

**Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at**  
**Turreff Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.00pm**

**Present:**

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

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

Before the meeting commenced the Council held a minutes silence in honour of one of its former Councillors, Mr M Skelton who sadly passed away on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. Councillors then paid tributes to Mr Skelton.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs P A Green and J Thompson.  
**Resolved** – that the apologies are accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Public Session**  
The Chairman invited questions from the member of public present.  
Mr D Thompson thanked the Parish Council for the new bus shelter installed near to Asda Donnington on St. George's Road.  
The Chairman thanked Mr Thompson for his comments.
4. **Minutes**  
Councillors discussed the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council:
  - a. Full Council 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009.  
**Resolved** – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.  
Councillor Mrs E A Clare requested that in future the minutes show that she leaves the room prior to discussions regarding the Planning Applications.
  - b. Planning Committee 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009.  
**Resolved** – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising for Information**  
The Clerk was asked to update the Council regarding the dispute between a previous hirer of Turreff Hall and the issues regarding Lloyds Bank, Donnington.
6. **Expenditure Transactions**  
Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for:
  - a. June 2009.  
**Resolved** – that the expenditure transactions for June 2009 are accepted as a true record.
  - b. July 2009.  
**Resolved** – that the expenditure transactions for July 2009 are accepted as a true record.

**7. Bank Reconciliations**

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank reconciliations as at:

a. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**Resolved** - that the bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 is accepted as a true record.

b. 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009

**Resolved** - that the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 is accepted as a true record.

**8. Financial Budget Comparison**

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

**Resolved** – that they are confirmed as a true record.

**9. Conclusion of Audit**

The Chairman informed the Council that the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 has been concluded and signed off by the auditors. Mazars LLP had also thanked the Council for the way in which the accounts were presented. The Chairman thanked the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk and Mrs M Wilson for the work undertaken in presenting the accounts.

**10. Amendment and Extension of Local Nature Reserve – “Granville Country Park”.**

The Chairman informed Councillors that Telford & Wrekin Council has extended Granville Country Park Local Nature Reserve. Maps and Bye Laws were included in the letter. Concerns were raised that whilst the size of the Park had increased the funding to Shropshire Wildlife Trust to maintain Granville Country Park had not.

**11. Telford & Wrekin Local Development Framework Telecommunications Development Supplementary Planning Document**

The Chairman informed Councillors that this document was adopted by Telford & Wrekin Council on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**12. Champion Jockey Public House Sign**

Councillors considered a request from Donnington Community Sports and Social Club for it to display the sign once used by the Champion Jockey Public House inside its premises. The request has been made to preserve the link between Donnington and Sir Gordon Richard.

After much discussion the following propositions were received:

- To wait and see if the proposed Planning Application for Netto Supermarket on the former site of the Champion Jockey is approved and if so ask the store if it would be willing to display it on one of its walls for all residents of Donnington to view.
- To loan it to Donnington Sports and Social Club for them to display until an agreement with the above is reached pending planning permission.

**Resolved** – To wait and see if the proposed Planning Application for Netto Supermarket on the former site of the Champion Jockey is approved and if so ask the store if it would be willing to display it on one of its walls for all residents of Donnington to view.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Sports and Social Club thanking it for its offer and to explain the Council's decision.

**13. Pensioners Vouchers**

Councillors were asked to consider the provision of £5 Pensioners Christmas Vouchers for 2009.

**Resolved** – that the Parish Council continues to issue Pensioner Christmas Vouchers for 2009 to the value of £5 and to allocate £5,000 for the purchase of said vouchers under the Local Government Act 1972 s137. If there are no vouchers left by the closing date then the Clerk is to take names and addresses of those requesting vouchers and purchase more. The Clerk is to keep the Chairman informed of events.

**14. Flower Bulbs Ewart Road and Wrekin Drive, Donnington**

Councillors were asked to consider purchasing bulbs to be planted near the junction of Ewart Road/St George's Road and down the grass verge of Wrekin Drive as far as the War Memorial. This will be done on a 2 for 1 deal with Telford & Wrekin Council at a cost to the Parish Council of £500. Telford & Wrekin Council will cover the cost of the planting.

**Resolved** – to purchase bulbs at a cost to the Parish Council of £500 to be planted near the junction of Ewart Road/St George's Road and down the grass verge of Wrekin Drive as far as the War Memorial.

**15. Talbot Centre Tennis Courts**

The Council discussed proposed alterations to the Club House which included renovating the toilets and considered quotes received for this work. Each item of work had been priced separately to enable Councillors decide which aspects of the work could be carried out within budget.

**Resolved** – that the following work is undertaken at the Talbot Centre by the Company providing the cheapest quote:

- Make new doorway from ladies changing room and make good.
- Remove existing Urinal and make good.
- Remove lavatory pan and replace with new.
- Remove site rubbish to landfill.

The Clerk is to obtain a price for a new hand wash facility without the requirement for a water heater. The Clerk was also asked that in future Councillors should receive copies of prices listed in the quotes without the name of the company being disclosed to ensure that there is no confusion during the discussions.

**16. Rural Highways**

The Council considered a letter received from Caroline Oakes regarding suggesting priorities of work required on Rural Highways in the area and to elect a representative to attend meetings to discuss these priorities. Priorities must take into account the criteria as explained in the attached letter.

**Resolved** – that the Councillors for Lilleshall Ward consider the requests contained in the letter and inform the Clerk of any decisions arrived at regarding priorities of work required on the rural highways.

**17. Children and Young People Active Involvement Awards Ceremony**

The Chairman informed the Council that this ceremony will take place during the evening of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at The Place, Oakengates. Nominations are requested from this Parish Council in line with the categories contained within the attached letter.

**Resolved** – that Councillors consider this request and if they wish to nominate a suitable young person then they are to inform the Clerk who can then pass this on to the organiser.

**18. Correspondence**

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

- **SALC Training Seminars** for Councillors – Next Steps 1 & 2 will be held at Wellington Town Council, Civic Offices on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and Shirehall, Shrewsbury on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 between 7pm and 9pm. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.
- **SALC Training Seminars** – Law and Procedures will be held at Shirehall, Shrewsbury on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 between 7pm and 9pm. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.
- **Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation**  
Councillors are invited to submit any comments in relation to the policy by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- **“Thank you” letter from Donnington Police Community Sports and Social ABC.** This is for the grant awarded by the Parish Council for the purchase of four sets of tournament standard boxing gloves. Photos have also been included.
- **Safer Roads Partnership Annual Review Conference**  
An invitation to Councillors has been received for the above event which will take place at Civic Offices (VIP Suite), Telford on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 between 5.45pm and 7.45pm.
- **Telford & Wrekin Council’s Equality and Diversity Policy.**  
A copy of the above document has been received from Telford & Wrekin Council.

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman informed Councillors that the date of the next full Council meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Turreff Hall commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2010hrs.

Signed:

Date: