

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council



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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at Turreff Hall, Donnington on 12th February 2024 commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillors I Alexander (Chairman), R Coates, Miss F Doran, Mrs L Dugmore, N Dugmore, R Overton, J Urey and O Vickers.

Also Present: R Morgan (Clerk to the Council), C Furnival (Community Events and Engagement Officer), PCSO J Bowen and Mr R Green.

24/02/169 Apologies: Councillors Z Harrison, T Hoof, J Gough, A Lawrence and M Rowe.
Resolved – that the apologies are noted.

24/02/170 Declaration of Interest: As per registers of interests.

24/02/171 Public Session: Mr R Green stated that he had come to the meeting representing the Wellington Road Action Group (WRAG) and wished to thank the Parish Council for its comments and support regarding the Local Plan Review consultation. He had previously been concerned as to why the Parish Council had not responded earlier to the consultation but now understood that it had waited to gauge residents' opinions. There were still concerns regarding the proposed access to the development sites by demolishing two houses on Wellington Road, Muxton but the WRAG was not against the developments themselves. Mr Green thanked the Clerk for all his help during the consultation and thanked Councillors I Alexander, Mrs L Dugmore and J Urey for attending their meeting and listening to the concerns raised. Mr Green thanked the Parish Council collectively for its response to the consultation which was sympathetic to the concerns of the community. WRAG will continue to meet, and Councillors are more than welcome to attend these meetings.

Mr Green had noticed that Speeding on Wellington Road, Muxton was on the agenda where the data obtained from the Parish Council's Speed Indicator Display Sign (SIDS) would be discussed and looked forward to reading about this in the minutes from this meeting.

Concerns were raised that the farmer has already started removing trees from the proposed Shropshire Homes development sites but as they are on the farmers land, there is nothing that can be done.

Heavy Goods Vehicles carrying aggregate are still using Wellington Road, Muxton to access Lilyhurst Road, despite there being a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Wellington Road. Councillor Urey stated she had taken the registration of one of the lorries and would be contacting the company to remind them of the weight restriction. Any further incidents would be reported to Telford & Wrekin Council.

Mr R Green left the meeting at 1911hrs.

24/02/172 Grant Application

Councillors considered a request for a grant from this Parish Council to Donnington Wood Junior School.

Resolved – to award a grant of £300 to Donnington Wood Junior School.

24/02/173 Minutes: To confirm the following Minutes of the Council and its Committees:

- a. Council Meeting 8th January 2024.

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

- b. Planning Committee Meeting 22nd January 2024.

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

24/02/174 Matters Arising from Minutes

Motorbike Antisocial Behaviour Prevention – The Clerk informed Councillors that he had not yet received any designs or quotes for preventative gates but was continuing to chase up this matter.

24/02/175 Speeding Wellington Road, Muxton

Each Councillor received a copy of the data results from this Council's Speed Indicator Display Sign (SIDS) for Wellington Road, Muxton from 1st December 2023 to 6th February 2024.

Resolved – to defer this item to March's Council meeting to allow Councillors more time to study the data and determine what times the majority of vehicles are speeding to request enforcement against these drivers at these times.

24/02/176 Granville Country Park Wooden Playground

Councillor N Dugmore informed those present that discussions are still ongoing with regard to replacing the dragonfly carving. Care has to be taken to ensure that any work carried out did not make Granville Country Park become designated as a play area due to the inspections that would then be required and the additional costs these would incur. Proposals to install two more carvings in Granville and Muxton Marsh are also being considered after the badger carving was stolen. Granville Steering Group meets in two weeks' time so a further update can be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.

24/02/177 Giotto Mural

Councillor J Urey informed Councillors that this matter was raised during the Muxton Ward Walk. Nothing can be done until the land is filled in and made safe. The Borough Councillors were asked to continue chasing this matter up and report back to a future Parish Council meeting when there was something to report.

24/02/178 Turreff Hall Hire Charges

Councillors considered the revised cost sheet for hiring Turreff Hall for approval with effect from 1st April 2024.

Resolved – that the amended hire charges for Turreff Hall are accepted and will come into effect as from 1st April 2024.

24/02/179 Dog Poo Bag Dispensers

Councillors discussed the continued provision and distribution of dog poo bin bags. Councillors stated that complaints were constantly being made to them that the dispensers are always empty. This is because certain members of the public are abusing the provision of bags and taking all of them once the dispensers had been re-filled.

Resolved – that the Clerk gets all the dog poo bag dispensers removed and offer them for sale to other Town and Parish Councils.

24/02/180 Veteran's café

Councillors were informed that the recent Veteran's café at Turreff Hall had been a great success. The aim is to support veterans and their families by providing somewhere to talk and share experiences plus signpost those requiring help from various organisations such as MIND, Combat Stress, SSAFA, Wrekin Housing Group etc. Due to its popularity, the next Veterans Café will be held on 6th March and moved into the main hall.

24/02/181 Coffee Mornings

Councillors were asked to consider cancelling the free coffee mornings initiated during safe and warmer spaces scheme during 2022. The coffee mornings have been a great success but now those regularly attending have made it a group in its own right and bingo is played every week. Concerns were raised that this is something the Parish Council originally set up for free to help reduce social isolation so it should continue to provide for it. The Clerk explained that the original funding from the Borough Council to set up safer warmer spaces had now been spent and there was no money left from the grant. Councillor Mrs L Dugmore suggested that this Council reinstates the working lunches again at Turreff Hall.

Resolved – that the free coffee mornings are cancelled and if the group that meets on a Thursday morning wishes to continue to do so, then they are to be charged at the hourly rate.

24/02/182 Community Award

Each councillor received a copy of the proposals for a new annual awards scheme and were asked to consider any amendments to the name, terms and conditions and certificate for these awards. Councillors stated that any member of the community should be able to nominate someone, so it was agreed that forms will be made available at the Liz Clare Library, Donnington Community Hub and St John's Church Muxton.

Resolved – to accept the amended proposals for the new annual awards scheme and that a committee consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Councillor Mrs L Dugmore will consider the nominations and select a winner.

24/02/183 Muxton Ward Walk

Councillors were informed of the numerous issues raised in Muxton during a Councillor walkabout and Telford & Wrekin Council's (TWC) responses regarding these issues. The Muxton Borough Councillors also stated that:

Councillor N Dugmore stated that the vegetation along Donnington Wood Way has been trimmed but not enough to ensure that it is a safe route to school. No parking restrictions have been installed along Fieldhouse Drive, Muxton near the shops.

Telford & Wrekin Council is reluctant to install additional bins outside these shops as there are two already there. However, the barber regularly empties the bin himself as he is fed up with it overflowing. Speed data along Wellington Road, Muxton from TWC permanent SIDS and rumble strips previously installed was supposed to have been provided. The Parish Council needs to receive this data every six months.

TWC has not enforced the replacement of the Monkey Puzzle Tree irrecoverably damaged by developers (TWC/2022/0515).

Saltwell's Drive play area will be painted in the Spring by the Community Payback team and the baby swing on Kingsley Drive/Pembridge Close play area will be replaced.

24/02/184 Events Proposals for 2024

Each Councillor received a copy of the proposed events for 2024/2025.

Resolved – to approve the proposed events, but for both trips to Llandudno and Barmouth there would be a £3 non-refundable deposit. No money is to be given to any person going on the trip. Councillor Mrs L Dugmore and J Urey thanked the Events Officer for these proposed events.

24/02/185 Patient Practice Group (PPG)

Councillor Miss F Doran provided an update to Councillors regarding discussions at the recent meetings held by Donnington PPG. She informed Councillors that a new Youth Practice Manager started at Donnington Medical Practice in December 2023 and is looking forward to supporting those in the parish. The manager wants input from Mothers and Babies Groups and is looking forward to working with other organisations in the future.

24/02/186 Policies

To review and accept the following policies for this Parish Council:

- a. Media Policy
- b. Password Management Policy
- c. Pensions Discretion Policy

Resolved – that the above policies are adequate for this Parish Council.

24/02/187 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. No items were suggested.

24/02/188 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th March 2024 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2020 hrs.

Signed:

Date: