



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of Halls and Environment Committee Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 1st November 2004

Present: Councillors J Thompson (Chair), A Baker, Mrs P A Green, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, P Norton, G Platt, Mrs V Verster, K Watkins.

1. **Apologies:** Mrs V Brown (Ill), B Green (Meeting), C Mason (Broken Hip), M Skelton (Holiday).

Resolved – that the apologies be accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None

3. **Planned Maintenance of Parish**

The Parish Council discussed the following items which had arisen from the tour of the parish:

- a. War Memorial, Donnington

a. Locking some of the gates. Concerns were raised that if the gates were locked then children would climb over the wall thus damaging it over a period of time and that it would encourage vandalism to the gates. **Resolved** – that the gates remain unlocked as they are at present.

b. Removal of Shrubs and Plants. By removing the shrubs and plants it would improve the line of vision of drivers going around the monument area and make it easier for the Estate Manager to maintain. **Resolved** – that the shrubs and plants be removed after 14th November 04 but the trees to remain.

c. Tarmac paths and repair slabs. Concerns were raised that if the slabs were replaced with tarmac this would encourage skateboarding and that many of the slabs were becoming loose. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the Estate manager checked the area for any loose paving slabs prior to Remembrance Sunday and if any found to make them safe. The Clerk was also asked to improve the “No Ball Games” sign there. **Resolved** – that the Clerk gets quotes to re-lay the paving slabs in the grounds of the War Memorial and present them at the next convenient Halls and Environment Committee meeting.

- b. St Michael’s Church, Lilleshall

The Council suggested that the Clerk contact Borough of Telford and Wrekin regarding the disposal of grass cuttings to see if they would be able to help. The Clerk informed the Council that after the Arriva bus accident with the Church wall a loss adjuster had been to visit the site and would be recommending that Arriva’s Insurance Company instruct a stone mason to repair it at a cost to Arriva.



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c. Talbot Centre

The Council considered creating a parking area for the Parish Van at the Talbot Centre. The Clerk produced two quotes and it was **resolved** that the Clerk contact

Company B to confirm that the quote given was to include using edging to retain the materials used and if so then to employ Company B at a cost of £1630.00.

d. Land at Marshbrook Way, Muxton

The Council considered the sale of this land for retail premises together with car parking provision and concerns were raised regarding the loss of green land. The Clerk informed the Council that if it was decided to go ahead with the sale then a planning application for change of use would first have to be granted. It was suggested that the person who initiated this request apply himself so as there would be no cost to the Parish Council. After further discussion it was **resolved** that the area concerned is retained as green land.

e. Turreff Hall

The Council considered providing extra parking facilities to the rear of Turreff Hall and it was **resolved** to retain the parking area as it currently is.

f. Asda Stone

The Clerk informed the Council that the Asda stone had now been placed on the land opposite Muxton Primary School in Marshbrook Way and asked the members to consider placing a plaque on the stone. **Resolved** – that the Clerk obtain quotes for a plaque to be placed on the stone.

g. The Parade – Donnington

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Borough of Telford and Wrekin and the Co-operative Store regarding the Parade, Donnington. Telford and Wrekin had informed the Clerk that when funding became available the road in front of the shops at the Parade would be repaired and improved. However, the Co-operative Store had not as yet replied. **Resolved** – that the Clerk contact the Co-operative Store again to discover what progress had been made.

4. **Speed Restrictions Turreff Avenue**

The Council discussed options for reducing the speed of vehicles in Turreff Avenue and **resolved** that the Clerk contact PC Micky Riggs (Traffic Management Officer – West Mercia Police) and Borough of Telford and



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Wrekin and inform them of the problem with a view to future consultation regarding this matter.

5. **Summer Fair August 2006**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr A Mitchell as requested for advice regarding a Summer Fair and informed the Council of the costs involved. **Resolved** – that the Council consider holding a Community Event at a later date.

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6. **Results of Asset Committee meeting**

The Asset Committee's report was discussed regarding the setting up of Capital Funds for the purchase of an Estate Managers van, to replace the tractor unit of the mower and for future repairs to the flat roof section of Turreff Hall. The Asset Committee's report highlighted the need for extra storage space, not only for the Estate Managers equipment but for storing equipment of groups that use the Hall. **Resolved** – that the setting up of Capital funds for a Parish van, tractor unit of mower and roof at Turreff Hall be deferred for further discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting and that the Clerk contact adjoining Parish Councils to see if they had any storage room for the Estate Managers equipment.

7. **Bretton Park – Rights of Way**

The Clerk informed the Council of the issues involved regarding the Right of Way at Bretton Park, Muxton. Meetings had been held with Andrew Careless (Rights of Way Officer, Borough of Telford and Wrekin) who had explained the situation regarding funding and time scales involved. A letter from Ken Trumper (Member of Ramblers Association) was also read. **Resolved** – that there seemed little else that could be done and that the Clerk writes to Ken Trumper stating that the Parish Council are aware of events and to thank him for his letter.

8. **Cordingley Hall**

The Parish Council was informed that the builder refurbishing Cordingley Hall had requested of the Parish Council permission to re-work the steel doors at Cordingley Hall. The cost of this is to be paid by Ercall Catering as part of their ongoing refurbishment of the Hall. **Resolved** – that the builder be permitted to re-work the steel doors.

9. **Correspondence**

- a. **Planning Application W2004/0617, 112, Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall – Erection of a detached dwelling and detached triple garage.**



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The Chair informed the Councillors that an appeal against the Borough of Telford and Wrekin's decision had been lodged and requested that if any Councillors had further comments regarding this application to inform the Clerk.

- b. Transfer of Justices' Licence, The Globe Bingo Club, Donnington.**
The Council had no objection to the transfer of Justices' Licence to Roger Cooper and Kirk Garside authorising the sale of alcohol at the Bingo Club.
- c. Telford Sea Cadets – Thank You Letter.**
The Chair read a letter of thanks from the Sea Cadets for the grant awarded to them by the Parish Council.
- d. Planning Application W2004/1223, Land off The Fields, Donnington
Erection of a detached bungalow and single garage.**
The Council discussed the application and had no objection to it proceeding.

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- e. Planning Application W2004/1226, Land adjacent to 58, Wellington Road, Muxton. Erection of a detached dwelling.**
The Council discussed the application and objected to it on the ground that the size of the building would be out of character for the area.
- f. Planning Application W2004/1243, 28, Ravensdale Drive, Muxton
Erection of a conservatory.**
The Council discussed this application and had no objection to it proceeding.
- g. Planning Application W2004/1246, Land to rear of 1, Barrack Lane, Lilleshall. Erection of a single detached two storey dwelling.**
This application was discussed and concerns were raised regarding the fact that the entrance was too close to the junction.
- h. Code of Conduct – Registering of Interests and Freemasonry –
Revised advice.**
The Chair informed the Council that the Clerk would send each Councillor a copy of this document.
- i. Annual “Ceremony of Light” Oakengates Theatre**
The Chair informed the Councillors that an invitation had been received inviting the Councillors to join the Mayor of the Borough of Telford and Wrekin to the Annual Ceremony of Light and should any Councillor wish to attend to give their names to the Clerk.
- j. Planning of future development in Telford and Wrekin to 2021**
The Chair informed the Councillors that the Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement regarding the above was available for Councillors to read in the Parish Office.
- k. Redhill Way – Double White Lines**



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The Chair informed the Council that in the interest of safety a solid white line would be installed on the northbound carriageway of Redhill Way between its junction with Checkley Lane and Granville Roundabout.

l. Springboard (Play on Prescription) – Thank you letter

The Chair read a letter of thanks for the grant awarded to Springboard by the Parish Council.

m. Letter from Peter Bradley MP – School Road Bus Shelter

The Chair informed the Council that a letter had been received from Peter Bradley MP enquiring as to the future of the Bus Shelter at School Road as he had been contacted by some residents regarding events that happened there. The Clerk was asked to respond to the letter informing Peter Bradley MP that a survey of the residents had been carried out and that there had been a mixed response from them regarding the removal of this shelter. As it is in a good state of repair the Council would not be considering its removal in the near future and that the Clerk was to contact the Community Support Officers to include it on their patrols.

The meeting closed at 2120hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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