

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Lilleshall Memorial Hall on 12th July 2010 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mrs P A Green (Vice-Chairman), Mrs V Brown, Mrs E A Clare, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, C Mason (Arrived at 1930hrs after attending a Shropshire Fire Authority Meeting), Mrs B Mason, P Norton, J Thompson, K Watkins.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Mr D Thompson.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors A Baker, M Edwards, B Green, G Platt.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register. Also Mrs E A Clare and P Norton – Item 17.
3. **Public Session**
The Chairman invited questions from the members of the public present.
Mr D Thompson stated that Councillors should increase their allowances due to the increased work load and responsibilities. Councillors thanked Mr Thompson for his suggestion but in view of the current economic climate considered that this would be most inappropriate.
4. **Minutes**
Councillors confirmed the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council:
 - a. Planning Committee Meeting of 7th June 2010.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
 - b. Full Council meeting of 7th June 2010.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
 - c. Full Council meeting of 28th June 2010.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising for Information**
There were no matters arising.
6. **Expenditure Transactions**
Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for May 2010.
Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for May 2010 are accepted as a true record.
7. **Bank Reconciliation**
Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2010. When asked, the Clerk explained that Cheque No 202855 dated 31st March 2010 was a re-issued cheque for the refund of deposit for the hire of Turreff Hall.
Resolved - that the bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2010 is accepted as a true record and if the aforementioned cheque has not been presented within six months then it is to be cancelled and no cheque re-issued.

- 8. Financial Budget Comparison**
Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st May 2010.
Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.
- 9. Parish Forum Meetings**
The Council was informed that a request has been received for a Councillor from this Parish Council to act as its representative in attending the Parish Forum meetings. Councillor J Thompson requested that he be considered as this Councils representative.
Resolved – that Councillor J Thompson is this Parish Councils representative at the Parish Forum meetings.
- 10. Fire Demonstration**
Councillors were informed that the Shropshire Fire Service will be conducting a demonstration at a property in Park Road, Donnington on Thursday 29th July 2010. The event is expected to start at 4pm in the hope of gaining maximum public attendance.
- 11. Pensioners Vouchers**
Councillors were asked to consider the provision of £5,500 for £5 Pensioners Christmas Vouchers for 2010. Councillor Mrs E A Clare proposed that this year the vouchers should be for £6 and that £6,600 is allocated to provide this. It was seconded by Councillor P Norton.
Resolved – that £6,600 is allocated for the provision of £6 Pensioners Christmas Vouchers. Councillor Hockin requested that his vote against be recorded in the Minutes.
- 12. Parish Council Website**
Councillors were requested to check their details on the Parish Council website to ensure they are correct.
- 13. Donnington Partnership**
Councillors were informed of a meeting held with the Chairman Councillor C Mason, the Clerk, Mrs W Tonge and Miss F Moore (Neighbourhood locality management team Telford & Wrekin Council) regarding the future management of Donnington Partnership due to the relocation of the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to Civic Offices. Suggestions had been made for funding to be obtained to employ someone on a part-time basis to send out the agendas and to take the minutes for the Donnington Partnership meetings. Mrs W Tonge stated that she would investigate this and report back to the Clerk.
- 14. Directional Sign**
Councillors were asked to consider 50/50 cost sharing with Telford & Wrekin Council for the provision and erection of a directional sign on Wrekin Drive showing where the library and Parish Council Offices are situated.
Resolved – that the Clerk investigates the cost of two signs to be situated one at each end of Turreff Avenue and if the price is reasonable to purchase two signs. The Clerk is to liaise with the Chairman regarding this matter.

15. Cordingley Hall

Councillors were asked to consider quotes for repairing the flat roof at Cordingley Hall by re-felting due to the entire front elevation being severely weathered and aged. During discussions it was agreed that the Clerk obtains quotes for an alternative method of repairing the roof by using a synthetic rubber roofing material as it could be considerably cheaper and report his findings back to Council.

Resolved - that under Local Government Act 1972 Section 100A, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that these matters be discussed in Private Session and the Public have been asked to withdraw.

Private Session

Councillors were informed of the results of a meeting held with Cordingley Hospitality Ltd on 9th June 2010. It was **resolved** that:

- Mr R Mundy maintains the lease for Cordingley Hall for the full term of the lease providing payment of the lease is maintained and
- A recommendation of £230 per week is to be suggested to maintain the lease.

16. Correspondence

Councillors were informed that the following correspondence had been received:

a. Rural parish housing needs surveys. The Clerk was asked to reply to the survey in consultation with the Chairman.

b. £££ for Projects – Councillor Mrs E A Clare explained that there is a pot of money up to £150,000 from Telford & Wrekin Council for projects within each Borough Ward. Each Ward will receive £4,500 toward a project suggested and voted on by residents within these Wards. More information can be obtained online at www.telford.gov.uk/poundsforprojects or by phoning 01952 382527.

17. Planning Applications

Councillors were informed that the following planning application will be discussed at the Borough Council's Plans Board on 14th July 2010 and therefore this Council has to provide its response before this date:

a. TWC2010/0258

Telford & Wrekin Council, Lilleshall Primary School, Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall, Shropshire TF10 9EY.

Erection of a single storey extension to rear, relocation of existing fence and replacement of 2no. existing windows.

Councillor J Hockin provided a brief background history of the land in question which is deemed Public Open Ground as per the T&Wr sign leading from the tennis courts into the field behind the school. Many local residents feel that the school has continually encroached onto this piece of land over the years.

Resolved – that there is no objection to the erection of a single storey extension to the rear or the replacement of 2no. existing windows. However, this Council strongly objects to the relocation of the existing fence on to the Public Open Ground.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Councillors were informed that the next meeting of this Council will be a Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 26th July 2010 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm and that there will be a presentation evening for the garden competition winners on 6th September 2010 also commencing at 7pm. The next full Council meeting will be held on 13th September 2010 at Turreff Hall.

The meeting closed at 2010hrs.

Signed:

Date: