

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 26th November 2007

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

1. **Apologies:** Councillors B Green (Visiting Wife), Mrs P A Green (Hospital), K Watkins (Holiday).

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

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

3. **Planning Applications**

To consider the following planning applications:

- a. W2007/1441
Dordale Orchid, Plot 9, Plot 10, Church Walk, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of 6 one bed flats (amendment to planning permission W2006/0608).
Resolved – to have continued concerns regarding car parking issues that will result from this proposed development as well as the deteriorating condition of the road at Church Walk due to the noticeable increase in pot holes. These are possibly a result of the Heavy Goods Vehicles accessing the site.
- b. W2007/1449
Mr Williams and Mr Hemming, Unit 5 Donnington Wood Workshops, Bradley Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Change of use to MOT Centre with vehicle repairs.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.
- c. W2007/1469
Telford and Wrekin Council, Clocktower Roundabout, A518, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Display of 4 1200mm x 500mm non-illuminated advertising boards.
Resolved – to object to this application for the following reasons:
 1. Urban Clutter. There are generally too many unnecessary signs cluttering up roundabouts in Telford.
 2. Road Safety Issues. Driver's line of sight and concentration will be distracted thus increasing the chances of accidents occurring.
- d. W2007/1481
Mrs Shepherd, 77 Oakengates Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

4. Allotments

The Clerk informed the Committee that as a result of requests for allotments from over six registered parliamentary electors or residents within the parish, the Parish Council has a duty to take such representations into consideration (Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908). As a result, a piece of land has been sought and now identified for the provision of allotments within the parish. Telford and Wrekin Council have been approached with regard to the possible purchase of the land by the Parish Council. The area of the land is 1.52 acres and the Borough Council is willing to sell the land at a cost of £6,000 for use as allotments. Telford and Wrekin Council would be willing to take part payment of £3,000 this year and £3,000 in the next financial year 2008/2009. The Clerk explained that there was money available in this year's budget and that money for next year could be added into the precept.

Resolved – that the Clerk continues negotiations with the Borough Council and agree in principle to purchase the land upon ratification by full Council.

5. Recreation Ground, School Road, Donnington

Councillor J Lavery highlighted the problems raised by residents regarding the use of Motorised Quad bikes being driven around the Recreation Ground making it unsafe for children to play. It was also suggested that warning signs are erected within this vicinity informing drivers of children playing and request that they reduce their speed. School Road currently has no signs or road markings to this effect.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to the Police and the Highways Department, Telford and Wrekin Council highlighting the problems and requesting that more police patrols are undertaken in this area with the possibility of mobile speed cameras and that signs are erected warning drivers of the dangers. The Clerk was asked to copy this letter to the Donnington Borough Councillors.

6. Talbot Centre, Tennis Courts

The Committee discussed quotes received regarding the replacement of the boundary fence surrounding the tennis courts at the Talbot Centre, Lilleshall. After much consideration the Clerk was asked to approach those companies that had provided the quotes with a request to modify the specifications previously given. The Clerk was also requested to enquire about the costs of different, more substantial fencing and if necessary arrange a site meeting.

Resolved – that this matter is deferred to full Council to allow the Clerk time to obtain further quotes with the new specifications required.

7. Public Rights of Way

The Clerk informed the Council of the information and process required when providing evidence of Rights of Way within the parish. It was decided to elect Parish Councillors from each Ward to list the Public Rights of Way in their area and prepare the necessary documentation for inclusion on the Definitive Map.

Resolved – that the following Councillors are elected to undertake the task of listing the Rights of Way within their Ward:

Donnington – Councillor J Lavery. The Clerk was asked to contact other Councillors for the Donnington Ward to volunteer their services.

Lilleshall – Councillors A Baker, J Hockin and G Platt.

Muxton – Councillors Mrs R Gregory and P Norton.

8. Precept/Budget Setting

The Committee discussed the proposed budgets as provided by the Clerk for the financial year 2008/2009 for the Halls and Environment Committee and its sub-committees.

Resolved – that this Committee accepts the amended budgets for 2008/2009 and recommends them to full Council when it discusses the setting of the precept.

The meeting closed at 2045hrs.

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