



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 19th April 2004

Present: Councillors J Thompson (Chair), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, Mrs V Verster, K Watkins.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs P A Green (Ill), B Green (Caring for wife), P Norton (Ill), R Pitt (Ill), J C Roberts (Work).
Resolved to accept apologies.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None

3. **Lilleshall Memorial Hall**

Mr. David Bufton, Chair of Lilleshall Memorial Hall, was invited to speak to the Councillors regarding the upkeep and running of the Hall. A brief history of the hall was given which included:

- a. how the hall was bequeathed to the residents of Lilleshall
- b. previous grants awarded by the Parish Council
- c. how the hall was, and is now managed.

Mr Bufton explained that:

- i. With the introduction of the Disability Act there had been a problem with facilitating a ramp for the disabled, but fortunately the Post Office had provided one.
- ii. It is thought that the Parish Council has a “moral” responsibility to help run the facility as it is the local village/community hall for the ward of Lilleshall.
- iii. The hall is kept running through voluntary work carried out by the villagers.
- iv. There are mounting Health and Safety issues which need to be resolved as soon as possible.
- v. Work is required on the kitchen, fire doors and windows.

The parishioners of Lilleshall were asking the Parish Council for financial help toward the hall. The Chair explained that the Committee could only recommend an amount to the Finance Committee as it is this Committee which allocates grant money.

The Committee discussed the above request and decided that three quotes for the work required should be provided to the Parish Council for consideration. It was requested that a recommendation for the amount of grant to be given to Lilleshall Memorial Hall be taken to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Resolved – that a recommendation to award Lilleshall Memorial Hall a grant of £3,500 be taken to the next Finance Committee meeting.



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4. **Re-pointing of St. Michael's Church wall**

Councillor A Baker stated that the church wall was past the point of re-pointing and as there was only one quote for the rebuilding work required, the Clerk was asked to obtain more comparative quotes and present them at the next Full Council Meeting.

5. **Bench at High Mount, Donnington**

The previous bench had now been removed due to its poor state of repair and it had been requested that the Parish Council purchase a new bench to replace it. **Resolved** - that the Parish Council purchase a new bench for High Mount, Donnington.

6. **Wellington Road Crossing**

The Parish Council, together with Borough of Telford and Wrekin and the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Donnington, are joint funding the provision of a "Puffin" crossing at Wellington Road, Donnington. It has been requested that the Parish Council contribute £7,500 from this year's precept and a further £7,500 from next years.

Resolved – that the Parish Council contribute £7,500 from this years precept and a further £7,500 from its precept of 2004/2005.

7. **Correspondence**

a. **Lilleshall Gateway Entrance Scheme**

A plan was produced for a slight modification to the Lilleshall Gateway Scheme for the Committee to discuss. This involved the addition of "side buttresses" to the original design. The Committee had no objection to the new design.

b. **Justices Licence, The Champion Jockey, Wrekin Drive, Donnington.**

The Chair informed the Committee that an application had been received for a change of licensee at the above location. The outgoing licensee is a Michelle Davies and the ingoing licensee is Leanne Lee. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

c. **Newport Cottage Care Centre.**

The Chair informed the Committee that an open day is to be held at the above centre and the Councillors had been invited to attend should they wish to see the activities and meet the staff and clients.

d. **Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust**



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An invitation had been received from the above inviting Councillors on a trip on a narrow boat to learn more about the future work of the trust. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the invitation to all the Councillors.

e. Housing Seminar

The Chair informed the Councillors that there was a seminar on affordable housing and a sustainable future for our communities, being held in Powys on 6th May should councillors wish to attend.

f. Local Rail Service

The Chair informed the Councillors that Members of the House of Commons Transport Committee are holding an inquiry into rural railways which is being held at the Guildhall, Shrewsbury on 21st April should councillors wish to attend.

Private Session

Resolved - that under the Local Government Act 1972 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that these matters be discussed in Private Session and the Public have been asked to withdraw.

8. Halls and Environment Minutes 16th February 2004

The Council discussed the minutes of the Halls and Environment Committee meeting of 16th February 2004. **Resolved** – that the Clerk had correctly recorded the minutes of the above meeting.

The meeting closed at 2135hrs.

Signed:

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