

Lilleshall and Donnington Parish Council

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall, Donnington on 8th March 2010 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: P Norton (Chairman), A Baker, Mrs V Brown, Mrs E A Clare, M Edwards, Mrs R Gregory, B Green, J Hockin, J Lavery, C Mason, G Platt, K Watkins.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Reverend Pam Bickley, Mrs P Coffey, Mrs W Thompson, WPC N Scott and Councillor N Dugmore.

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Mrs P A Green and Mrs B Mason.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.

3. **Public Session**

The Chairman invited questions from the member of public present.

Mrs P Coffey informed the council about the training opportunities for children and adults at the Talbot Tennis Courts. Grants had been obtained from Sports Unlimited to coach children and increase community cohesion. The tennis club had engaged with Lilleshall Primary School and this has been a great success. Mrs Coffey asked the parish council for permission to use the tennis courts every Saturday during school term time between the hours of 2pm and 4pm for the coaching of children and adults. Depending on demand, the tennis club may have to request further sessions.

Councillors then asked questions regarding special concessions for underprivileged children, parking and what the fees would be used for.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Coffey for her comments.

Resolved – that item 13 is discussed next.

4. **NHS Telford & Wrekin**

The Council received a short presentation from Reverend Pam Bickley, NHS Telford & Wrekin regarding the proposals for health strategy and healthcare improvements for the future. After the presentation Councillors asked questions on the information provided and the future of the Princess Royal Hospital and The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Councillors stated that both Shrewsbury and Telford needed fully operational hospitals in their own right. After concerns were raised regarding the moving of essential services from the hospitals, Reverend Bickley stated that no-one knows where these services are going at the moment.

The Chairman asked Reverend Bickley for information regarding the amount of money provided by the Welsh Assembly and how much money was available in the Every Disabled Child Matters Budget and she stated that she would email it to the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Reverend Bickley for her time and the information provided.

Councillor M Edwards then gave his apologies as he had to leave the meeting for another engagement.

5. Minutes

Councillors were requested to confirm the following Minutes of the meetings of the Council:

- a. Full Council of 8th February 2010.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b. Full Council of 22nd February 2010.
Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising for Information

The Clerk provided Councillors with information regarding the following issues raised at the meeting held on 8th February 2010:

Use of Commercial buildings for Code of Conduct meetings

Bollards and signs

Street Trading Application

Allotments

Donnington Broadoaks and Recreation Ground

Freedom of Borough G Whyle

7. Expenditure Transactions

Each Councillor received a copy of the expenditure transactions for January 2010.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for January 2010 are accepted as a true record.

8. Bank Reconciliations

Each Councillor received a copy of the bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2010.

Resolved – that the bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2010 is accepted as a true record.

9. Financial Budget Comparison

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st January 2010.

Resolved – that they are confirmed as a true record.

10. Bus Shelter

Councillors considered purchasing a new innovative solar panelled bus shelter at a cost of £1,300 for installation at the junction of Turreff Avenue and Morris Drive. Telford & Wrekin Council will install the shelter.

Resolved – to purchase the solar panelled bus shelter at a cost to the Parish Council of £1,300.

11. Garden Competition

To inform the Council that the proposed date for the Parish Council garden competition for 2010 is Saturday 17th July.

Resolved – that this year's Parish Council Garden Competition will take place for schools on Friday 16th July and for parishioners on Saturday 17th July 2010. The judges are to be Councillors Mrs R Gregory, C Mason and K Watkins.

12. Street Lighting

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had met with the Street Lighting Technician Telford & Wrekin Council to discuss the street lighting on Red Hill/Deer Park Way which is damaged and has previously been reported to the Council. He informed them that the road in question is blocked off at both ends by mounds of earth and is inaccessible to vehicles. Complaints regarding how dark the area was had been received from members of the public walking their dogs.

Resolved – that the wiring is made safe but not to upgrade the lights in this area at a cost estimated at around £12,600 as it would not be considered best use of tax payer’s money.

13. Talbot Centre Tennis Courts

The Parish Council considered a request from the tennis club for use of both courts on Saturdays between 2pm and 4pm to coach approximately 40 children and 10 adults. In the public session Mrs Coffey had also informed the council that should it prove to be very popular that another session may be required during the week.

Resolved – to allow the tennis club the use of the courts on Saturdays between the hours of 2pm and 4pm for the coaching of children and adults.

14. Policies and Procedures

The Chairman requested that the Council adopts the following policies and procedures:

- Data Protection Policy
- Document Retention Policy
- Policy for Dealing with the Media.

Resolved – to adopt the aforementioned policies for this Parish Council.

15. Correspondence

The Chairman informed the Council that the following correspondence has been received:

- **Bus Users Meeting** – to inform the Parish Council that the next bus users meeting will be held on 23rd March 2010 in the CYP room, 1st floor, Civic Offices.
- **Shropshire Council Core Strategy Final Plan Publication**
- **Latest newsletter from The Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust.**
- **Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust AGM 20th March 2010**
- **“Glamour and Glitz of the Hollywood Oscars” charity ball on 23rd April 2010 at the Hadley Park House Hotel** – an invitation from the Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Council, Councillor Karen Blundell.
- **Proposals for revised bus services in Telford** – to inform Councillors of the dates and locations of the forthcoming consultation events regarding the revised bus services.

Resolved – that under Local Government Act 1972 Section 100A, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that these matters be discussed in Private Session and the Public have been asked to withdraw.

Private Session

16. **Cordingley Hall**

Each Councillor had received a summary of the meeting that had taken place between The Clerk, Mrs P Mundy and Councillors Mrs R Gregory and, C Mason. The Councillors considered the options available and the propositions made.

Resolved – that the Clerk contacts Lanyon and Bowdler Solicitors to check the terms of the lease of Cordingley Hall to ensure that the Council acts in a legal manner when dealing with the tenants. Councillors C Mason and G Platt are to accompany the Clerk to assist at the meeting. The Clerk is then to report back to the Council with the outcome of this meeting. In the meantime the Clerk is to continue chasing the debt owed by whatever legal means.

17. **Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman informed Councillors that the date of the next full Council meeting is 12th April 2010 at Turreff Hall commencing at 7pm. He also informed Councillors that the only available date for Councillor A Eade and Mr V Brownlees to meet with the Parish Council would be Monday 19th April 2010 should Councillors continue to wish to do so.

Resolved – that the Parish Council calls an extraordinary meeting of the Council to meet with Councillor A Eade and Mr V Brownlees on 19th April 2010 to discuss issues in and around the parish.

The meeting closed at 2055hrs.

Signed:

Date: