

DONNINGTON AND MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall, Donnington on 8th April 2019

Present: Councillors: P Loughlin (Vice-Chairman), Mrs L Dugmore, N Dugmore, Mrs R Gregory, A Lawrence, C Mason, V Rainsford and J Thompson.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Sgt R Aston (West Mercia Police), Mrs N Casey (Casey's Venues), A Moore (Local Democracy Reporting Service), M Clegg, J Gough and M Stokes.

19/04/208 Apologies: Councillors E A Clare, Mrs L Edwards, M Edwards, D Hayward and J Lavery.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

19/04/209 Declaration of Interest: As per Register. Also, Councillor Mrs R Gregory – Item 19/04/212(1)

19/04/210 Public Session

M Stokes asked if it would be possible to get the Pride in the Community team to carry out a litter pick on Central Hall, Donnington due to the volume of litter there. The Clerk was asked to log the issue with idverde to get the area litter picked and copy in A Astley (Telford & Wrekin Council Assistant Director – Customer & Neighbourhood Services) and D Hanley (Telford & Wrekin Council Service Delivery Manager - Environment & Neighbourhood Services) as some Councillors had stated that they had experienced some teething problems with the new environment contractors. It was stated that the children from Donnington Community Hub would be carrying out a litter pick on 17th April and they would target this area.

M Clegg asked if it would also be possible to clean out the wildlife pond at this location. The Clerk was asked to speak to K Grice (Telford & Wrekin Council Environmental Officer) regarding this matter.

19/04/211 Smartwater Scheme

Councillors received a presentation from Sgt Ram Aston regarding the Smartwater Scheme and discussed the way it is being funded. Councillors were informed that a grant is available from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and West Mercia Police which will contribute 25% of the cost of Parish/Town Councils providing Smartwater kits to its residents. Councillors were concerned of the total cost this would have on this Parish Council considering it has in the region of 5,800 properties and the kits are being offered to Parish Councils at £8.95. Councillors asked if the scheme could be broken down over this Councils Wards. The Clerk was asked to supply Rachael Oakley (Smartwater) with the number of houses in each Ward and Sgt Aston stated that he would discuss the matter with her to see if it was feasible to purchase them for a Ward at a time.

As Mrs N Casey had come to discuss Cordingley Hall it was **resolved** to discuss Item 19/04/217 next. The meeting was adjourned to allow Mrs Casey time to explain her plans for Cordingley Hall which involves renovating a grassed area at the rear of the building to a low

maintenance garden, improving disabled access, working with the Georgia Williams Trust to create a peace garden with a theme to allow youths to follow their dreams and to donate a free night for charities every year. It is also planned for Cordingley Hall to become licensed for weddings. The work also involves the removal of a couple of trees.

The meeting then reconvened.

19/04/217 Cordingley Hall, Donnington

Councillors discussed Mrs Casey's request.

Resolved – to allow, in principle, Casey's Venues to do the work requested at Cordingley Hall but this Council wishes to see the detailed plans when produced.

19/04/212 Grant Applications

Councillors considered requests received for grants from this Parish Council.

Resolved – that under the General Power of Competence the following grants were awarded:

1. Donnington Community Hub	£ 500.00
2. Telford Visually Impaired Group	£ 300.00
3. Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin	£ 200.00
4. Crucial Crew	£ 300.00
Total	£1,300.00

19/04/213 Minutes

To confirm the following Minutes of the Council:

- a. Planning Committee meeting held on 11th March 2019.
Resolved – that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- b. Council meeting held on 11th March 2019.
Resolved – that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- c. Planning Committee meeting held on 25th March 2019.
Resolved – that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

19/04/214 Matters Arising from Minutes

Speed Indicator Display Signs (SIDS) – Councillors were informed that the permanent SIDS had now been installed on Wellington Road, Muxton near to Breton Park. Prysmian had collected one of the Parish Council SIDS and was currently testing lamp posts in the requested areas to see if they can hold the weight.

Poppies for Lamp Posts – Councillors were informed that the 100 lamp post poppies had been purchased and delivered and stored at Turreff Hall.

Allotments – The Clerk informed Councillors that he had started looking for suitable land owned by Telford & Wrekin Council in Muxton to provide additional allotments but would extend the search further to other land owners.

Telford Priory School Summer Fayre – As this Council had not yet managed to employ a Community Events and Engagement Officer concerns were raised as to who would now attend the event representing the Council. Some Councillors volunteered and the Clerk asked what Councillors wished to display at this event.

19/04/215 Christmas Lights

Councillors discussed the quotes received to provide Christmas Lights for this Parish Council.

Resolved – that Turnock Ltd is awarded the contract to supply this Council's Christmas lights on a three-year contract to include a 5.5m Christmas cone tree. The Clerk is to liaise with them to cost additional lights and connections.

19/04/216 Picnic Bench

Councillors discussed replacing the picnic bench at Central Hall ("the snake"), Donnington due to the vandalism which recently destroyed it.

Resolved – that the Parish Council purchases a new bench to replace the one that has been vandalised.

19/04/218 Parking on grass verges Marshbrook Way

Councillors discussed the issue of vehicles parking on grass verges on Marshbrook Way, Muxton by the entrance to Granville Country Park. Councillors also discussed an email received regarding the bollards off Marshbrook Way on Holland Drive from Telford & Wrekin Council which is requesting that the Parish Council accepts liability for these as the Parish Council had them installed.

Resolved – that the Clerk contacts Telford & Wrekin Council to see if it would be possible for it to provide a car park on the land off Marshbrook Way roundabout. The Borough Councillors were asked to request that some of Telford & Wrekin Council's Pride money is used for this as it would substantially increase the footfall to Granville Country Park. With regard to the bollards on Holland Drive, Councillors agreed to accept all future costs in relation to their maintenance and deal with all future enquiries/complaints regarding them. With regard to the Parish Council accepting any liability for any accidents or injuries that occur in relation to these bollards, the Clerk was asked to contact Telford & Wrekin Council and request that it contacts the Borough and Parish Councillor that had them installed to further discuss this matter.

19/04/219 Motorbikes, Granville Country Park

Councillors discussed the issue of motorbikes racing around Granville Country Park and what can be done to prevent this.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to Telford & Wrekin Council regarding concerns and dangers posed by motorbikes on Granville Country Park and discuss the possibility of having strategically placed sleepers at random points in the park. The Clerk was also asked to contact the Police requesting that they carry out more frequent patrols in this area.

19/04/220 Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Review Document

Councillors were informed of the responses received regarding the public consultation regarding this Council's Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Review Document. The Parish Council's consultant will now create the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan which itself will then go out for public consultation.

19/04/221 General Data Protection Regulation 2018

Each Councillor received a copy of the Statement of Activity 2018/2019 from this Parish Council's Data Protection Officer (DPO). The Clerk explained that he had worked with the DPO at the very start of the process and all issues identified had now been resolved.

19/04/222 Granville Country Park

Councillors received an update on projects for Granville Country Park. Future projects proposed are:

- A bridge over the stream on Muxton Marsh to prevent people walking on the rare flowers in this area. The cost for this is yet to be confirmed.
- Signage for walkers in Granville Country Park providing location, history and description of flora/fauna in the area. Locations and number of signs required are yet to be agreed.
- The provision of a Children's trail. It has been proposed to contact a local children's author to write a story around Granville Country Park and tie in with this a trail for children and local schools to follow.

It is hoped to provide costings for the above for the next Council meeting.

198/04/223 Vehicle Vandalism Muxton

Councillors considered the issue of vehicles recently being vandalised in Muxton by having garden ornaments placed on them. Councillors stated that residents should phone the Police on 101 to report the matter.

Resolved – that this Parish Council writes to the Police requesting more frequent patrols in and around the Muxton area and request more Police for Donnington.

198/04/224 Newport Cottage Care Centre

Each Councillor received a copy of an invitation to the Newport Cottage Care Centre's 25th Birthday Celebrations on Friday 10th May 2019.

198/04/225 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:

Granville Projects – to receive and discuss costings for the proposed projects.

Smartwater Scheme – to discuss the cost implications involved.

War Memorial Muxton – to discuss possible locations either where the Soldiers bench is off Marshbrook Way or at St John's Church, Muxton.

Severn Hospice Telford – to discuss the recent cuts announced and discuss writing to the Chairman of Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group objecting to them.

Internet Café for Donnington and Muxton Community Library – to discuss the possibility of having an internet café at this location.

19/04/226 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meetings will be the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Monday 13th May 2019 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm, followed immediately by the Annual Council Meeting.

As Councillors Mrs L Edwards, D Hayward and V Rainsford were not standing at the next Parish Council elections, Councillors thanked them for the work they carried out during their term.

The meeting closed at 2100hrs.

Signed:

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