

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall
on 10th May 2010 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk).

1. Minutes: Annual Parish Meeting 11th May 2009.

Resolved – that the amended minutes be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2. Chairman's Report:

This year has been somewhat disrupted by the fact that there has been an air of uncertainty over the future of the Parish Council with the ongoing Community Governance Review. The Clerk and Officers from the Democratic Services Telford & Wrekin Council have spent a considerable amount of hours collating the information required which was published in the Draft Proposals. I am delighted to say that on 15th April 2010 the Licensing Committee confirmed and approved publication of the final proposals which stated that there will be no change in the present community governance arrangements in the Parish of Lilleshall and Donnington. A re-organisation order will now follow to change the name of the Parish to Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton.

Parish precept: With the current global financial predicament I am pleased to report that this Parish Council will not be increasing its Parish precept for the financial year 2010/2011. This does not mean, however, that there will be a reduction in any of the services it currently provides.

Operational Efficiency Programme (OEP): Concerns over the future of ABRO Donnington recently came to light with the publication of a document proposing investigations into efficiency savings within the MOD. As a result the Council wrote to Kevan Jones MP as it was concerned that by outsourcing non-sensitive departments such as storage, distribution etc to the public sector, jobs would be lost in Donnington. After no response Lord Grocott was contacted to see if he could get an explanation. Eventually a letter was received explaining the OEP and how it is undergoing an in-depth analysis of the DSDA to see if there are opportunities for efficiencies to be delivered through a combination of internal improvements; estates development and land sales; and value for money benchmarking of internally provided services. The Council will continue to monitor this situation and would like to thank Lord Grocott for his help.

Civic Service: On 7th March 2010 I held a Civic Service at St John's Church, Muxton.

The service went extremely well and I would like to thank all those that attended especially Lord Grocott, The Mayor of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin, her consort and the Chairmen of adjoining Parish/Town Councils. I would also like to thank Reverend Mike Jones and his team of staff at the Church who helped make it a most enjoyable morning.

Allotments: After much delay it now appears that matters regarding the allotments seem to be moving forward. A planning application for the site in Lilleshall is awaiting determination whilst the Parish Council is awaiting the finalisation of a lease for the proposed site in Donnington. It is hoped to have the allotments up and running by the end of the year.

Community Engagement Meetings (CEM): I am delighted to see that the CEM's in Muxton are still well attended and it gave me great pleasure at the last meeting to receive the views and discuss issues with the Children representing Muxton School Council. My thanks goes to PC Duncan White and his local policing team for their work in Muxton, WPC Nikki Scott and her team for dealing with issues in Donnington and to Sgt Chris Munro and his team for his work in Lilleshall.

I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking all the Councillors for their support and hard work throughout the year and thank our Parish Clerk Ralph Morgan for his support which has been very much appreciated. Also, many thanks to all the staff, Angela, Derek and Helen for their support and hard work throughout the year.

The Chairman also thanked Councillors, the Clerk and his wife for their personal support throughout the year.

3. Questions from Parishioners:

There were no parishioners present.

Councillor C Mason proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his work during the year which was seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Clare.

The meeting closed at 1905hrs.

Signed:

Date: