

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 12th October 2009 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: P Norton (Chairman), A Baker, Mrs E A Clare, M Edwards, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, Mrs B Mason, C Mason, J Thompson, K Watkins.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Mrs P Coffey, Mrs J Broadbent and D Thompson.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs V Brown, B Green, Mrs P A Green and G Platt.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register, also Councillor P Norton – Item 11 and Councillor Mrs E A Clare – Items 15 and 17.
3. **Public Session**
The Chairman invited questions from the members of public present.
Mrs J Broadbent stated that whilst the extension of use of the Talbot Centre Tennis Courts should be encouraged consideration should be given to protecting the new surface of the courts. The constant removal of the nets would also have a detrimental impact on them and reduce their longevity. Mrs Broadbent informed the Council that the tennis courts were widely used by people from surrounding areas and not just by residents of Lilleshall. Mrs Broadbent requested that the Council takes this into consideration when discussing Item 11.
Mr D Thompson requested that the Parish Council installs a street light by the bus stop in Oakengates Road, Donnington. The Chairman informed Mr Thompson that the Clerk would investigate the matter.
The Chairman thanked those present for their comments.
4. **Minutes**
Councillors discussed the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council:
 - a. Planning Committee of 1st September 2009.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
 - b. Full Council of 7th September 2009.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising for Information**
Councillor A Baker informed the Council that work had commenced at the Talbot Centre to renovate the toilets.
Councillor J Thompson stated that he would like to thank Councillor Mrs E A Clare for all the hard work she has undertaken with the Planning Application for the development of dwellings at “Tara”, Oakengates Road, Donnington.
6. **Expenditure Transactions**
Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for August 2009.
Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for August 2009 are accepted as a true record.

7. Bank Reconciliations

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2009.

Resolved - that the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2009 is accepted as a true record.

8. Financial Budget Comparison

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st August 2009.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

9. Princess Royal Hospital

The Council considered a request from Mark Pritchard MP to move a motion of support for the Princess Royal Hospital in view of the proposed changes to the Hospital Services. During the debate the Councillors stated that everything possible should be done to protect the services at the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH), Telford. Concerns were raised that Telford was growing in population at a tremendous rate and as such needed a fully operational hospital in its own right. Community groups should be encouraged to write in support of the PRH and certain Councillors were disappointed that this request to Donnington Partnership had not been considered.

The Council also discussed a request from Telford & Wrekin Council to adopt a similar motion which was put to the Borough Council at its last meeting with regard to services at the PRH.

Resolved that:

- The Parish Council writes to the Primary Care Trust strongly objecting to the proposals to downgrade services at the PRH with the view to moving them to Shrewsbury.
- The following motion is adopted regarding the serious threats that are being proposed to services at the PRH:

The preferred option being put forward by NHS bodies will result in the main A&E plus acute surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and neonate services being located in Shrewsbury. This will mean that local people will be deprived of access in Telford to these essential health services. It is imperative that this Parish Council fights the removal and downgrading of services from PRH and protects the health and well-being of the population of this parish and Telford.

This Parish Council indicates its full backing and commitment to actions and a campaign to protect Princess Royal Hospital as the cornerstone of acute health services in the area.

- The Parish Council displays posters on its building in support of the PRH.

The Clerk was asked to send copies of the letter and the motion to Andy Burnham MP Secretary of State for Health and Telford & Wrekin Council.

10. Allotments

The Chairman informed Councillors that issues regarding the parking at the proposed allotment site in Lilleshall have now been resolved and that the planning application for change of use from garden license to allotments has now been submitted to Telford & Wrekin Council at a cost to the parish council of £167.50.

The Council also discussed the possibility of leasing another potential site for allotments from Telford & Wrekin Council which has been identified in Donnington.

Resolved – that the Clerk commences negotiations with Telford & Wrekin Council to obtain the piece of land in Donnington for the purpose of providing allotments and to approach the Fair Share Trust to see if grants are available to help toward the cost of setting them up.

11. Lilleshall Tennis Courts

The Council considered a request from Lilleshall Primary School to:

- Have the tennis courts marked out for netball and five-a-side.
- Allow the Estate Manager to take the tennis nets down and put them back up on the days that the school would like to use the courts and
- Extend their use of the courts to 4.30pm on Tuesdays.

During the discussion Councillors accepted the fact that this is a community facility but were concerned that the five-a-side football would damage the new fencing recently purchased by the Parish Council and that the Estate Manager would not have the time to take the tennis nets down before use by the school. Suggestions were made that the school approaches Telford & Wrekin Council to see if it would consider improving the netball and football facilities in the school grounds. After considerable debate regarding this issue the following proposals were tabled:

Proposal 1 made by Councillor J Hockin and seconded by Councillor A Baker – that the request is refused.

Proposal 2 made by Councillor J Lavery and seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Clare – that the request is accepted.

Resolved – that the aforementioned request from Lilleshall Primary School is refused. The Clerk is to write to the school explaining the reasons.

12. Rural Forum

The Chairman informed the Council that Councillor Graham Platt is willing to be the Parish Council representative on the Rural Forum.

Resolved – that Graham Platt is the Parish Council representative on the Rural Forum.

13. Rural Transport Meeting

The Chairman, Councillor P Norton informed the Council of issues raised at the recent Rural Transport meeting. These included the No. 481 bus not being on time due to the route now including Lichfield and the No 55 bus changing its route midway through its journey one morning. The Forum has raised these and other issues with Arriva and suggested to the Traffic Commission that it fines Arriva for providing a poor service. However, Arriva has not yet replied. A scrutiny report regarding bus services in Telford is due to be published in the near future and the Forum will wait for this before taking any further action.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee Telford & Wrekin Council asking that the views of the Bus Groups are taken into consideration regarding the service provided by Arriva and to the consultants employed by the Borough Council highlighting the issues raised.

14. Wrekin Drive

The Council discussed the issue regarding the amount of HGV's using St George's Road/Wrekin Drive. It was stated that there had recently been a traffic count on these roads, the results of which would soon be available.

The Parish Council is also concerned that there are no directional road signs for the Rail Freight Terminal at roundabouts/junctions in Donnington or when coming into Telford from the direction of Newport. As these were missed off the original planning application for the rail freight terminal it was stated that it is now the responsibility of JGR (Transport) Ltd, the company managing this facility.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to John G Russell (Transport) Ltd requesting the installation of road traffic signs directing vehicles from the M54, along Donnington Wood Way (and not through Donnington itself) and along the A518 from the direction of Newport, together with signage from A442 (Queensway). A copy of this letter is to be sent to Telford & Wrekin Council.

Councillors Mrs E A Clare and M Edwards left the meeting.

15. Planning Applications

The Council considered the following planning applications:

a. W2009/0689

Mr J Wye, 7 Ash Lea Drive, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension (Amended Plans).

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

b. W2009/0730

Mr J W Prescott 14 Halcyon Court, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.

Change of use from open space to private garden land with 2m high fencing.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

c. W2009/0749

Nom Dairy UK Ltd, Donnington Wood Business Park, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of 3no. 8m high aluminium flag poles in forecourt.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

d. W2009/0750

Nom Dairy UK Ltd, Donnington Wood Business Park, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of a 3.7m high freestanding directional sign and logo on aluminium flag pole.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

Each Councillor had received a copy of a letter from Telford & Wrekin Council providing an update into its system of providing planning applications electronically.

16. Correspondence

The Chairman informed the Council that the following correspondence has been received:

- **Shropshire Fire and Rescue consultation questionnaire 2010/2011**

- **“Thank You” letter from Lilleshall Village Tennis Club** regarding work to upgrade the toilets.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the date of the next full Council meeting is 2nd November 2009 at Turreff Hall, Turreff Avenue, Donnington commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2020hrs.

Signed:

Date: