



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 14th May 2007 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Also Present: Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator), D Thompson, K Buttress Miss E Edwards, Mr Fairclough and Mrs Pat Fairclough (Accreditation Panel for Shropshire).

1. Minutes: Annual Parish Meeting 8th May 2006.

Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2. Chairman's Report:

I have chosen to start this report with the excellent news that on April 2nd 2007 this Parish Council was awarded "Quality Status". This achievement reflects the professionalism of the Council and the hard work and dedication of its staff and Councillors. It is imperative that all involved with council now strive to maintain the standards that this award brings with it.

However, the year was marred by the announcement that the Parish Council, and many other support organisations in and around Telford, were not successful when trying to save RAF Cosford from threatened closure and the moving of its training facilities to RAF St. Athan. It is hoped that RAF Cosford will be retained for future projects thus maintaining jobs. It is also hoped that the area is allowed to continue its strong (and proud) links with the Ministry of Defence both at Donnington and throughout Telford.

It was also announced this year that Donnington has been earmarked for District Centre Regeneration along with other towns and centres within Telford. As a result £20,000 is available per year from Telford and Wrekin Council for improving the areas surrounding the local shops. The Parish Council hopes to establish and maintain a dialogue with the local shop owners, and residents, to discuss where they would like to see the money being invested.

We also saw the removal of the status awarded to Lilleshall as a "Key Settlement" within Telford and Wrekin Council's Local Development Framework (LDF). The Parish Council, together with local residents, actively campaigned against this classification and the misrepresentations made within the scoring matrix. I would like



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to thank everyone that was involved in this process and Telford and Wrekin Council for its effective, and thorough, consultation process.

As a result of various issues raised at one of the Councillor Surgeries held at Muxton, the Parish Council decided to hold a joint meeting with local residents, West Mercia Constabulary and Telford and Wrekin's Highways Department. This was due to the diversity of the issues raised which ranged from speeding traffic, anti social behaviour and many more. The outcome of this was that extra police presence is to be made around Muxton and that a 30mph speed limit has been installed throughout the whole length of Muxton Lane. The Parish Council has requested that Wellington Road, Muxton be included in the programme of works for highway improvements for the next financial year (2007/2008) due to the condition of the road and pavements.

This year also saw the start of a Community Bus around Donnington. Funding for this was provided through a joint partnership with the Parish Council, Donnington Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Telford and Wrekin Council. It aims to provide better access to local supermarkets, shops and those areas not covered by local bus services. The hard work and dogged determination of individual Councillors was greatly appreciated.

With the elections scheduled for May 07 it was with great sadness to learn that three Councillors and colleagues have decided not to stand again as Parish Councillors. My thanks go to Councillors Rodney Pitt, Mike Skelton and Mrs Viv Verster for all the time, work and effort that they gave being Councillors.

On an equally sad note it is with great disappointment to learn that the Assistant Clerk, Mrs Sue Wilson will also be leaving to take up a new life in Norfolk. Sue has been with the Council for six years and will be sorely missed. Our best wishes go to Sue and her family for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity in wishing the new Chair the very best in their Term of Office and thank the Councillors, Clerk and all the staff for their hard work, support and help throughout the year.

I would also like to ask the Clerk to write a letter thanking John Thompson for all his hard work over the years during his time as a Parish Councillor. Unfortunately, he was not elected onto the Parish Council at this year's elections.

3. Questions from Parishioners:

There were no questions from the members of the Public but D Thompson thanked the Parish Council for helping to eliminate the problems at the alleyway between Furnace Lane and James Way.

The meeting closed at 1915hrs.



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Signed:

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