



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall on 21st July 2003 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Also Present: Ian Williams (Telford & Wrekin Environment Department), Fiona Moore and G Whyle.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Holiday).
Resolved: that the apology be accepted.

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

3. **Public Session:** Mr G Whyle expressed concerns that there was a rumour that Telford and Wrekin Council was planning to build on the recreation grounds in and around Donnington. Some of the land in question was under a covenant when sold by the Miner's Welfare some years ago and that previous applications had been rejected because of this. He was concerned that small pieces of land were disappearing and that children would have nowhere to play.

Cllr C Mason explained that he had been in contact with Telford & Wrekin Council and assured Mr G Whyle that there were no plans for any development in the future. The Chair then read an email received by the Parish Council from Pam Newall (Head of Property and Asset Management at Telford & Wrekin Council) confirming this.

4. **Minutes**

- (a) **Full Council Meeting of 12th May 2003**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (b) **Planning Committee of 19th May and 16th June 2003**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (c) **Halls and Environment Committee 16th June 2003.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- (d) **Finance Committee of 7th July 2003 and Expenditure Transactions for April, May and June 2003.**
Resolved that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.



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5. Presentation of Section 137 Grant Awards

The Chair presented the grant awards to:

- a. Breton Park Residential Association and
- b. Young People Support Scheme.

6. Recycling Initiatives – Talk by Ian Williams

Mr Williams talked about the forthcoming recycling initiatives for Donnington stating that as from 28th July people would be receiving “green” bins and that if any comments were made to the Parish Council could it pass them on to his department. Councillors then asked questions covering an array of topics relating to this matter which were answered by Mr Williams.

7. Audit Report and Accounts

The Clerk had provided each Councillor with copies of the following:

- a. Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2003
- b. Supporting Notes for the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003.
- c. Explanation for the variances in the Statement of Accounts

Details of the Annual Return were explained and that the onus was on the Members to satisfy themselves that all procedures were being complied with. **Resolved** that the Chair sign the Annual Return, the Supporting Notes and the Explanation of the Variances in the Statement of Accounts, for 2002/2003.

8. The Fields, Donnington (Development)

It was felt that this had already been covered in the Public Session. **Resolved** to move on to the next item on the agenda.

9. Membership Society of Local Council Clerks

Resolved that the Parish Council renew its membership at a cost of £72.00.

10. Correspondence

a. Cinematograph Licence Application – Redhouse Inn, Lilleshall.

The Clerk informed the Council that an application had been received for the above. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information regarding what was to be shown. **Resolved** that providing the Chair and Clerk were satisfied with the reply then the application could be accepted.



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b. Best Value Performance and Improvement Plan 2003/04

The Chair informed the Council that the above document was in the Parish Office if they wished to read it.

c. Consultation Paper on Indemnities for Relevant Authority Members and Officers.

Due to the importance of this document it was agreed that the Clerk read through it at his own convenience.

d. Lilleshall Traffic Issues

The Clerk informed the Council that he had received details of the proposed option to ease the Traffic Issues at Lilleshall. **Resolved** that the Clerk display this on the notice board at Turreff Hall.

e. Picture of Her Majesty the Queen.

The Clerk read a letter he had received from Mrs Baker informing the Council that the picture of the Queen had gone missing from Cordingley Hall and was willing to purchase a new picture to be displayed at Turreff Hall. **Resolved** to purchase a new picture of the Queen for Turreff Hall. The Clerk was also asked to look into the purchase of a flagpole and a Union Jack flag for Turreff Hall. The Clerk was also asked to write to Rev. D Butterfield regarding the flagpole at St Michael's Church, Lilleshall asking why it was not used.

f. Letter from Cllr Mrs V Verster regarding Brands Meadow, Muxton.

Due to the amount of issues raised in this letter it was **resolved** that the Clerk send a copy to all Councillors and include it as an agenda item at the next Halls and Environment Committee meeting and then at the next Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.20hrs.