

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Turreff Hall
on 14th May 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: M Edwards (Chairman), Mrs L Dugmore, N Dugmore, Mrs R Gregory, D Hayward, J Lavery, A Lawrence, P Loughlin, C Mason, V Rainsford, J Thompson.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Kay Grice (Telford & Wrekin Council Environment Locality Officer), K Buttress, Mrs J Ellis, M Palmer and D Thompson.

AP18/1. Apologies: Councillors Mrs E A Clare and Mrs L Edwards.
Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

AP18/2. Chairman’s Report 2017/2018:

Each Councillor received a copy of the Chairman’s Report for 2017/2018 which was as follows:

It has been my honour to serve as Chairman of Donnington and Muxton Parish Council during 2017/2018 in what seems to have been a very busy year for this Council. I was also fortunate to be the first Chairman to wear the new Chain of Office for Donnington and Muxton Parish Council which was purchased during my year as Chairman.

We have now been running and managing Donnington and Muxton Community Library for 14 months and I must give a special heartfelt thank you to all the library volunteers without whom it would be a struggle to keep the library open. The library is continually being improved, and over the Christmas holidays had a new coat of paint and new shelving, replacing the shelves that have probably been there since it first opened. Solar panels have also been installed to help offset the running costs and provide some income from the electricity produced. A planning application to extend the front car park has been approved and work is expected to start around 21st May 2018.

The Parish Council is working extremely hard with Telford & Wrekin Council Highways Department to alleviate speeding along roads within the parish especially those by schools and along Wellington Road, Muxton. To assist in this, I am pleased to announce that this Council has purchased two Speed Indicator Display Signs which will be installed at intermittent intervals around various parts of the parish. We also continue to push for Muxton Lane to be designated a “quiet lane”.

The Parish Council has actively been seeking the opinion of young people that live in the parish to ascertain what they would like to have in the area and/or how they would like to see it in the future. To achieve this the Parish Council has been active in setting up a Youth Council and I must congratulate Miss Toni Hassell who, at a recent election, became the first Donnington and Muxton Youth Councillor. We look forward to working with Toni and hearing what it is that the young people want for the area. Special thanks also goes to Sian Makin and Sarah Durnall from Telford & Wrekin Council who have given a considerable amount of time and help in assisting the Parish Council with this.

We were extremely pleased with the Planning Inspectors recommendation to remove Site H1 (land either side of the A518, Muxton) from the Borough Council's Local Plan 2011—2031 and the loss of appeal by Gladman Developments and Seabridge Developments for plans to build in Muxton. The Parish Council's progress to develop a Neighbourhood Plan is well under way and responses from local residents to the public consultation survey are now in the process of being collated.

As a result of a Councillor vacancy arising for Muxton, I was delighted to welcome Councillor Phil Loughlin to the Parish Council and have enjoyed his contributions to the meetings that he has already attended.

I would personally, and on behalf of the Councillors, like to thank Ralph, Kate, Helen and Becky who toil away behind the scenes ensuring that the Council continues to run smoothly. I would also like to thank the Councillors for their support, hard work and commitment to serving the community ensuring the highest standards are achieved.

Councillor C Mason thanked Councillor M Edwards for all the work he had done as Chairman to this Council.

Councillor J Thompson stated that he had been an excellent Councillor and Chairman for Donnington and Muxton.

AP17/3. Questions from Parishioners:

The Chairman asked if any member of the public present had any questions or comments that they wished to put to Councillors.

Mrs J Lewis requested that an area on Broadoaks Field comparable in size to the children's play area is fenced off specifically to allow dogs to be let off their leads. This could be situated between Aldi car park and where the toilets used to be. Councillor C Mason suggested that, on these types of areas, all dogs should be kept on their leads to ensure their owners picked up their dogs' excrement. People, children and local football teams should not have to be expected to play on these areas where there is dog fouling. Concerns were also raised that if dogs are let off their leads in the requested dog area they may attack each other.

Mr D Thompson stated that the bus shelters are not being cleaned and are an absolute disgrace. The Clerk informed Mr Thompson that they are cleaned every two months and would contact the contractors to check when they were last cleaned.

Mrs J Lewis asked about the flooding along Wellington Road, Donnington and was provided with an update on when work is expected to commence to alleviate the flooding in this area.

The meeting closed at 1910hrs.

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