

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council



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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at The Liz Clare Library, Donnington on 11th April 2023 commencing at 7pm.

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

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk) and Tina Williams (Wrockwardine Wood Junior Football Club).

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the two retiring Councillors, M Edwards and J Lavery. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Council thanking them for the work and time taken serving the community.

23/04/217 Apologies: Councillors I Alexander, M Edwards, J Lavery, A Lawrence and R Overton.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

23/04/218 Declaration of Interest: As per Registers of Interest.

23/04/219 Public Session: There were no members of the public present.

23/04/220 Grant Application

Councillors considered a request for a grant from this Parish Council by Wrockwardine Wood Junior Football Club.

Resolved – to award Wrockwardine Wood Junior Football Club a grant of £400.

23/04/221 Minutes: To confirm the following Minutes of the Council and its Committees:

- a. Planning Committee 13th March 2023.

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

- b. Council meeting 13th March 2023.

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

23/04/222 Matters Arising from Minutes

Giotto Mural – Councillors were informed that no progress had yet been made but it is planned to proceed with investigating the costs of removing the tiles and improving the area after the Easter school holidays.

Patient Practice Group (PPG) – Councillors were informed that the next meeting of the PPG is scheduled for next week and a report will be provided for the Council's next meeting.

23/04/223 Donnington War Memorial: The Clerk informed Councillors that he has been told that the draft agreement for the transfer of Donnington War Memorial from Telford & Wrekin Council to the Parish Council was currently with Telford & Wrekin Council's legal team.

23/04/224 Grit Bins for Parish

Councillors discussed purchasing additional grit bins for locations within the parish.

Resolved – to defer this item to the Annual Council Meeting on 15th May 2023.

23/04/225 Streetlighting Muxton Lane: The Clerk informed Councillors that he has been told that a site visit will be undertaken shortly to review the lighting along Muxton Lane and that a report will then be provided to the Parish Council to advise on its findings.

23/04/226 Additional Parking Muxton School

Councillors discussed the residents' concerns regarding the parking issues at Muxton Primary School as Telford & Wrekin Council is unable to progress with this matter until after the elections in May. It was suggested to work with the school to implement a drop and go policy which will stop parents hanging around the school after leaving their children there. The school will also be asked for volunteer marshals to patrol the area to prevent double parking outside the school. Councillors stated that it was a matter for the Safer Neighbourhood Team to ensure parents park their vehicles responsibly.

Resolved - to defer this item to the Annual Council Meeting on 15th May 2023.

23/04/227 Dogs on Leads

Councillors considered having a Public Protection Order (PPO) in place to enforce dog owners to walk their dogs on a lead. This is due to the number of recent attacks carried out by dogs not on leads. A number of dog attacks have been reported recently and Councillors were concerned that PPOs would be virtually impossible to police as good dog owners, which are in the majority, already behave responsibly whilst bad dog owners would not adhere to the Order anyway. The Clerk was asked to contact the local Safer Neighbourhood Teams to ascertain exactly how many dog attacks have been reported. It was suggested to identify areas where children play and prevent dogs being in these areas off their leads. The Clerk was asked to ensure that signage is in place at the children's play areas.

23/04/228 Bench Saltwells Drive Play Area

Councillors considered purchasing a picnic bench or seat to be located at the football pitch at the Saltwells Drive play area. Councillors were informed that there were originally benches here but they were removed as youths gathered at this location causing anti-social behaviour. Despite these benches being removed, ASB still occurs in the area.

Resolved – not to purchase a bench or seat for this area.

23/04/229 Internal Checklist Audit

Councillors were asked to nominate a Councillor to carry out an internal audit check on either Thursday 20th April or Monday 24th April 2023.

Resolved – that Councillor J Urey will carry out the internal audit check on Thursday 20th April 2023.

23/04/230 Muxton Primary School

Councillors were asked to consider awarding a grant to Muxton Primary School to purchase outdoor play equipment.

Resolved – to provide £2,000 to match fund Muxton Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) to purchase play equipment such as basketball nets on wheels.

23/04/231 Events Officers Report

Each Councillor received a copy of the event officers report on what is happening at the Parish Council's celebration event to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

23/04/232 TV/Monitor

Councillors were asked to consider purchasing a 60" TV/Monitor for the small conference room to allow for connection to group laptops.

Resolved – that the Clerk is given a budget up to £1,000 to purchase and install the television in the conference room.

23/04/233 Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) – Gold

Councillors were informed that, at an accreditation panel meeting held on 31st March 2023, this Parish Council, having been deemed to have met the criteria set, has been recommended to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to be awarded the Gold Level of LCAS.

Resolved – that a vote of thanks is given to the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Events Officer for all their work in helping this Council achieve the criteria required for this award as it is the only one in Telford to have achieved this.

23/04/234 Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting

Councillors were asked if they have any items for discussion which they wish to have placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting. There were no items requested.

23/04/235 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting which will be held on Monday 15th May 2023 at the Liz Clare Library, Donnington commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 1940hrs.

Signed:

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