

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 4th February 2008

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

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.

3. **Hire Costs Turreff Hall**

The Committee reviewed the hire charges for Turreff Hall for the forthcoming financial year.

Resolved – that as from 1st April 2008 the following hire charges of Turreff Hall will be implemented:

Concessionary Rate is increased by 50p per hour.

Normal rate is increased by £1 per hour.

Rates for Parties at Turreff Hall are all increased by £1 per hour.

4. **Highway Adoption**

The Chair informed the Committee that Colridge Close, Donnington has now been adopted by Telford and Wrekin Council's highways department.

5. **Purchase of trees for roundabouts**

The Committee discussed the options of purchasing three "Christmas Trees" for planting on roundabouts as an alternative to purchasing "cut" trees annually. The Clerk explained that enquiries had been made regarding costs and it would cost in the region of £200 and £300 per tree. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether or not planning permission would be required to plant trees on the roundabouts and the cost of putting extra sets of lights on the trees already situated on the roundabouts at Muxton and Lilleshall.

Resolved – that the Clerk obtains the information requested above and quotes for the purchase of slow growing trees for use as Christmas Trees to be placed on the three roundabouts at Lilleshall, Junction of Marshbrook Way and Donnington Wood Way Muxton and bottom of Wrekin Drive Donnington. The Clerk is to place this on the agenda for the next meeting when all information has been obtained.

6. **Garden Competition**

The Committee discussed possible dates and prize money for this year's Parish Council Garden Competition.

Resolved – that the Clerk liaises with the judges, Councillors B Green, Mrs R Gregory, and K Watkins, Reserve Mrs V Brown, to choose whether 19th or 26th July is most suitable for the Parish Council Garden Competition for 2008. Prize money is to remain as:

- a. Environmentally Friendly Garden. Using compost bins, water butts, chemical-free products etc. 1st Place £75.00, 2nd Place £25.00.
- b. Front Garden. 1st Place £75.00, 2nd Place £25.00.
- c. Back Garden. 1st Place £75.00, 2nd Place £25.00.
- d. Prettiest Container. 1st Place £50.00, 2nd Place £25.00.
- e. Children's Container (Children under 12). The Chair Councillor Mrs P.A. Green would purchase a cup to be presented to the winner of this category. 1st Place £15.00, 2nd Place £10.00
- f. Patio/Courtyard. 1st Place £75.00, 2nd Place £25.00.

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The Parish Council Rose Bowl would be presented to the overall winner but to be kept in the Parish Office. The Clerk is to get the winners name inscribed on it.

7. Code of Conduct

Councillors were informed that:

- a. A consultation document has been received regarding the Orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England and is available to all Councillors should they wish to read it.
- b. An information DVD, in the way of a short film, has been received regarding alterations to the new Code of Conduct and is available to all Councillors should they wish to watch it.

8. Correspondence

a. Gambling in Alcohol Licensed Premises

The Chair informed Councillors that a document regarding the new Code of Practice for Equal Chance Gaming in Alcohol Licensed Premises has been received at the Parish Office.

b. Introducing Community Services

The Chair informed Councillors that an information pack containing a DVD has been received from Telford and Wrekin Council providing an overview of the services it provides and is available to all Councillors should they wish to watch it.

c. SALC Training

The Chair informed Councillors that SALC is holding workshops on Being a Good Councillor, Modules 1 and 2 at Edinburgh House, Wem on Wednesday 5th March 2008 and at Civic Offices, Telford on Tuesday 1st April 2008 between 7pm and 9pm. Councillor Mrs R Gregory asked for her name to be placed on the course for 1st April.

The meeting closed at 1925hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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