

DONNINGTON AND MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at St John's Church, Muxton on 10th October 2018

Present: Councillors: M Edwards (Chairman), Mrs E A Clare, Mrs L Dugmore, N Dugmore, Mrs L Edwards, Mrs R Gregory, J Lavery, C Mason, V Rainsford and J Thompson.

Also Present: R Morgan (Parish Clerk), Mrs G Ison.

18/10/86 Apologies: Councillors D Hayward, A Lawrence and P Loughlin.

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

18/10/87 Declaration of Interest: As per Register.

18/10/88 Public Session: Mrs Ison explained that she had attended the meeting to listen to the discussion about the toilets at Turreff Hall

18/10/89 Grant Application

Councillors discussed the grant applications received.

Resolved – that under the General Power of Competence a grant of £200 was awarded to the Telford & Wrekin Arthritis Support Group.

18/10/90 Minutes: To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th September 2018.

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

18/10/91 Matters Arising from Minutes

Councillor C Mason requested an update on 20mph speed limit for estate roads. The Clerk informed those present that he had not had any further communication from Telford & Wrekin Council so would chase this matter up.

18/10/92 Expenditure Transactions

Each Councillor received a copy of the Expenditure Transactions for August 2018.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions for August 2018 are ratified and accepted as a true record.

18/10/93 Income Received

Each Councillor received a copy of the income report as for August 2018.

Resolved – that the Income Report for August 2018 is ratified and accepted as a true record.

18/10/94 Bank Reconciliation

Each Councillor received a copy of the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2018.

Resolved – that the bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2018 is accepted as a true record.

18/10/95 Financial Budget Comparisons

Each Councillor received a copy of the financial budget comparisons as at 31st August 2018.

Councillor Mrs L Dugmore queried some budgets and the Clerk informed everyone that he would provide a breakdown of budget 142 Community Projects to them the next day via email.

Resolved – that they be confirmed and signed as a true record.

18/10/96 Clerk's Report

Councillors received updates on the following:

Bins, Muxton

Email received from Kay Grice 27th September 2018.

When the request for additional bins came in I believe I raised the matter at the Parish Meeting. It was explained that the Telford and Wrekin Council were undertaking a review of all the bins across the borough to ascertain if they were still required. This review was based upon usage and reports of litter in the areas around the bins. The aim of the review is to have bins located in the correct location to ensure resources were not wasted by visiting bins which were not being used. At the time of the review the council had over 2,500 bins. This is significantly higher than other comparable local authorities.

Bins which have been identified as surplus to requirements have been removed and where the quality of the bin is good they are being used to replace bins which have rotted. This will ensure that we have bins which are fit for purpose in the areas where they remain. As a result we do not have any surplus bins in stock. Under the new contract bins will be emptied as often as required, rather than on the current frequency basis.

If there are any bins which the street champions feel are not being used, then I can look at having these relocated to a more useful area. Unfortunately, we don't have funding to purchase additional bins.

Under the new grounds and cleansing contract cleansing standards will change from a frequency-based litter pick to a cleanliness standard basis. As such any areas which suffer from litter accumulation will receive more litter picks and cleansing than they currently do. The Council believes that this is a significant improvement upon the current cleansing service.

I'm happy to work with you and look at the purchase of new litter bins, however the purchase and ongoing emptying costs of additional bins will need to be funded from external sources due to the budget reductions the council is faced with.

Hopefully you have received notification that the Council is intending to award the new grounds and cleansing contract to iDEVERDE. The contract will replace the current one with TWS Ltd. which has been delivered for the past 18 years. Staff working with TWS will be transferred to the new provider.

Dave Hanley will be visiting Parishes again over the coming months and will work closely with the new contractor to ensure future partnership opportunities are realised.

I have replaced the damaged bin on Woodbine Drive with a recycled bin from another area.

It has been suggested by Councillor P Loughlin that Kay Grice or Dave Hanley meet with the Street Champions to explain the current position as well as the new contract.

Speed Indicator Display Signs

The Clerk has requested that someone from Prysmian meets to discuss suitable locations in Donnington but, as yet, no response has been received. The Clerk will continue to chase this up.

Quiet Lane, Muxton Lane

The Clerk is still waiting for a response from Dominic Proud regarding this matter.

Gateway Signs

The Clerk has currently not received any further news regarding this matter and will continue to chase this up.

Bollards Thornton Park Avenue, Muxton and safety roundel signs for other local schools.

The Clerk and Councillor N Dugmore is waiting to arrange a site meeting with Tony Smith (TWS) to discuss the number of bollards required and a quote to match.

Safer Routes to School

Councillor Nigel Dugmore has queried when will the work to reduce the vegetation/shrubs/trees etc be carried out along the footpath on Donnington Wood Way from Muxton to Telford Priory School. He asked if it would be possible to reduce the vegetation to a height of 3 feet to ensure safety of children walking to and from TPS. He feels that this is an urgent matter especially as someone was recently mugged in the underpass along this route.

Angie Astley has stated that Kay Grice is picking up on this request and will be making contact with Cllr Dugmore to seek more clarity around the vegetation in question to ensure we are addressing the right area. Since the Clerk's Report was sent out to Councillors, Councillor N Dugmore had met with Kay Grice and discussed this issue. Mrs Grice had explained that there is an annual pruning programme but Councillor Dugmore did not think this was adequate for a "Safer Route to School" especially as the clocks will be turned back at the end of October making the nights darker earlier. Prysmian has stated that it will ensure that the footpath is properly lit.

