



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 20th October 2003 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Also Present: Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator), Sgt S Scott, PC N Lake, A Baker, Psyche Hudson (Oakengates Theatre Summer School), Mrs V Allen (Donnington Friendship Club), K Allen (Kids Krazy Klub), Ann Cowan (Telford Pensioners Action Group), Pat David (PRH Breast Clinic).

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs P A Green (Recuperating after operation), R Pitt.
Resolved: that the apologies be accepted.

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

3. **Public Session:** No member of the Public spoke on any issues.

4. Minutes

- (a) **Full Council Meeting of 21st July 2003**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (b) **Planning Committee of 28th July, 8th and 29th September 2003**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (c) **Halls and Environment Committee 8th September 2003.**
Minutes were not sent out by error.
- (d) **Finance Committee of 29th September 2003 and Expenditure Transactions for July, August and September 2003.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

5. Presentation of Section 137 Grant Awards

- The Chair presented the grant awards to:
- a. Oakengates Theatre Summer School



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- b. Kids Krazy Klub.
- c. Donnington Friendship Club
- d. Telford Pensioners Action Group
- e. Princess Royal Hospital Breast Clinic

6. Working With the Police

Sgt Steve Scott spoke regarding the working relationship between the Police and the Parish Council. He stated that the Councillors were more than welcome to drop in to Donnington station with any issues that they would like to discuss.

7. Landfill Site – Red Hill

Councillor B Green spoke regarding his concerns about the proposed landfill site at Red Hill, Priorslee. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of Shropshire County Council and:

- a. Request additional information about the scheme and ask that this Parish Council be kept fully up to date with events regarding this proposal.
- b. Arrange a Public Meeting at Turreff Hall as soon as information is available with relevant planning officers to explain how it will affect the area.
- c. To register in advance this Parish Councils strong objection to the siting of the landfill site at Red Hill for the following reasons:
 - i. Increase of traffic
 - ii. Site being classed as “green land”
 - iii. Reduction in the value of houses in close proximity to the site
 - iv. That the people of Telford are increasing their effort to recycle waste only to see waste being brought into the area from the Midlands.
- d. Write to other Parish Councils whom it will affect to ascertain their views.
- e. Seek advice on initiating a Public Enquiry if this becomes necessary.
- f. Find out when and where the planning meeting is.

8. CCTV Camera

The Clerk requested a fourth camera for Turreff Hall explaining that money left from the hearing loop grant would pay for it. **Resolved** to purchase another Camera at a cost of around £625.

9. Gardening Competition



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Resolved that the Clerk place an article in the next newsletter informing the parishioners of a gardening competition next July with entry forms to be placed in the Easter edition of the Parish newsletter.

10. Ideas for Pensioners at Christmas

Resolved that vouchers for £5 be provided for the pensioners under section 137 Local Government Act 1972 as a gesture of good will at Christmas. The Clerk was asked to enquire if Asda and the Co-op Donnington and Safeways Newport would be willing to provide the Vouchers this year.

11. Advertising Rural Bus Route

Resolved to donate £100 toward advertising the Rural Bus Route as part of the required “in kind” payments to the Countryside Agency.

12. Parish Councillor Surgery

Resolved to hold Parish Councillor Surgeries as part of the requirements toward becoming a Quality Parish. Councillors C Mason and Mrs E A Clare volunteered to combine their Borough Councillor Surgeries with the Parish Councillor Surgeries which occur once a month at Turreff Hall. It was also agreed to vary the venues so that the parishioners of Lilleshall and Muxton would be able to put their issues to the Parish Councillors.

13. Parish Council Membership of the Newport Regeneration Partnership

The Chair read the letter received from the Newport Regeneration Partnership requesting the Parish Council to join as members. **Resolved** that Councillor P Norton attend the meeting to find out more about the Partnership and what the advantages would be to us should we join.

14. Finance Committee Meeting

The Clerk explained that there was a requirement to hold a Finance Committee Meeting prior to the Full Council Precept meeting and the suggested date was 8th December 2003. **Resolved** to hold a Finance Committee meeting on 8th December 2003.

15. Correspondence

a. A Charter for Working Together

Resolved that the Vice-Chair and Clerk attend the launch of the document.



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b. Licensing Act 2003

The Clerk informed the Council that the Statement for Draft Policy regarding the Licensing Act 2003 was in the Parish Office available for the Councillors to read .

c. Multi Use Games Area Donnington

The Vice-Chair read out an invitation for the Councillors to attend the launch of the new Multi Use Games Area on Friday 24th October.

d. Letter Re Donnington Wood Roundabout

The Vice-Chair read out a letter received from Revd. Bill and Margaret Woods who are concerned over the number of accidents occurring at this roundabout. Councillor C Mason explained that he had already faxed a letter to Kevin Sutton (Telford and Wrekin Council) backing these concerns but as yet had not received a reply from him. The Clerk was asked to write to him and to Revd and Mrs Woods supporting these concerns on behalf of the Parish Council.

e. Free Training day for Councillors

The Vice-Chair read out an invitation for Councillors to attend a free training day on Saturday 1st November 2003.

f. Lights at Barclay Lodge

After a site meeting between Nick Gibbons (Telford and Wrekin Council) and Councillor C Mason five lights were noticed to be in need of refurbishment. The replacement heads would cost around £150 each but Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator) was willing to cost-match the Parish Council to replace the heads. **Resolved** to refurbish the lights at Barclay Lodge at a cost to the Parish Council of £375.

g. Controlled Crossing – Wellington Road

A letter has been received from Telford and Wrekin Council requesting that the Parish Council contribute 50% of the cost of the crossing ie. £30,000. The Clerk was asked to investigate other methods of funding for this eg money from the sale of the old Summercroft site and West Mercia Police and other relevant organisations. It is hoped some figures will be available prior to the precept meeting on 12th January 2004.

h. Marie Curie Cancer Care

The Vice-Chair read out a thank you letter from the Marie Curie Cancer Care for the money granted to it by the Parish Council

i. SRB 6 Celebration

The Vice-Chair read out an invitation received from SRB6 for Councillors to attend the Official opening of the Learning Point at Telford Centre.



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j. Personal Safety Training

The Vice-Chair read an email requiring feedback regarding interest in training on Personal Safety for Councillors and Clerks. The Council agreed it was a good idea and the Clerk to respond so.

The meeting closed at 2035hrs.