



# Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

## Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003 at 7.00pm

### **Present:**

Councillors Mrs P.A. Green (Chair), Mrs V Verster (Vice-Chair), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, B Green, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, C Mason, P Norton, R Pitt, M Skelton, J Thompson, K Watkins.

**Also Present:** Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator), Sgt S Scott, PC N Lake, G Whyle, G Perks.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Water Leak at Home), J Roberts (Childminding). **Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None.

### 3. **Public Session:**

Mr G Whyle asked why the bench that had been earmarked for High Mount, Donnington had been placed at Abbey Road, Lilleshall. The Clerk explained that the warden at High Mount had requested that no bench be placed there due to youths gathering and causing trouble. The fence was broken and the youths were running over the gardens of the properties there. However, since relocating the bench, the fence at High Mount has been replaced and the warden is now happy for a bench to be placed there. The Chair then explained that this location would be considered in the new financial year when deciding to purchase some more benches. Mr G Whyle also requested that a pedestrian crossing be erected at High Mount due to the difficulties the elderly were experiencing in crossing the road. The Chair stated that the Parish Council would invite PC M Riggs (Police Traffic Management) to discuss this issue and any other traffic matters requiring attention.

Sgt S Scott reported to the Council regarding the Donnington bonfire. He stated that an estimated 18,000 people attended. Complaints had been received from the residents at Kingsley Drive regarding parking issues and that he would inform the Council as to what compromises would be made when it is discussed at the next bonfire committee meeting. Sgt Scott also informed the Council that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004 there would be a new Footbeat Officer in Donnington and that he would introduce him to the Council at the next meeting.

Graham Perks asked the Council if they would take an active interest in the proposed new development at the Claypit, Redhill due to the effect it would have on this Parish regarding traffic problems on Redhill Way. The Chair stated that this Parish Council was objecting to any future developments in this area as it also had



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concerns regarding school placements. To this end it had arranged a meeting with a representative from Telford and Wrekin Council at a future planning committee meeting, a date for which has yet to be set. The Clerk was asked to get details and a copy of the proposed plan.

## 4. Minutes

- (a) **Halls and Environment Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2003**  
Councillors M Skelton and C Mason asked why their names had been included in the apologies as they were not on this Committee.  
**Resolved** that they be confirmed and signed as a true record once their names had been omitted from the minutes.
- (b) **Full Council of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2003**  
**Resolved** that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (c) **Planning Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2003.**  
**Resolved** that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (d) **Halls and Environment of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2003.**  
**Resolved** that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (e) **Expenditure Transactions for October 2003.**  
**Resolved** that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

## 5. Pedestrian Crossing – Wellington Road

Councillor C Mason spoke regarding the placing of a pedestrian (puffin) crossing by Barclay Court, Wellington Road, Donnington to enable the elderly to cross the road safely. He explained that Telford and Wrekin had cost this project at around £60,000 and that they would be willing to pay half providing the difference could be raised by other organisations. Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator) had stated that she was willing to give £5,000 from her funding toward it. Councillor C Mason asked if the Parish Council could provide the remaining £25,000. It was asked if it was possible to approach other organisations to see if they would be willing to donate some money and Councillor C Mason explained that he had a meeting with Coverage Care on 10<sup>th</sup> December 03 and would ask them. It was also suggested to approach the Road Safety Management to see if money obtained by speed cameras could be put into this project. Councillor B Green proposed that the Parish Council earmark £15,000 over two years toward this. **Resolved** to discuss as an agenda item at the next Finance Committee meeting due to the affect this would have when setting the precept for 2004/2005.

## 6. Bus Shelters



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Councillor C Mason queried as to why the Clerk had been asked to get quotes from builders to repair the Bus Shelters when the Estate Manager had made such a good job repairing the one in Lilleshall with plastic fascia boards. Councillor A Baker explained that the original design was pleasing to the eye and very practical and that the residents of Lilleshall wanted the Bus Shelters restored back to their original design and condition. He stated that the Bus Shelters were unique and had received little or no maintenance over the last 25 years. He raised concerns that the plastic fascia boards could be set fire to and that with no guttering the water would run off the roof, down the walls and seep into the brickwork which would then cause greater damage. The Chair then read an email from Mr G Platt, a resident of Lilleshall, received by the Clerk this morning. It also stated that; the Shelters were unique, provided shelter to young and old passengers in inclement weather, were in need of repair in line with the original design especially with regard to the disposal of rainwater and that the Government was trying to encourage travel by public transport so that it was vital that the Shelters be restored to their “former glory”. **Resolved** to wait while the Clerk obtained further quotes and then discuss at the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting.

## **7. Landfill Site – Red Hill**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a public meeting at Sheriffhales to discuss the proposed landfill site at Redhill. Concerns raised at the meeting were as follows:

1. That Shropshire County Council had only done the minimum legal requirement in advertising the project and meetings with the public to discuss it.
2. The date for objectors to register was not made sufficiently public enough and Sheriffhales Parish Council had only just managed to register themselves as objectors.
3. Water Leakage from this site.
4. As the level of the land would be raised by 25 metres there would be wind blown rubbish and would be unsightly to people coming into Telford.
5. It would have an adverse affect on the estimated 80,000 people using the Crematorium throughout the year due to the fact that this site would literally be next door.
6. Noise pollution when preparing the site from heavy plant machinery.

However, those that had been too late in registering as official objectors could have their concerns raised by those that had. This Parish Council would have its concerns put forward by Mr Robert Moore (Waste Off Redhill) and Owner of The Oaks Hotel. It was also mentioned that Peter Bradley MP had stated that there were a sufficient number of sites already present.



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## **8. Newport Regeneration Partnership**

Councillor P Norton reported back on a meeting that he had attended recently and explained that he had been given a “Consultation Toolkit” form which he had completed but stressed that they were his own personal ideas. He stated that there were spare forms in the Office should any Councillors wish to complete one. It was stated that it would be a good idea if the Councillors representing Lilleshall Ward would fill one in. Councillor A Baker explained that he had attended the meeting in Lilleshall and there was a possibility that funding was available to repair the Bus Shelters but would have to be applied for by Lilleshall Residents Association as it was not available to Parish Councils. He asked if the Parish Council would agree to Lilleshall Residents Association applying for money to repair the Shelters and the Chair replied that any proposals to obtain funding would be welcome. Councillor P Norton explained that he had only attended the meeting to report back to the Council but they needed a representative from the Parish Council. Councillor P Norton volunteered to be the representative. **Resolved** that the Parish Council allow Lilleshall Residents Association to apply for funding to repair Bus Shelters and that Councillor P Norton be the Parish Council’s representative for the Newport Regeneration Partnership.

## **9. Cordingley Hall – Front Office**

The Chair read an email from Mr R Mundy requesting permission from the Parish Council to alter the front office at Cordingley Hall to make it more practical. **Resolved** that the Clerk ask for a plan of what is proposed, the name of the company that will be contracted with the work and to ensure that R Mundy (Ercall Catering) understands that he is to pay for the work carried out.

## **10. Donnington Methodist Church**

The Chair read a letter received from Donnington Methodist Church requesting that the Estate Manager cut the grass around the Church for a nominal annual fee. The Clerk was asked to monitor the length of time it took for the Estate Manager to complete this task. **Resolved** that the Estate Manager cuts the grass for one year starting in the Spring of 2004 and that the Church applies for a grant to cover this cost.

## **11. Correspondence**

### **a. Appointment of a Parish Council Member to the Standards Committee**

The Chair read a letter from Telford and Wrekin Council stating that its Standards Committee must have a Parish Council representative when dealing with Parish Council matters. Proposed by Councillor C Mason, Seconded by Councillor J Thompson that Councillor B Green should apply



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for nomination to the Standards Committee. **Resolved** that B Green apply for nomination to the Standards Committee.

**b. Redhouse Inn, Lilleshall**

The Chair read a letter informing the Parish Council of notification of an application for change of licensee to Michaela Hesbrook. **Resolved** that there are no objections to this application.

**c. Lodge Coppice Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

The Chair read a letter requesting that the Parish Council purchase two Neighbourhood Watch signs for them. **Resolved** that they apply for a grant from the Parish Council and then it will be considered at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

**d. Redevelopment Telford Town Centre**

The Chair read out an email received from Sharon Clayton asking for any views that the Parish Council may have in respect of improving Telford Town Centre. The Chair asked that if anyone had any points of view to pass them on to the Clerk who would forward them to Andy Rose, Principal Planning Officer for Telford and Wrekin Council.

**e. Carol Service**

The Chair read out an invitation for Councillors to attend the Annual Carol Service at Oakengates Theatre on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

## **12. Planning Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003**

The Clerk informed the Council that the Planning Committee meeting arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003 with Graham Foster (Telford and Wrekin Council) as a guest speaker had now been postponed until a date to be decided in January 2004.

The Chair then wished everybody a Happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 2035hrs.