



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 5th February 2007

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

Apologies: Councillors G Platt (Holiday), J Thompson (Ill), Mrs V Verster (Ill).

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

Declaration of Interest: As Per Register. Also Councillors B Green, Mrs P A Green, C Mason Item 9 – Container St. Matthew's Church.

Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

a. W2007/0037

Mr M Heighway, 10 Bridge Way, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.
Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of a single storey side extension.

Resolved – that there is no objection to this application.

b. W2007/0056

M & A Developments Ltd, Land adjacent to 60, Furnace Lane, Trench, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of a detached dwelling.

Resolved – that there is no objection to this application.

Donnington Community Bus

Councillor C Mason requested that the Councillors consider working in partnership with Telford and Wrekin Council, local supermarkets and the Donnington Neighbourhood Co-ordinator in providing a bus service around Donnington twice weekly to access those routes not covered by the local bus services. Each Councillor had received a copy of the proposed routes that the bus would take. It is proposed to start the bus on 7th and 8th March 2007. The Councillors were also asked to consider that the Parish Council, through the Clerk, would be the lead member in this project.

After discussing the matter it was agreed that there was funding available from the bus shelter budget. This is due to the fact that financing the proposed bus shelter would now come from s106 planning gain.

Resolved – that the Parish Council contributes £2,000 toward the initial setting up of the Donnington Community bus and that the money is transferred from the bus shelter budget to Grants s137. Also that the Parish Council be the lead member in this project.



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Tree planting St Michael's Churchyard, Lilleshall.

As a result of the previous discussion regarding this matter Councillor A Baker had taken the time to obtain the information requested at the last Halls and Environment Committee meeting which all supported the planting programme. Due to the tree planting season shortly finishing and that the Tree Sub-Committee had no budget until after 1st April Councillor Baker had requested that it be discussed at this meeting. He also stated that he would be willing to plant and maintain the trees himself. Councillor Baker requested that nine trees be placed in the closed churchyard surrounding the church and two in the closed churchyard across the road from the church. Suggestions were made to purchase five trees and Cllr Baker then offered to obtain funding from elsewhere to purchase the other six. The Committee rejected this offer due to the fact that for the present time it was only willing to have five trees planted at this location. A full planting programme should be initiated throughout the parish and this could incorporate the other six trees requested for Lilleshall. After much discussion two proposals were tabled:

- a. Councillor Ms C Mason proposed that five trees are purchased - three to be planted around the church and two in the area across the road.
- b. Councillor B Green proposed that eleven trees are purchased – nine to be planted around the church and two in the area across the road.

Resolved – that the Parish Council purchases five trees - three to be planted around the church and two in the area of the closed churchyard across the road. Councillor A Baker is to choose the species of tree plus supporting stakes at a total cost of not more than £200.

Councillor Baker requested that his vote against proposal “a” and vote for proposal “b” is recorded in the minutes.

Information Sign for Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Councillor C Mason highlighted the need for an information sign at the SSSI at Granville Country Park. He requested that the Parish Council purchase a sign at a cost of between £500 and £1,000 so that information regarding the site could be prominently displayed to the members of the public using the Park. Councillors suggested that leaflets publicising the park could be displayed around Telford particularly in tourist areas such as Ironbridge. Concerns were raised as to whether or not the Parish Council had the power to purchase a sign which would be placed on land owned by Telford and Wrekin Council, the maintenance of the sign and what contribution Shropshire Wildlife Trust would be willing to make.

Resolved – that the decision is deferred to the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting to allow the Clerk to:

- i. Ascertain if the Parish Council has the statutory power to purchase a sign which would not be placed on its own land.



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- ii. Ascertain who would maintain the sign and
- iii. Ask a representative from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust to attend the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting to present a talk about the Park.

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Alterations To Turreff Hall

The Councillors discussed quotes received for work to carry out the minor internal alterations at Turreff Hall discussed at a previous meeting. Councillor B Green proposed that quote "D" is accepted. No other proposals were received.

Resolved – that the company providing quote "D" is awarded the contract for alterations at Turreff Hall at a cost of £1,370.

Street Lighting

Various requests for improvements to street lighting had been received and are as follows:

Improving the street lights at East Avenue, Donnington.

To provide a new street light at the rear of No's 6 to 12 Barn Close at the request of the CSOs.

To provide a street light at the rear of 10, Penistone Close, Donnington as requested from a parishioner at a Councillor Surgery.

To support the Borough Councillors in obtaining lights at the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), Broadoakes, Donnington.

The Clerk explained that he had approached Telford and Wrekin Council to obtain costs involved but to date no information had been received.

Resolved – that this matter is deferred to the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting to allow the Clerk to obtain costs and write to Telford and Wrekin Council requesting that:

- a. It contributes to the cost of new lanterns for the street lights at East Avenue
- b. It provides a new light at the rear of Barn Close between numbers 6 and 12.
- c. It provides a new light at the rear of 10 Penistone Close.
- d. The Parish Council supports the Donnington Borough Councillors in their request to have lights at the MUGA on a timer to switch off at 8.30pm.

Container St Matthew's Church, Donnington

The Committee considered a request from St Matthew's Church to place a container in the closed churchyard for storage of equipment.

Resolved – to have no objection to the placement of a container in the closed part of the churchyard providing the Church has obtained planning permission.

Use of Turreff Hall by Hirers



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The Clerk informed the Committee that concerns had been raised by the Retired Civil Servants regarding the moving of tables and chairs when setting out the hall for their group. The Clerk stated that as per the conditions of hire each group had to set out the hall and leave it clean and tidy after their group had finished. Councillors were concerned about the Health and Safety implications this might have on the Parish Council. The Chair stated that she would meet with the Clerk and produce a Risk Assessment for approval at the next full Council meeting with regard to the setting up of the hall for all groups.

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Fencing and Traffic Issues at Copperfield Drive, Fieldhouse Drive, Wellington Road and School Road.

The Clerk informed the Committee that the fencing at the top of Copperfield Drive will be replaced by Telford and Wrekin Council Highways Department with safety barriers. The traffic problems at the aforementioned roads should be alleviated as part of the new housing development programme at this location.

Muxton and Lilleshall Memorial Hall.

The Committee received reports regarding Muxton and Lilleshall Memorial Hall as follows:

Muxton

Councillor P Norton informed the Committee that as a result of the meetings with residents from Muxton a thirty day consultation period had begun after which, if no objections are received, a 30mph speed limit will be introduced for the whole of Muxton Lane by Telford and Wrekin Council. The Police have stated that they will carry out spot speed checks at this location. New litter bins have now been installed as have the anti vandal panels on the bus shelter in Saltwell's Drive.

Lilleshall Memorial Hall

Councillor A. Baker informed the Committee that the open day at the Memorial Hall was well attended and that all ideas and suggestions had been passed on to the architect. Applications for grants to carry out the work had to be produced by end of April.

West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

Each Councillor received a copy of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The Chair informed the Councillors that any comments regarding this document should be passed to the Clerk.

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One Council for Shropshire.

Each Councillor received a copy of the list of dates of meetings where the "One Council for Shropshire" would be debated.

The meeting closed at 2100hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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