



# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006

**Present:** Councillors P Norton (Chair), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, B Green,  
Mrs P A Green, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, G Platt, K Watkins.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor R Pitt (Meeting)  
**Resolved** – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As Per Register.
3. **Planning Applications**  
To consider the following planning applications:
  - a. W2006/1319  
Mr & Mrs Harper, Land at Brockton Leasowes Manor, Lilleshall,  
Shropshire.  
Conversion to new single storey two bedroom dwelling.  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.
  - b. W2006/1321  
Mr & Mrs Harper, Land at Brockton Leasowes Manor, Lilleshall,  
Shropshire.  
Conversion to new single storey three bedroom dwelling.  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.
  - c. W2006/1350  
Mrs G Latham, 3 West Avenue, Donnington, Telford  
Erection of a single storey flat roofed extension.  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.
  - d. W2006/1354  
Mr & Mrs A Cooper, Annex to Lubstree Park, Humber Lane,  
Donnington, Telford.  
Change of use, alterations and extension to existing annex to  
provide residential children's home.  
**Resolved** – that the Clerk contacts the Planning Officer concerned  
to determine if this application is being made retrospectively and  
report back at the next available meeting.
  - e. W2006/1357  
Mr & Mrs K Beech, Silverwood, Wellington Road, Muxton,  
Telford.  
Erection of replacement dwelling.  
**Resolved** – that there is no objection to this application.



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**4. Vandalism at Talbot Tennis Club, Lilleshall**

Each Councillor received a copy of a letter from the Police Officer who had dealt with this case informing them that those responsible would not be attending a Council meeting to apologise for their actions. The Clerk was asked to inform the newspapers to include the Parish Pump, Clerk's Direct and to place it in the next Parish Council newsletter.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk issues a press release informing the parishioners what this Parish Council has done in its attempts to re-coup compensation for the damage done at the Tennis Club, Lilleshall.

**5. Cordingley Hall**

The Clerk informed the Committee of the problems currently being experienced at Cordingley Hall in obtaining relevant safety certificates. The Clerk had been led to believe that the necessary work had now been carried out but to date no certificates had been produced. Once they are, the Clerk will obtain copies of them for future reference.

**Resolved** – that a deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> December is given for the certificates to be produced. Failure to do so will result in this matter being taken to the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting where a recommendation would be made to stop all public and private functions taking place at Cordingley Hall and if necessary legal action would be taken to give notice of termination of lease.

**6. Review of Street Lighting**

Each Councillor had received a copy of a request from Scrutiny Commission Telford and Wrekin for comments regarding the upgrading of street lighting within the Borough. Councillors were asked that if they had any ideas for improvements to the lighting within the parish to pass them on to the Clerk.

**7. Tree planting St Michael's Churchyard, Lilleshall**

The Councillors discussed a request from Councillor A Baker to plant more trees at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall. Councillor Baker explained that over the years trees had been removed but never replaced. The following concerns were raised:

- a. The number of trees proposed for the size of the land.
- b. Whether or not a faculty would be required to plant trees in a closed churchyard and
- c. There was no financial provision for purchasing them.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk:

- a. Obtains further advice from the Borough Council Tree Officer.
- b. Contact the local Archdeacon to enquire if a faculty is required.
- c. Obtain more quotes for tree planting.



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d. Defer to the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting to enable

further discussion when the above information has been obtained.

**8. Bench at Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall.**

The Committee considered a request to place a new bench on Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall opposite Willmoor Lane. The Clerk explained that due to the purchase of other benches during the year there was no budget available to purchase more benches until the next financial year. HE51

**Resolved** – that a new bench is purchased in the next financial year to be placed on Limekiln Lane opposite Willmoor Lane, Lilleshall.

**9. Bench at Bell Fields, Donnington**

The Committee considered a request to place a new bench at the Bell Fields, Donnington. As the Clerk had previously explained the financial restrictions on this matter when considering the bench for Lilleshall it was **resolved** that a new bench is purchased in the next financial year to be placed on the junction of Church Road, School Road and Queen's Road, Donnington.

**10. Footpaths at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall**

The Clerk gave a report on the progress of resurfacing the footpaths at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall. Advice had been obtained from a Borough Council Highways Officer who was concerned in the differences of square metres provided. The Clerk was checking with the companies that had originally provided the quotes in regard to this matter.

**11. Borough of Telford and Wrekin Programme of Capital Works 2007/2008**

The Committee discussed areas within the parish with regard to traffic related issues and future road improvements to enable the Borough of Telford and Wrekin to develop a programme of works for 2007/2008.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk writes to the Borough Council suggesting inclusion in its programme of works for:

- a. The resurfacing of Church Road, Donnington
- b. The removal off the database of improved signage for HGV's Church Road, Lilleshall.

**12. Smiths Crescent, Wrockwardine Wood**

Each Councillor received a copy of an email updating them on the issue regarding the adoption of Smith Crescent by the Borough Council. With the advice of the Borough Council quotes had now been received for the cost of resurfacing the road which it is hoped will be divided between the 15 dwellings concerned.

**13. Post Offices**



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A request had been received from the Countryside Alliance asking the Parish Council to help support the need for local Post Offices.

**Resolved** – that the Clerk writes to Jim Fitzpatrick MP highlighting the importance of Post Offices and its role within our community.

## 14. Princess Royal Hospital – Parliamentary Petition

The Committee discussed a request from Mark Pritchard MP to support a campaign and to sign a parliamentary petition to save the services at the Princess Royal Hospital.

As the Parish Council is already actively supporting any campaign to save the services at the Princess Royal Hospital each Councillor present decided to collect more signatures by taking a copy of the petition around their wards.

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**Resolved** – that the Clerk responds to the letter from Mark Pritchard MP reiterating its support to save the services at the hospital and inform him of its actions regarding the petition.

## 15. Precept/Budget Setting

The Committee discussed the proposed budgets as provided by the Clerk for the financial year 2007/2008 for the Halls and Environment Committee and its sub-committees.

**Resolved** – that this Committee accepts the proposed budgets for 2007/2008 and recommends them to full Council when it discusses the setting of the precept.

## 16. Correspondence

The Chair informed the Committee that the following correspondence had been received:

a. **Response from Adam Ingram MP regarding the Parish Council letter concerning Sapphire House and RAF Cosford.**

b. **Invitation to Wellington Town Council's Civic Carol Service.**

The Parish Council had received an invite to the above event which is being held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

The meeting closed at 2035hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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