



Lilleshall & Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Lilleshall Primary School on 29th November 2004 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors Mrs V Verster (Chair), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, B Green, Mrs P A Green, Mrs R Gregory, C Mason, P Norton, G Platt, M Skelton, K Watkins.

Also Present: Fiona Moore (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator), Members of the Public, PC N Scott sends apology.

- 1. Apologies:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Husband Ill), Ms C Mason (Work), J Thompson (Work), R Pitt (Work).
Resolved – that the apologies be accepted.
- 2. Declaration of Interest:** Councillor Mrs R Gregory – St Matthew's C of E Primary School (Item 11d).
- 3. Officially Welcome Councillor G Platt**
The Chair officially welcomed Councillor G Platt, newly elected member for Lilleshall Ward to the Parish Council.
- 4. Public Session**

The Chair invited members of the Public to put any questions to the Council.

Mr T Cox asked if the Parish Council was aware of plans to erect a Telecommunications mast on Lilleshall Hill. Councillor A Baker responded in that he understood that the workmen were carrying out a survey regarding signal strength. The Clerk was asked to look into this matter.

Mrs S Harris asked why the grass at Lilleshall Church had not been cut recently. The Chair explained that this was due to inclement weather, other work commitments within the Parish and external commitments of the Estate Manager but on his return to work this matter would be dealt with.

Mrs J Broadbent asked if this related to the Talbot Centre and also asked how much money had been spent out of the budget for the Tennis Club. The Clerk responded that approximately £685 had been spent but could not give an exact figure. The Clerk also mentioned that he was in regular contact with Mrs P Coffey, the Secretary of the Tennis Club and was keeping her up to date with matters.



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Mrs M Francis thanked the Parish Council for bringing its meeting to Lilleshall and hoped that future meetings could also be held there.

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The Council was also asked about issues regarding road maintenance in Hillside West and along Wellington Road, Muxton. The Clerk was asked to send a letter on behalf of the Council requesting that these roads be included into their repair/maintenance schedule.

Mr M Astley asked the Parish Council if it would help sort out problems with youths at the footpath at the bottom of Columbine Way, Donnington. He explained that he had warned the Borough of Telford and Wrekin that opening this path would cause problems which include:

1. Motorbikes entering Columbine Way at the side of the existing barrier over the private garden of no. 28. Damage has occurred to this property's outside garden lanterns as well as ruts in garden.
2. Motorbikes racing up & down the cycle path/footpaths and un-adopted road at speeds that make it unsafe for pedestrians & bicycle users.
3. Break-ins to the rear of no. 26 and damage to garden gate
4. Very poor lighting along this right of way.

The Chair informed Mr Astley that the issues were already being looked into and possible solutions are:

- a. Replace the barrier with one that makes access with motorbikes difficult (possibly Elephant Ears?). Also place fencing to prevent current gap between the barrier and private garden.
- b. Replace existing bollards with more substantial and appropriate barriers from The Fields Road onto right of way. Block off gap between side of path and tree with barrier extension (but not damaging roots of the tree – it might need to be placed in different position to existing bollards).
- c. Install additional barriers along the Donnington Wood Way cycle/footpath ensuring that gaps allowing access around the barriers are not permitted.
- d. Request that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin close the footpath.
- e. Improve lighting as follows:
Upgrade existing light at rear of 24, Columbine Way. Tree pruning also required. Install additional light beyond the tree and before light No. L2590 and upgrade existing lights L2590, L2585 and L2570.

The Chair also mentioned that the Police are targeting the area more to deal with the problems with youths congregating there.



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5. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on:

- a. Planning Committee Meeting of 11th October 2004.
Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b. Full Council Meeting of 11th October 2004.
Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- c. Full Council Meeting of 1st November 2004.
Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- d. Halls and Environment Committee of 1st November 2004.
Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.

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- e. Planning Committee of 8th November 2004.
Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- f. Finance Committee Meeting of 15th November 2004.
Resolved – that the minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. Expenditure Transactions

The Clerk produced the expenditure transactions for October 2004.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions be confirmed and signed as a true record.

7. Risk Assessment

The Council discussed the updated Risk Assessment for this Parish Council.

Resolved – that the updated Risk Assessment be adopted by this Parish Council.

8. Funding for Telford and Wrekin

The Chair read a letter received by the Council from Wellington Town Council requesting support to ensure that the Revenue Support Grant settlement from the Government reflects the true population of Telford and Wrekin.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes on behalf of the Parish Council in support of Wellington Town Council requesting that the Government reflects the true population of Telford and Wrekin when issuing the Borough with the Revenue Support Grant.



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9. **Traffic Management Issues and potential future schemes**

The Chair read a letter from John Charles (Team Leader, Traffic Management BT&W) requesting that the Parish Council inform him of any traffic management issues it may have within the parish as he was currently in the process of developing the programme of works for the next financial year. The Council suggested the following areas which it felt required schemes which would manage the traffic in a better way:

- a. Junction at the bottom of St George's Road and Wrockwardine Wood Way where traffic has problems exiting the junction.
- b. Junction of Wellington Road onto School Road where there is a similar problem.
- c. Church Road, Lilleshall where a better signs are required to stop large vehicles trying to get around the Church as the road is too narrow.
- d. Roundabout on Donnington Wood Way/Marshbrook Way where despite better road surfacing vehicles still approach the roundabout at speed and lose control of their vehicles coming off the roundabout. Perhaps something could be done to force vehicles to reduce their speed.
- e. Improve the road and parking facilities to include disabled parking bays and access onto the pavements at the Parade, Donnington.
- f. Some form of traffic management to reduce cars speeding up Furnace Lane and Gibbons Road especially as schoolchildren have to cross these on their way to and from Sutherland School.

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10. **Telford and Wrekin Local Development Framework**

The Chair asked the Council if it had any comments to make regarding the Draft Statement of Community involvement – November 2004. The Chair was aware that the Councillors had only received the summary of this document with their agendas and informed the Councillors that the full document was available from the Parish Office. Comments had to be received by 22nd December 04.

11. **Correspondence**

- a. **Transfer of Licence, The Bell Inn, Donnington Wood.**
The Council have no objection to this application.
- b. **Response from Neil Roderick regarding the Puffin Crossing, Donnington and Wellington Road, Muxton.**



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The Chair read an email from Neil Roderick in response to issues brought up by the Planning Committee regarding the Puffin Crossing, Wellington Road. He also clarified the traffic calming work that is being undertaken on Wellington Road, Muxton.

- c. Planning Application W2000/0908, Conversion of farm buildings into six dwellings at rear of Brockton Leasows, Lilleshall.**

The Chair informed the Council that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin has permitted this application to convert farm buildings into six dwellings.

- d. Planning Application W2004/1403, Borough of Telford and Wrekin, St Matthew's Road, Donnington. Erection of a single storey extension.**

The Council have no objection to this application.

- e. Planning Application W2004/1415, Annington Property Ltd, land at Primmer Road, Donnington. Relocation of Playground.**

The Council have no objection to this application.

- f. Planning Application W2004/1423, Mr & Mrs Bunnell, Bywater, 40, Limekiln Lane, Lilleshall. Single storey rear extension.**

The Council have no objection to this application.

- g. Local Government Pension Scheme – ODPM Green Paper**

The Chair informed the Council that the above document had been received and it would be available for Councillors to read at the Parish Office.

- h. Standards Board for England guidance for members regarding Lobby groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct.**

The Clerk asked if members had received the above booklet with their agendas and informed those that had not that extra had been ordered and would be distributed accordingly.

- i. Telford and Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**

The Chair informed the Council that the AGM for the CAB had been postponed and has been re-scheduled for 13th December 04.

- j. Planning Application W2004/1450, Mr R Hodges, 9, Baldwin Webb Avenue, Donnington. Proposed two storey extension to side.**

The Council have no objection to this application.

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- k. Planning Application W2004/1451, Mr R Hodges, 9, Baldwin Webb Avenue, Donnington. Proposed single storey garage extension to side.**

The Council have no objection to this application.



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l. Planning Application W2004/0685, Cedar Bungalow, Old Farm Lane, Lilleshall.

The Chair informed the Council that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin has permitted this application to demolish the existing bungalow and erect a two storey dwelling with linked double garage.

m. Planning Application W2004/1174, 55 The Crescent, Donnington.

The Chair informed the Council that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin has permitted this application to erect a two storey extension to side and rear.

n. Planning Application W2004/1129, Mount View, Hillside, Lilleshall.

The Chair informed the Council that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin has permitted this application to erect an extension to form a utility and demolish a garage to form a new double garage and granny annex.

o. Planning Application W2004/1193, 11, Queens Road, Donnington.

The Chair informed the Council that the Borough of Telford and Wrekin has permitted this application to demolish the existing building and erect a single dwelling (outline).

p. Enhanced Community Punishment

The Chair informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Community Punishment Officer requesting ideas for projects in the area. Councillors were asked to pass any comments or ideas to the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 2000hrs.

Signed:

Date: