

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 14th March 2022 commencing at 7pm

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

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk).

22/03/201 Apologies: Councillors M Edwards and J Thompson.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

22/03/202 Declaration of Interest: As per Registers of Interests.

22/03/203 Public Session: There were no members of the public present.

22/03/204 Grant Applications

Councillors considered applications for a grant from the Parish Council to:

- a. St Matthew's Church, Donnington.

Resolved – to award St Matthew's Church, Donnington a grant of £300.

- b. Newport Cottage Care Centre Trust

Resolved – to award Newport Cottage Care Centre a grant of £300.

22/03/205 Minutes: To confirm the following Minutes of the Council and its Committees:

- a. Planning Committee meeting held on 14th February 2022.

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

- b. Council meeting held on 14th February 2022.

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

22/03/206 Matters Arising from Minutes

Councillors requested an update on the data from the Speed Indicator Display Sign. The Chairman informed those present that an email had been received from Telford & Wrekin Council stating that the initial request had slipped their minds and that there had been an issue with the format of the data. Telford & Wrekin Council are investigating the matter and hope to respond to the Clerk this week.

21/03/207 Expenditure Transactions: Each Councillor received a copy of the Expenditure Transactions for February 2022.

Resolved – that the Expenditure Transactions for February 2022 are ratified and accepted as a true record.

21/03/208 Income Received: Each Councillor received a copy of the Income Report for February 2022.

Resolved – that the Income Report for February 2022 is ratified and accepted as a true record.

21/03/209 Bank Reconciliation: Each Councillor received a copy of the Bank Reconciliation as of 28th February 2022.

Resolved – that the Bank Reconciliation as of 28th February 2022 is ratified and accepted as a true record.

21/03/210 Financial Budget Comparisons: Each Councillor received a copy of the Financial Budget Comparisons as at 28th February 2022.

Resolved – that the Financial Budget Comparisons as at 28th February 2022 are ratified and accepted as a true record.

22/03/211 Clerk's Report

Councillors received information regarding the following:

Weight Restriction Enforcement – Responses received from DVSA and Telford & Wrekin Council:

DVSA - Thank you for your email enquiry dated 16 February 2022, concerning weight restrictions.

Road weight limits are implemented by the local authorities and enforced by the local Police authority.

Most councils will work closely with the Police to monitor traffic flow, so any intelligence information in relation to HGV operators breaching road weight limits will need to be forwarded to the appropriate local authority or Police Department for the area.

I hope this information has assisted you with your enquiry, but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us again.

T&Wr Council - Thank you for your email. Local authorities have to apply to take on additional enforcement powers and, at present, Telford & Wrekin Council only has enforcement powers in relation to parked vehicles. Moving traffic offences are still dealt with by the police.

Christmas Lights – Response received from Gordon Turnock after meeting with the Clerk and Events Officer:

Thanks for your time this morning and just to record the brief telcon I had with you after we met and following my site visits, please note the following for discussion within your Council.

In Donnington

Firstly, there are 3 poles in Wrekin Drive opposite the shops, with cameras on and the control gear in the pole bases might restrict any additional units for Christmas lighting but we won't know this until I go around on a more detailed visit with our installer. I am hoping we can fit another 5 pole mounted features on the opposite side of Wrekin Drive opposite the shops.

Secondly, I think we can probably fit another 5.5m cone tree on the grass on the opposite side of Wrekin Drive to the shops at Donnington. It will be too restrictive to fit on the concrete pavement outside the shops and will be liable to frequent damage.

Thirdly, we can probably fit a new Christmas sign (using 110v rope light) in between some existing icicles along the balcony rail above the shops.

Fourthly, we can fit another 5.5m cone tree on the island at the bottom of Wrekin Drive, where we already install features on poles.

All the above to be checked out thoroughly by our contractor and myself before quoting for a further 3 years.

In Muxton

Firstly, the shop fronts will be a problem to mount anything on. I will send some photos later to illustrate. There are residents above the shops who can open their windows and touch any lighting we fit there. More importantly I cannot see any location where we could fit icicle lights (from Donnington) without them blocking existing signage or being touched by upstairs residents – and that assumes we can drill into any part of the front fascias to hold the lighting, which I doubt. I even went around the other side of the shops to see those shops which back onto them and face Clocktower roundabout, and these locations would be even more problematical.

Secondly, adding 4 extra pole displays outside Muxton school looks simple enough subject to a detailed site visit with our contractor and myself.

The play area at Highlander Drive.

There are several pieces of high ground where a 5.5m cone tree could be mounted but in all cases this would require a long underground channel to be dug to permanently house a 240v armoured cable, and then its end will have to be terminated in a below ground box which is water proof.

It is also likely to be an attraction for young people to climb, as we have experienced in other easy to access places, and therefore will be a nuisance to you and us for call outs, let alone any permanent damage.

I think a simpler system would be to fit some 24v pea lights to some of the trees at the sides of the park area and powered more easily from the small street lighting poles with a (safe) 24v feed cable. This suggestion is subject to a further survey with our contractor and myself. It would give the effect of more lights, more spread out in the area, and I think represent more value for money from the Public Purse.

As soon as I can get out with our contractor and do a full survey and costing I will let you know but I think he is tied up just at present with the floods in Shrewsbury, his home town.

Councillors were satisfied with the suggestions made but asked the Clerk if it would be possible to place a Christmas tree on the car park opposite the shops on Wellington Road, Muxton or put lights on the tree outside Van Beeks Motors, Wellington Road, Donnington. Councillors were happy with the suggestion of the pea lights for the play area Highlander Drive, The Humbers and asked if it could be possible for a cut tree to be placed there with battery operated lights.

SIDS Data – Amanda Roberts (T&Wr) is still waiting for this and will send it as soon as she receives it. Clerk is continually chasing this up.

22/03/212 Donnington War Memorial

Councillors discussed the transfer of Donnington War Memorial from Telford & Wrekin Council to this Parish Council. The Clerk informed Councillors that he was chasing this up with Telford & Wrekin Council who will arrange for a survey to take place prior to handing over to the Parish Council. Councillors requested that the minutes reaffirm that the Parish Council still wishes to take over the responsibility of the War Memorial at Winifred's Drive, Donnington.

22/03/213 Additional Bus Shelters, Wrekin Drive and Winifred's Drive

Councillors considered requesting additional bus shelters at the bus stops on Wrekin Drive/Winifred's Drive adjacent to Donnington War memorial.

Resolved – to ask Telford & Wrekin Council and Arriva to investigate the feasibility of installing additional bus shelters on Wrekin Drive/Winifred's Drive adjacent to the War Memorial and costs involved. It is the Parish Council's ambition to provide bus shelters to encourage more people to use public transport especially in the current economic situation and the increasing cost of fuel.

22/03/214 Bench on land adjacent Oakengates Road/Furnace Lane

Councillors considered a request to place a bench on land adjacent to the junction of Furnace Lane and Oakengates Road.

Resolved – to install a bench on the land adjacent to the junction of Furnace Lane and Oakengates Road. The Clerk is to have a maximum budget of £1,100 for this project.

22/03/215 War Memorial Muxton

Councillors discussed the proposed designs for the War Memorial off Marshbrook Way, Muxton.

Resolved – that the War memorial design that includes a poppy is the preferred option. It is to be located where the soldiers' bench is now situated facing Marshbrook Way and the soldiers bench is to be moved to the opposite side of the path facing the war memorial. The inscription is to be "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them". An inscription in smaller font at the bottom is to read "Donated by Donnington and Muxton Parish Council 2022".

22/03/216 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:

Dedication of the War Memorial, Muxton.

22/03/217 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th April 2022 at the Donnington Community Hub, Donnington, commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 1940hrs.

Signed:

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