

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council



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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Donnington Community Hub, Donnington on 10th January 2022 commencing at 7pm

Present: Councillors T Hoof (Chairman), I Alexander, Miss F Doran, Mrs L Dugmore, N Dugmore, J Lavery, A Lawrence, M Rowe, J Thompson and J Urey.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk) and P Loughlin.

22/01/163 Apologies: Councillor M Edwards, J Gough and R Overton.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

22/01/164 Declaration of Interest: As per Registers of Interests.

22/01/165 Public Session

Mr P Loughlin informed Councillors of the need to install a road sign at the junction of Muxton Lane and Saltwell's Drive to indicate to all drivers of a potential SatNav error. Many delivery drivers find themselves routed down Muxton Lane when they are trying to find places such as Marshbrook Way, Lytham Green, Ryder Drive etc. On one occasion, an ambulance on an emergency call was routed down Muxton Lane whilst trying to locate Lytham Green. Luckily the patient was not affected by this delay, but it only needs one case where someone is. Mr Loughlin recognises this request will have to go to Telford & Wrekin Council's Highways Department and asked if the Parish Council could write to it to initiate the process of installing a sign.

Councillors asked if it was common to all SatNavs or specific ones. It was agreed that Mr Loughlin and Councillors would check on this.

As this item is listed on the agenda it was agreed to discuss the item next.

22/01/167 Road sign Muxton Lane/Saltwell's Drive, Muxton

Councillors discussed Mr Loughlin's request to ask Telford & Wrekin Council to install a road sign at the junction of Muxton Lane/Saltwell's Drive, Muxton to indicate to drivers of all vehicles a potential SatNav error.

Resolved – to write to Telford & Wrekin Council's Highways department highlighting the problem and to request the installation of a sign informing drivers of possible SatNav errors. It was also agreed to put this on the Parish Council's social media to ascertain what experiences the local residents had of this problem and to inform them of what the Parish Council is asking the Borough Council for.

22/01/166 Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen commitments Sgt Richard Jones was unable to attend this meeting and this item was deferred until he was available to attend.

22/01/168 Grant Application

Councillors considered a request for a grant from this Parish Council by Donnington Partnership Youth Club.

Resolved – to award Donnington Partnership Youth Club a grant of £500.

22/01/169 Minutes: Councillors were asked to confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th December 2021.

Resolved – that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

22/01/170 Matters Arising from Minutes

Councillors received the following updates of actions contained in the Minutes thereof:

Laybys Marshbrook Way – The Chairman informed Councillors of an email received from Telford & Wrekin Council asking if the Parish Council would contribute financially to the installation of a layby opposite Muxton School on Parish Council land and future maintenance costs. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council was not in a financial position to do so, and the Clerk was asked to inform Telford & Wrekin Council of this.

Defibrillator Breton Park – The Clerk informed Councillors that the defibrillator had been received and that he was now in the process of contacting Breton Park owners to arrange installation.

Mirror Breton Park – Councillors were informed that the mirror had been ordered and that Councillor N Dugmore had now authorised the money to be released from his Borough Ward Fund.

22/01/171 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Councillors were asked to consider requesting a TRO to restrict parking on Bradley Road, Donnington to cars only.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to Telford & Wrekin Council to ascertain if it would be possible to request a TRO on Bradley Road to restrict parking to cars only.

Councillor N Dugmore arrived at the meeting at 1915hrs due to other commitments.

22/01/172 Saltwell's Drive Cut through footpath

Councillors considered resurfacing the footpath that runs from near the junction of Saltwell's Drive and Marshbrook Way through to St John's Church at the rear of Thornton Park Avenue.

Resolved – that as the Clerk was still awaiting a quote from Telford & Wrekin Council to defer this item to February's Council meeting. Councillors agreed a quote for tarmacking the path also be obtained.

22/01/173 Christmas Lights

Councillors discussed providing additional lights for Christmas 2022 around the parish and renewing the contract with Turnock's. Councillor N Dugmore informed Councillors that he and Councillor A Lawrence had agreed to donate £1,500 each toward a Christmas tree similar to the one on Marshbrook Way roundabout to be situated at the play area in Highlander Drive. Councillor J Urey also suggested that one be purchased and placed on The Parade for next year's Christmas Festival.

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Resolved – to renew the contract with Turnock and request an additional 10 festoons for the lamp posts.

22/01/174 Letter of Thanks

Councillors considered writing a letter thanking Councillor N Dugmore and his staff for the service to the community regarding the distribution of the Covid vaccination programme at Turreff Hall and the courteous and polite manner in which they do so.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to Councillor N Dugmore regarding the above motion.

Councillor A Lawrence arrived at the meeting at 1930hrs as he had been attending a Borough Council Budget Scrutiny Meeting.

22/01/175 Parish Bus Shelter Replacement Programme

Councillors considered Telford & Wrekin Council's Bus Shelter Replacement Programme and offer of match funding for replacement shelters.

Resolved – to replace the bus shelter opposite 65 School Road Donnington as a matter of priority as part of the Bus Shelter Replacement Programme. The Clerk was asked to investigate what Parish Council owned bus shelters were currently on bus routes and get those repaired.

Private Session

Resolved – that by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

22/01/176 Community Events and Engagement Officer

Councillors discussed making the post of Community Events and Engagement Officer permanent.

Resolved – to make the post of Community Events and Engagement Officer permanent. The Clerk was asked to draw up the contract of employment and thanked Mrs Westwood for all the hard work she has done to date and looked forward to working with her in the future.

22/01/177 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:

Christmas Lights – to agree which new festoons are to be purchased and at what location(s). Councillors were asked to submit location suggestions to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

Councillor J Lavery arrived at the meeting at 1940hrs as he had been attending a Borough Council Budget Scrutiny Meeting.

22/01/178 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th February 2022 at the Donnington Community Hub, Donnington, commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 1945hrs.

Signed:

Date: