

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 11th April 2022 commencing at 7pm

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

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Chris Pearson and Andrew Kurta-Carlidge (Telford & Wrekin Council's Highways Officers), Mr D Lawrie (Breton Park Resident), R Green and K Buttress.

22/04/218 Apologies: Councillor A Lawrence.
Resolved – that the apology is accepted.

22/04/219 Declaration of Interest: As per Registers of Interest.

22/04/220 Speed Cushions Donnington

Due to the recent consultation on the proposal to install speed cushions in Donnington, Councillors requested that a member of Telford & Wrekin Council's Highways Department attend this meeting to discuss data received which prompted this proposal. Mr A Kurta-Carlidge explained that the Borough Council is trying to reduce speed to 20mph as part of a traffic calming scheme and measures are required to slow vehicles down. As Wrekin Drive is classed as a safer route to school Mr Kurta-Carlidge asked why Councillors were against this proposal. The meeting was then suspended to allow Mr K Buttress to speak to the highway officers on behalf of Telford Forum 50 and explained why they were opposed to the scheme. When the meeting reconvened, Councillors wished to know where the motivation to reduce speed to 20mph on Wrekin Drive had come from and, whilst being mindful of the local school, there are deemed to be no speeding problems. A few years ago, the Borough Council was asked to provide 20mph on estate roads throughout the parish, but Wrekin Drive wasn't one of them. There is also the issue that ambulances from Donnington Ambulance Station regularly go to emergencies and the speed cushions would cause great problems for them. Many elderly people with physical ailments use Donnington Medical Centre and speed cushions would only cause them additional discomfort. It was suggested that the scheme be reviewed with consideration given to having the speed cushions on Winifred's Drive but not Wrekin Drive and more dropped kerbs/pedestrian crossings installed. Councillors asked if traffic calming schemes for Muxton were being considered and the Clerk was asked to add this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

Whilst the Highways Officers were present, the Chairman asked to suspend the meeting to allow Mr R Green to raise his issue with the Parish Council and Highways Officers regarding speeding issues along Wellington Road, Muxton. Councillors discussed suggestions for another permanent solar powered speed indicator display sign (SIDS) along Wellington Road, the constant breach of weight restrictions by Best Concrete HGV which regularly drives along Wellington Road contrary to signage, and request for more Police speed checks/presence along this road. Due to the roadworks along the A518 last year, more drivers are aware of Wellington Road and using it as a cut through instead of enduring the congestion at the Clocktower Roundabout at peak times. Mr C Pearson suggested that a traffic counter could be placed on the road to monitor volume and speed of traffic and possibly placing a Traffic Regulation Order on that road should it be required.

Resolved – that:

- Traffic calming schemes for Muxton is placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.
- The Clerk obtains costs for an additional solar powered SIDS for Wellington Road, Muxton.
- The Clerk writes to the Traffic Commission and Best Concrete raising the issue with the breach of weight restrictions along Wellington Road, Muxton.
- Speed cushions to be placed as an agenda item at the next Council meeting so that the Parish Council can formally write regarding these issues along with suggested locations for dropped kerbs/pedestrian dropped crossings.

Councillor M Edwards left the meeting at 1955hrs.

22/04/221 Public Session

Mr D Lawrie informed Councillors of the issues that the proposed changes to the local bus routes would have on residents of Muxton especially the effect it will have on residents of Breton Park. He stated that the changes to route 5 to miss out Muxton, Lilleshall and Church Aston have nothing to do with usage but to save Arriva ten minutes. It is purely a timetabling/scheduling matter to protect their twenty-minute interval. Residents of Muxton will have no direct route to Asda, Donnington and would have to change buses at The Parade, Donnington. Muxton should have the same standard of service as Gnosall and Stafford.

22/04/222 Bus Service Revisions

Councillors discussed the changes to the bus services in Muxton and the impact on its residents. It was stated that there was no transparency on why the changes were being made and that it contravened Sections 3.5.3, 3.5.6 and 3.8.4 of the recently adopted Donnington and Muxton Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Clerk was asked to inform the Borough Council of this. Jamie Crowsley (Arriva General Manager Tamworth and Telford) has, unfortunately, previously not listened to issues raised by the Borough Council, Parish and Town Councils, Councillors or the Bus Users Group as Arriva is run as a commercial business. Other areas are also suffering such as The Humbers and Furnace Lane where there is no service at all. The Parish Council needs to suggest changes in the form of proposals.

Resolved – that the Clerk:

- Writes a strongly worded letter to Mr J Crowsley, the Transport Commission and Telford & Wrekin Council objecting to the changes.
- Invite Mr J Crowsley to the next Parish Council meeting.
- Investigate who subsidises bus routes.

22/04/223 Minutes: To confirm the following Minutes of the Council and its Committees:

- a. Planning Committee meeting held on 14th March 2022.
Resolved – that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- b. Council meeting held on 14th March 2022.
Resolved – that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

22/04/224 Matters Arising from Minutes

Councillors received updates on the following:

Planning – the Clerk was asked if he had received the information requested in DMMO/2011/0002. The Clerk said he hadn't and would chase this matter up.

Christmas Lights – The Clerk informed Councillors that he had received the quote from Turnock Ltd and explained the quote to Councillors. It was agreed to proceed with the costs involved as everyone had agreed on what extra lights were required. It is to be paid for from the increased revenue from Turreff Hall.

Bus shelter School Road – The Clerk was asked to get an estimated time of installation for the new bus shelter on School Road, Donnington.

Bench land adjacent Furnace Lane – the Clerk informed Councillors that he was waiting for Telford & Wrekin Council to confirm if it would be sharing the costs of the bench and the installation. The Clerk was asked to approach the family of Mrs E A Clare and ask if they would like the Parish Council to put a plaque on the bench in her memory.

Saltwell's Drive footpath – the Chairman explained that the Clerk had been trying to get quotes for the reinstatement of the path and had only managed to get two quotes. Councillors were happy to proceed with one of the quotes and instructed the Clerk to contact the contractor and commence with the work.

22/04/225 Grant Applications

Councillors considered applications for a grant from the Parish Council to No Panic.

Resolved – to award No Panic a grant of £500.

22/04/226 Bollards, Dorchester Drive

Councillor N Dugmore informed Councillors that he would like the Parish Council to consider the installation of bollards on Dorchester Drive/Stoneleigh Grove, Muxton. This is to prevent bin lorries driving over it and churning up the grass which residents have already reinstated. The Clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the verge and get prices for installing bollards.

22/04/227 War Memorial Muxton

The Clerk informed Councillors that he was waiting for a photo for approval prior to ordering the War Memorial and that there is an eight to twelve week expected delivery time. The Clerk was asked to keep this as an item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

22/04/228 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:

Traffic calming scheme, Muxton

Play Area Pembridge Close/Kingsley Drive, Muxton – to receive an update from Councillor J Urey.

22/04/229 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 2022 at the Donnington Community Hub, Donnington, commencing at 7pm. This will be immediately followed by the Annual Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 2045hrs.

Signed:

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