

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Lilleshall Memorial Hall on 4th August 2008 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: B Green (Chair), A Baker, Mrs E A Clare, Mrs P A Green, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, J Lavery, Mrs B Mason, C Mason, P Norton, G Platt, J Thompson, K Watkins.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs V Brown (Ill), M Edwards (Holiday).
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.

3. **Public Session**

The Chair invited questions/comments from the members of the public present. Mrs J Broadbent stated that, as a user of the Talbot Centre Tennis Club, she was delighted to see the increased use of the courts by the school but asked why they also wanted to use it as a hard play area. The Clerk informed Mrs Broadbent that he had held discussions with the school and it was due to the fact that after inclement weather when the school field was muddy they needed somewhere for the children to be able to participate in activities in the open air.

4. **Minutes**

To confirm the following Minutes of the meetings of the Council:

- a. Planning Committee of 23rd June 2008.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b. Full Council of 23rd June 2008.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- c. Halls and Environment Committee of 7th July 2008.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- d. Staff and Personnel Committee of 10th July 2008.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- e. Finance Committee of 21st July 2008.

Concerns were raised that the Clerk had omitted an item from these Minutes with regard to remuneration from the Clerk for the cost of the course should he withdraw from the training for the Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy during the early training stages. The Chair of the Finance Committee stated that it was agreed that this was to have been included in the agreement to be written between the Council and the Clerk with regard to this matter. After much discussion it was **resolved** that the minutes are amended to reflect that remuneration will be claimed from the Clerk should he withdraw from the course and that the amended Minutes are to be presented at the next Finance Committee for approval.

5. Matters Arising for Information

As a result of previous meetings held at Turreff Hall concerns were raised with regard to the acoustics in the hall. Members of the public had complained that they were unable to clearly hear the discussions taking place especially as some Councillors speak quietly. The Clerk informed Councillors that microphones would be provided at the next meeting in Turreff Hall to assist in this matter.

Concerns were raised that, at the last Finance Committee meeting, the two Councillors present that represent the Parish Council on the Lilleshall Memorial Committee left the room whilst a grant application for the Memorial Hall was discussed. One of the said Councillors stated that he had sought legal advice from Telford and Wrekin Council regarding this matter and had been advised to leave the room during this item. This information had then been passed on to the other Councillor. The Clerk was asked to re-clarify this issue with SALC and report back to Council.

A request was then made for Councillors and the Clerk to provide an update with matters concerning Arriva Bus Services. Councillors representing the Parish Council on the bus users groups stated that they had met with Arriva with regard to the poor service that was currently being provided. It was stated that Arriva blamed the problems they were having on current staffing levels and the number of road works currently being undertaken in the area. The Clerk informed Council that he had written to Arriva asking for a representative to attend the Council meeting but had been informed that no-one was available. The Clerk was asked to invite a representative to the next meeting, write to Arriva Headquarters in Cannock with the concerns raised by this Parish Council and if no response is received then to write to the Traffic Commission and copy all correspondence to Councillor A Eade.

Councillor P Norton informed the Council that he had received a response from West Mercia Police regarding the lack of Police Resources in Muxton but, to date, the Clerk had not received a reply from the Home Secretary regarding the issue raised.

6. Expenditure Transactions

Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for June 2008.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for June 2008 are accepted as a true record.

7. Bank Reconciliations

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliations as at 30th June 2008.

Resolved – that the bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2008 is accepted as a true record.

8. Lilleshall Tennis Courts

The Council discussed a request regarding the proposed use of the tennis courts by Lilleshall Primary School.

Resolved – that:

- Lilleshall Primary School can use the tennis courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm for the foreseeable future (excluding the school holiday period) providing there is no disruption to the nets.

- The Clerk is to inform the school that the Parish Council will not be held liable for any Health and Safety issues that arise from use of the courts by the school.
- The timings that the school use the courts are to be published in the next Parish Council newsletter and in the window of the club house.

9. Councillor Training

The Chair informed Councillors that it is recommended that they undertake training for their role and that Councillor training modules 1 and 2 will take place on the following dates:

- a. 8th September 2008 at Edinburgh House, Wem commencing at 7pm.
- b. 9th September 2008 at Craven Arms Community Centre commencing at 7pm.
- c. 10th September 2008 at Shirehall, Shrewsbury commencing at 7pm.

10. Report from Outside Bodies/Organisations.

There were no reports from Councillors representing the Parish Council on outside bodies/organisations.

11. Presentation Evening.

The Chair informed Councillors that the Parish Council will be holding its presentation evening on Monday 1st September 2008 commencing at 7pm at Turreff Hall. The Chair will award prizes to those successful entrants to the garden competition and present the latest grants awarded to organisations by this Parish Council. It was suggested that the local schools are involved in next year's garden competition and that this suggestion is to be included for discussion on the agenda for the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting.

12. Correspondence

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

a. Children and Young Peoples Active Involvement Awards Ceremony.

Nominations are requested to recognise achievements of Children and Young People. The Ceremony will take place during the evening of Wednesday 4th February 2009 at The Place, Oakengates.

b. The Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Festival.

The Festival will take place on the weekend of 27th & 28th September 2008.

c. Local Development Framework for Shropshire

Comments are requested on the planning issues facing Shropshire. Therefore consultation on the Topic Papers and the draft SA Scoping Report will take place between 21st July and 1st September 2008.

d. The Edge Effect.

A half day seminar will be held at Bishop Mascall Centre, Ludlow on 30th September commencing at 1.30pm. This is to discuss the provision of and access to health and social care services across the England Wales border – developing local solutions.

e. Young People's Question Time Event

As part of Local Democracy Week 2008 the aforementioned event will take place on Thursday 16th October 2008 at The Place, Oakengates between 12.30 and 2.30pm.

f. Mayor's Charity Appeal

Councillors are invited to attend a "Ruby Ball" at the Telford Golf and Spa Hotel to launch the Mayoral Charity Appeal.

g. Shropshire Housing Strategy

Consultation regarding the Draft Shropshire Housing Strategy and Housing Allocations Policy and Scheme will take place from 10th July to 3rd October 2008.

h. Safer Roads Partnership

An invitation has been received inviting Councillors to attend the first Annual Review Conference from the Safer Roads Partnership to be held on 19th September 2008 at the Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury.

The meeting closed at 2010hrs.

Signed:

Date:

DRAT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION