.
- b. The Clerk places this item on the agenda for the next full Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 06 for further discussion.
- c. If a response is received prior to this meeting then the Clerk is to inform the residents of Smiths Crescent so that their time will not be wasted when attending the full Council meeting.

## 8. **Garden Competition**

**Resolved** – that the garden competition is held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 06 and that the following Councillors act as judges; Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason,

J Thompson and K Watkins.

The Clerk was asked to display posters around the parish, in garden centres and schools. The Clerk was also asked to contact Wyevale Garden Centre to see if they would be willing to donate a prize in the form of a voucher.

## 9. **Allotments**



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The Clerk informed the Councillors that written requests had been received asking that the Parish Council provides Allotments within the parish. The Clerk also stated that he is currently investigating the possible provision of land for this use. If suitable land is available the Clerk will then inform the Council and further decisions regarding this issue can be made.

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- 10. Bench for St Michael's Church Lilleshall**  
Councillor A Baker left the meeting while this item was discussed. The Committee considered a request from Councillor Baker to allow him to personally purchase a bench in memory of his mother and place it in the closed section of the Churchyard at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall.  
**Resolved** – that Councillor A Baker is allowed to place a bench in the closed section of the churchyard at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall.
- 11. Trees at Marshbrook Way, Muxton**  
The Clerk informed the Council that two crack willows have had to be removed and three willows have been pollard on Parish Council owned land at Marshbrook Way, Muxton for safety reasons.  
**Resolved** – that the Clerk investigates the possibility of planting trees in this vicinity to replace the ones that were removed and to report back at the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting.
- 12. Talbot Centre, Lilleshall**  
The Clerk informed the Council of the break-in and vandalism at the Talbot Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> April 06. Arrests had been made by the Police who are currently awaiting a decision from the Crown Prosecution Service as to whether or not prosecutions would proceed. For increased security to the building the Committee considered the options of replacing the full frontage of the Talbot Centre with UPVC windows and doors, just replacing the doors with UPVC doors or replace the doors with thicker better quality wooden doors. **Resolved** – that the doors are replaced with new wooden doors and the Clerk obtains three quotes to be presented at the Finance Committee meeting to enable this matter to be dealt with as soon as possible. The decision regarding a stand alone security alarm will be deferred until the new doors are in place.
- 13. Toilet Block at Broadoaks, Donnington**  
The Chair informed the Council that the toilet block at Broadoaks, Donnington will be demolished for safety reasons.



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## 14. **Police Restructuring**

The Committee discussed the correspondence received regarding the proposed police restructuring and the request for a formal response to be made prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 06.

**Resolved** – that the Committee objects to the proposed merger of the West Mercia Police Authority to create a “super force” and that the Clerk writes informing them of this decision. Councillor Ms C Mason abstained from voting.

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## 15. **Proposed Extension to Turreff Hall**

The Committee discussed the correspondence received from the Borough Council regarding the proposed extension to Turreff Hall, Donnington.

**Resolved** – that due to the unexpected cost of this project the Committee decided not to proceed with the proposed extension as it could not be done in the spirit of “Best Value”. The Clerk was asked to inform and thank the Borough Council for their work to date regarding this project and obtain quotes to convert the bar into a store room and improve the kitchen area in Turreff Hall.

## 16. **Newport Regeneration**

**Resolved** – that Councillor P Norton remains as the Parish Council representative on this external body.

## 17. **CVS**

The Chair informed the Council that a representative from this Parish Council is no longer required on this external body. **Resolved** – that Councillor Mrs P A Green is removed from the list as the Parish Council representative for the CVS.

## 18. **Bench at High Mount**

The Clerk informed the Committee that the only site available for the possible location of a bench along St George’s Road would be at the bus stop near High Mount, Donnington.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk purchases a bench to be placed at this location for a trial period of six months. If reports of anti social behaviour occur at this location within those six months as a result of the placement of the bench then it will be removed and placed elsewhere within the parish.

## 19. **War Memorial, Donnington**



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As this item had been requested by Councillor Mrs P A Green who was unavailable to attend, it was **resolved** that this item be deferred to the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting.

## 20. Correspondence

### a. Telford and Wrekin Statement of Community Involvement.

The Chair informed the Councillors that the above document had been received and is available from the Parish Office.

### b. Invitation to celebrate 20 years of Neighbourhood Watch in Lilleshall.

The Chair informed the Councillors that an invitation had been received for Councillors to attend the celebration of 20 years of Neighbourhood Watch in Lilleshall. The Clerk was asked to inform them that Councillor J Thompson would be attending.

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### c. Invitation to Wellington Town Council Civic Service – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 06.

The Chair informed the Councillors that an invitation to Wellington Town Council Civic Service had been received should Councillors wish to attend.

### d. Local Works Sustainable Communities Newsletter

The Chair informed the Councillors that the above newsletter was available from the Parish Office.

### e. Getting to Grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – a parish council guide to environmental enforcement.

The Chair informed the Councillors that the above document had been received and was available from the Parish Office.

### f. SALC Planning Seminar

The Chair informed the Committee that SALC were holding a Planning seminar on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 should Councillors wish to attend.

### g. Young Minds and Mentors

An invitation had been received inviting Councillors to attend an Unique Community and Youth Support display in the car park of the Whitehouse Hotel, Muxton on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

The meeting closed at 2150hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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