18/10/97 Future Projects

Councillor N Dugmore informed those present that there is a walkabout around Granville Country Park on Thursday 11th October where work required will also be identified. Among the projects proposed are:

- Replacing the wooden barriers between the bridal way and the footpath with recycled plastic fencing.
- More children's activity/play areas
- The extension of Granville Country Park
- Extending the nature walk/heritage trail
- Work to stop the canal basin losing water
- Make the Park more user friendly.

Some funding had come from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and from the Marshbrook Way development.

The Clerk was asked to write to Telford & Wrekin Council stating that this Council is considering what to put in its budget for next year to support Granville Country Park and ask what the Borough Council's contribution will be, possibly match funding the Parish Councils, as it is the only nature reserve in Telford and Wrekin. The Clerk was also asked to discover when Granville Country Park was transferred to Telford & Wrekin Council.

18/10/98 Budget Planning

Councillors were requested to consider any projects for the next financial year to allow for the preparation of the draft budgets for 2019/2020 which are to be agreed at a future Council meeting. Councillors suggested the following:

- A budget to spruce up the toilets at Turreff Hall.
- A budget to replace the current Christmas lights with LED lights
- A budget for a Smartwater project – the Clerk was asked to contact Newport Town Council for details and to invite someone from there to speak to this Parish Council.

18/10/99 Neighbourhood Plan

Each Councillor had received a copy of the draft Evidence Review document and results of the residents' survey. Councillors were asked to formally accept the draft Evidence Review. Permission to display this on the Council's website was still being negotiated with Telford & Wrekin Council.

Resolved – that the Evidence Review is discussed at a Planning Committee meeting which will take place on Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

18/10/100 Christmas Festival

The Clerk informed those present that an organising committee meeting had recently been held and outlined the progress made. The Clerk also informed Councillors of the very recent notification by its current contractor of an increase in costs surrounding the erection, switch on and take down of the Christmas lights by the current contractor which resulted in the Clerk contacting another service provider. Councillors were informed of the quote provided by the other contractor and permission was sought to go ahead with the new contractor. The Clerk also informed Councillors that consideration should now be given to purchasing new LED Christmas Lights to replace the current lights.

Resolved – that the Clerk changes the contractor to Amey and budgets for a new gradual replacement of LED Christmas Lights.

18/10/101 Benches

Councillors considered purchasing a Soldiers Bench for Muxton and a bench for Donnington, the latter to be located between the entrance to Donnington Medical Practise and the "Four Ways" traffic lights.

Resolved – to purchase a Soldiers Benches to be located on land off Marshbrook Way adjacent to Lytham Green, Muxton and a new bench between the entrance to Donnington Medical Practise and the "Four Ways" traffic lights.

18/10/102 Shropshire Poppy Appeal Launch.

Councillors were asked to consider purchasing a Projector and gobo (a partial screen used in front of a spotlight to project a shape) to project a Poppy onto a surface of choice to commemorate Remembrance Day. This will also come with other gobo's for other occasions.

Resolved – to purchase two projectors and gobos for the Parish Council. One for Muxton and one for Donnington. The Clerk was asked if it would be possible to project the images onto the Clock Tower on Clock Tower Roundabout.

18/10/103 Toilets Turreff Hall

Councillors discussed purchasing new mixer taps for the toilets at Turreff Hall as some no longer work properly and some are difficult to turn off resulting in taps running for long periods of time. The Clerk explained the problems currently being experienced.

Resolved – to purchase five sets of taps for the toilets at Turreff Hall. The Clerk was also asked to put a sign up in the toilets asking users of Turreff Hall to report any issues they find to him.

18/10/104 War Memorial Muxton

Councillors were asked to consider having a War Memorial in Muxton to commemorate those that have given their lives in all conflicts.

Resolved – to proceed with this at a location to be agreed.

18/10/105 Civic Service to commemorate Armistice Day

Councillors considered holding a Civic Service to commemorate Armistice Day.

Resolved – to hold a service to re-dedicate the Memorial gates at Donnington Recreation Ground instead on Sunday 18th November 2018 at 2pm. The Clerk is asked to contact vicars in the area to ascertain their availability. Refreshments will be provided at the Donnington Community Hub after the event.

18/10/106 Parliamentary Boundary Review

As Telford & Wrekin Council's Boundary Committee had not yet met there was nothing to report to Council.

18/10/107 Shropshire Prostate Cancer Support group

Councillors were informed of a Prostate Cancer Awareness Event with free PSA Testing for men over 50 which will take place at The Wakes, Oakengates on Monday 22nd October 2018 between 6pm and 9pm. The Clerk was asked to explore the possibility of this Council hosting a similar event due to their popularity.

185/10/108 Dementia Friendly Community

Councillors were invited to consider this Council becoming part of a dementia-friendly community.

Resolved – that this Council becomes part of a dementia-friendly community and that the Clerk is tasked with setting this up.

18/10/109 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:

Smartwater project

Report from Bus Users Group meeting

Anti-motorbike gate

Progress on Accident and Emergency Services and feedback from Councillors

18/10/110 Date of next meeting

The Chairman informed Councillors that the next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th November 2018 at Turreff Hall, Donnington commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 2050hrs.

Signed:

Date: