

DONNINGTON AND MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at St John's Church, Muxton on 12th October 2016

Present: Councillors: Mrs E A Clare, Mrs R Gregory, D Hayward, A Lawrence, C Mason, V Rainsford, J Lavery, Mrs L Edwards and J Thompson.

Also Present: K Watson (Assistant Clerk)

Election of Chairman: As both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had given their apologies Members were asked to nominate a Councillor as Chairman for this meeting. Proposed by Councillor J Thompson, seconded by Councillor C Mason that Councillor Mrs E A Clare is Chairman for this meeting. No other nominations were received.

Resolved – that Councillor Mrs E A Clare is elected as Chairman for this meeting.

16/10/94 Apologies: Councillors Mrs L Dugmore (Chair), N Dugmore and M Edwards,
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

16/10/95 Declaration of Interest: As per Register. Also, Councillor Mrs R Gregory – Item 16/10/104 Donnington Community Library.

16/10/96 Public Session: There were no members of the public present.

16/10/97 Dog Fouling and Street Champions

Due to unforeseen circumstances Tina Brasenell (Environmental Engagement Officer Telford & Wrekin Council) was unable to attend the meeting and discuss what can be done to reduce dog fouling in the parish and provide information on Street Champions operating within the parish. Councillors asked that this item is included on the agenda for the next Council meeting in November. Unfortunately Tina Brasenell was not present at the meeting. The councillors requested an invitation be sent out to her to give this presentation at the next Council meeting.

16/10/98 Minutes

To confirm the following Minutes of the Council:

- a. Planning Committee meeting held on 12th September 2016.
Resolved - that they are confirmed and signed as a true record
- b. Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2016.
Resolved - that they are confirmed and signed as a true record
- c. Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2016.
Resolved - that they are confirmed and signed as a true record

16/10/99 Matters Arising from Minutes

Highway Issues – Councillors were informed that the Highway Issues mentioned at last Council Meeting are now being actioned by Telford and Wrekin Council.

Street Light, The Glebelands – Councillors were informed that a ticket had been raised with Telford & Wrekin Council on request by The Wrekin Housing Trust to repair the streetlight at The Glebelands.

16/10/100 Expenditure Transactions

Each Councillor received a copy of the Expenditure Transactions for August 2016.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for August 2016 are ratified and accepted as a true record.

16/10/101 Income Received

Each Councillor received a copy of the income received report for August 2016.

Resolved – that the income received report for August 2016 is accepted as a true record.

16/10/102 Financial Budget Comparisons

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st August 2016.

Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

16/10/103 Bank Reconciliation

Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st August 2016.

Resolved – that the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2016 is accepted as a true record.

16/10/104 Lifelong Learning Centre

Councillors discussed the email received from Rachael Jones (Service Delivery Manager Telford & Wrekin Council) with regard to the future of the Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC). Councillor Mrs E A Clare stated that three options were being investigated. These were as follows:

- a. Telford & Wrekin actively search for a new charity to manage the building
- b. Telford & Wrekin Council work with a range of stakeholders including the partnership, existing building users and residents to establish a new body to manage the centre.
- c. Donnington Partnership considers becoming a Trust in its own right and manages the building.

Concerns were raised that due to prior prolonged negotiations with an external organisation which had now withdrawn, time is running out to achieve the options above. It was suggested that some of the groups that use the Lifelong Learning Centre and the IT Suite relocate to Turreff Hall should the need arise. However, Councillors were concerned that those currently using the facilities provided at the LLC would not come down to Turreff Hall.

Councillor Mrs E A Clare suggested that a meeting is arranged to discuss options and the Chairman Councillor Mrs L Dugmore is invited to this to ensure she is aware of what is being proposed.

16/10/105 Donnington Community Library

Councillors considered formally agreeing to take over Donnington Community Library and discussed the Business Case for Partnership Working which included the proposed 99 year peppercorn lease of the building. Councillors were informed that once this has been agreed a Service Level Agreement will be drafted by Telford & Wrekin Council which, once agreed and signed, will allow for the transfer of the one off grant funding lump sum.

This sum will then enable the Parish Council to proceed in carrying out the necessary alterations required. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all the work carried out so far. Councillors were also requested to:

- a. consider giving delegated authority to the Clerk and Chairman to agree and sign the Service Level Agreement when satisfied all requirements are met and
- b. Consider creating a library committee from the library working group and giving it delegated authority to consider quotes, to authorise expenditure and oversee the work required.

Resolved – that:

1. The Parish Council formally agrees to take over the running and management of Donnington Community library.
2. The Parish Council ratifies the Business Case for Partnership Working to include the 99 year lease of the library building to the Parish Council at a peppercorn rent.
3. The Parish Council gives delegated authority to the Clerk and Chairman to agree and sign the Service Level Agreement when satisfied all requirements are met and
4. The library working group becomes the library committee with delegated authority to consider quotes, to authorise expenditure and oversee the work required.

16/10/106 #PRH4Me Campaign

Councillors discussed and **resolved** to support the following motion put forward by Councillor Shaun Davies with regard to the Princess Royal Hospital Telford:

Hospital services are currently under review at the Princess Royal Hospital, with the potential that some services could move to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and vice versa. Reports suggest that the PRH in Telford will be losing its A&E as we know it, and perhaps even more worryingly, the Women & Children's Centre looks set to close after opening just two years ago at a cost of £28 million.

The #PRH4Me campaign aims to raise awareness of hospital services and gather pledges of support for the Princess Royal Hospital.

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council believes that any downgrading of services at the PRH would be detrimental to the residents in this area.

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council fully supports the #PRH4Me campaign, the PRH and the services it provides, and wishes to show how valued the hospital is in this parish and encourage residents to also pledge their support for the PRH

Councillors also requested that the Clerk, in regard to their support, write to the following:

Jeremy Hunt – Health Minister

MP's Mark Prichard and Lucy Allen

PRH4Me Campaign

16/10/107 Grant Application

Councillors discussed the grant application for Telford Chin Woo deferred from the Council meeting held on 12th September 2016.

Resolved – not to award a grant to Telford Chin Woo as it is deemed to be a personal business.

16/10/108 Pensioners Christmas Vouchers

Councillors considered granting pensioners aged 65 years and over, that reside within this parish £5 vouchers for Christmas 2016.

Resolved – To spend £3,000.00 on Pensioners Vouchers. It was agreed that the Councillors would hand out the vouchers and not the Clerk/Assistant Clerk.

16/10/109 Good2Great

Councillors discussed the data and feedback received from Good2Great regarding its workshops held in Donnington. The Chairman informed Councillors that it was unfortunate that a representative was unable to attend this meeting. The Councillors agreed to write to emphasize how disappointed they were that a representative could not attend but to invite them again to the next Council Meeting.

16/10/110 Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting

Councillors requested that the following items be included for discussion on the agenda of the next Council meeting:

New Budgets

Speed Limits on estate roads

Church Walk, Donnington

Dog Fouling and Street Champions

Good2Great

16/10/111 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th November 2016 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2000hrs.

Signed:

Date: