

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 24th November 2008

Present: Councillors A Baker, B Green, Mrs R Gregory, J Hockin, C Mason, G Platt, K Watkins.

1. Election of Chairman

Due to the fact that apologies had been received from the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee, a Chairman had to be elected.

It was proposed that K Watkins is Chairman for this meeting. No other nominations were received.

Resolved – that K Watkins is Chairman of this Committee for this meeting.

2. Apologies: Mrs V Brown, Mrs P A Green, P Norton, J Thompson.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

3. Declaration of Interest: As per Register.

4. Garden Competition 2009

The Committee reviewed the prize awards for the Parish Council Garden Competition 2009. It also discussed awarding a cash prize to the future Overall Winners and involving the local schools in next years' competition.

Resolved – that the future prizes for each category of the Garden Competition are to be as follows:

- a. 1st Place Environmentally Friendly - £50
- b. 2nd Place Environmentally Friendly – £25
- c. 1st Place Front Garden - £50
- d. 2nd Place Front Garden - £25
- e. 1st Place Back Garden - £50
- f. 2nd Place Back Garden - £50
- g. 1st Place Prettiest Container - £30
- h. 2nd Place Prettiest Container - £15
- i. 1st Place Patio/Courtyard - £50
- j. 2nd Place Patio/Courtyard - £25
- k. 1st Place Children's Container - £15
- l. 2nd Place Children's Container - £10
- m. 1st Place School Garden - £50
- n. 2nd Place School Garden - £25
- o. Overall Winner - £50

5. Planning Applications

To discuss the following planning applications:

a. W2008/1217

MOD Donnington, Building B4, South Gate Drive, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.

Erection of a steel container to house a kiln for drying wood.

Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

b. W2008/1246
Edward & John Brown Contractors, Land at, Ambleside Way,
Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Erection of 4no. detached dwellings.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

c. W2008/1255
Telford & Wrekin Council, Garrison Roundabout, Land off, New Trench
Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Display of 3no. 500mm x 1200mm advertisement boards.
Resolved – to strongly object to this application as it will spoil the look
and character of this landmark roundabout. The Garrison roundabout with
its three guns situated on it shows the strong historical link that this parish
has with the Brigade Ordnance Depot. The Parish Council feels that by
placing advertising boards here would be detrimental to its character and
historical standing. Also, advertisement boards distract driver's
concentration which leads to issues with traffic safety.

6. Budgets for 2009/2010

Each Councillor received a copy of the proposed budgets for this Committee for 2009/2010. The Clerk was asked to contact Telford & Wrekin Street Lighting Department to ascertain if there would be any proposed increase in the cost of electric, management and maintenance for street lighting in the next financial year and report back to full Council in January 2009. The Clerk was also asked to place an item on the agenda for this Committee's next meeting whereby the Talbot Centre Tennis Club rent could be discussed.

7. Talbot Centre Tennis Courts

The Committee discussed a letter received from Lilleshall Primary School regarding the use of the Tennis Courts. After discussing the background history of the Talbot Trust and the decisions made at a previous Committee meeting regarding this issue, the Clerk was asked to write to the School reiterating the points raised in previous correspondence.

8. Muxton Primary School Governing Body

The Committee considered a request to nominate a member of the Parish Council to stand on the school governing body for Muxton Primary School as a Minor Local Authority Community Governor. Those present requested more time to consider a nomination.

9. Correspondence

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

a. Invitation to Wellington Town Council Community Carol Service – Sunday 14th December 2008.

b. Telford and Wrekin Council, Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation.

The Clerk was asked to invite a representative from Telford & Wrekin licensing department to the next full Council meeting to discuss this matter.

- c. **Shropshire County Council Independent Policy Commission – Primary School Organisation.**
- d. **Telford & Wrekin Annual report and Summary Accounts 2007/2008.**

The meeting closed at 2020hrs.

Signed:

Date:

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION