Lilleshall Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Ordinary Council Meeting** of **Lilleshall Parish Council**

held at 7.00pm, Monday 4th January 2016, at Lilleshall Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: A Baker (Chairman), C Baker, K Cherrington, P Millard, D Shaw, B Taylor and J Taylor.

STAFF: C Binnington (Clerk)

There were 9 members of the public present

1. **Welcome**

Councillor Baker welcomed all present.

1. **Apologies**

None.

1. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillors P Millard, B Taylor and J Taylor all declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 – Lilleshall Allotment Society Grant Application as they are allotment plot holders.

1. **Public Session**

Pauline Coffey asked to address the Parish Council on behalf of the Tennis Club following discussions at the previous meeting regarding the clubs request to have trees surrounding the tennis courts cut down. She explained that the courts need cleaning for Health and Safety reasons as they get very slippery when leaves fall in the autumn and that they were last cleaned 2 years ago, although Telford & Wrekin (TWC) Leisure Services recommend that they are cleaned twice a year. The Tennis Club request that problems with the Parish Council owned trees are addressed as the branches are growing into the floodlights on 1 tree.

Councillor A Baker updated that the owner of some of the trees not on council land did not wish to cut them down and requested that Councillor’s carried out a site visit before making a decision. Councillor J Taylor reported that TWC’s Tree Officer would be happy to visit the site and meet with Councillors and Tennis Club Members.

It was arranged for Councillors and Tennis Club representatives to hold a site meeting at the Tennis Club on Friday 15th January at 2pm.

Councillor A Baker updated that the Parish Council are currently looking at quotes to carry out maintenance work to the tennis pavilion, addressing concerns that the Parish Council are undertaking their obligations to maintain the building.

Phillip Hawkins said that in his view the Parish Council should not be considering giving the Allotment Society a grant, due to there being few allotments holders that reside in the village.

Bob Beech spoke about the request for removal of trees at the tennis courts and advised that 20 conifers had previously been removed from the tennis courts without permission and this is now affecting the Cricket Club, who are unable to play matches at certain times due to the pitch being water logged as a result of poor drainage which has occurred since the removal of the trees.

1. **Previous Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor C Baker, Seconded by Councillor Cherrington .

**RESOLVED** that the Council accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 7th December 2015, subject to the following amendments:

Item 7 – Chairman to contact Treasurer of the Youth Building to ask permission to erect the defibrillator on the Youth Building.

 Item 9 - Tennis Pavillion to be separated into tree issue and maintenance proposals.

 Item 11- Figure from budget earmarked for street lighting upgrade is £7650.

 Item 12- Pauline Coffey thanked for designing the logo for the new Parish Council.

1. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Defibrillator

The Chairman has met with the electrician today and has spoken with Russell Brooks regarding siting the Defibrillator at the Youth Building. The Treasurer of the Youth building said that he sees no problem with the defibrillator being mounted on the building next to the refurbished noticeboard but there is a meeting of the Youth Building Committee tomorrow evening to agree the decision.

1. **Grants**

The Committee discussed the following grant applications:

Defibrillator for Lilleshall £100

Hattie Smith from Lilleshall Pre-School has already raised funding for one defibrillator in Lilleshall and would like to request a grant to provide a second defibrillator to be situated close to the Humbers.

Proposed by Councillor J Taylor, Seconded by Councillor C Baker.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agreed to grant £100 towards providing a defibrillator for the Humbers area.

Lilleshall Allotment Society £100

The Society requested a grant towards provision of water butts for all plots in order to save water and reduce cost of water bills.

The Parish Council decided that the grant would not benefit all plot holders as some will have already purchased water butts but Cllr J Taylor suggested that the society could apply for an enviromental grant.

The Chairman ruled that in future if grant requests do not contain all supporting information they should not be included on the agenda.

1. **Planning**
2. TWC/2015/1077

 8 Humber Lane, Donnington

 Applicant: Andrew and Ann Harper

 Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear of cottage.

 Proposed by Councillor C Baker, Seconded by Councillor B Taylor

 **Resolved** that the Committee had no objection to this planning application.

1. TWC/2015/1054

 Leveson House, Hillside East, Lilleshall

 Applicant: Mr Kevin Koren

 Erection of 1 dwelling and garage with storage above (Amended Plans).

 Proposed by Councillor B Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Shaw

 **Resolved** that the Committee object to this planning application and for the Clerk to

 notify Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Department of the objections as follows:-

* Access –The Parish Council is concerned about the narrow access to the proposed site and any plant/deliveries accessing the site would completely block the road.
* Over development of site – the new proposed house is larger and closer to the lane.
* There is a Public Right of Way running through the site and concerns raised are that this will be diverted without the permission of the Borough Council or lost altogether.
* Road Safety – The ‘walking bus’ to Lilleshall Primary School uses this route and any development at this location with use of plant would cause grave concerns for the children’s safety.
* The proposed access is now on a blind bend, which could cause significant danger to other road users.
* The unnecessary removal of the hedging/treeline to temporarily extend the width of the road to facilitate construction traffic is likely to affect the proposed resurfacing of the entire length of Hillside East, which is planned by Telford and Wrekin Council for April/May 2016.
1. TWC/2015/1105

 Former Builders Yard, Barrack Lane, Lilleshall

 Applicant: BEVID Ltd

 Outline planning application for erection of 1 dwelling and garage.

 Proposed by Councillor B Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Shaw

 **Resolved** that the Committee object to this planning application and for the Clerk to

 notify Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Department of the objections as follows:-

* The Hill family have been farming the land adjoining the proposed development for 90 years and the building of a residential property in close proximity to the farm will have a serious impact on their ability to continue to farm in the future due to noise and smells associated with a dairy farm.
* Sound level measurements were not taken on a typical working day and were only taken for a short period. Work at a dairy farm begins at 4am and doesn’t end until around 9pm seven days a week which can be noisy. Any measurements should be done over several months. Also no measurements were taken at night and as the measurements taken were used as a measure of baseline impact this can hardly be called representative
* As well as day to day farming noise, there is an increase in noise levels in autumn/winter months when the cattle are housed indoors next to the proposed development. The cattle were housed outside when the report was produced, but for 6-7 months a year they are housed indoors adjacent to the proposed site which includes the emptying of slurry stores, feeding of silage and the cleaning of dirty yards all causing unpleasant smells. There is further associated noise from cattle calving and vehicles going in and out of the yard.
* The earth bund and fence along the eastern boundary will create incongruous feature.
* There are a number of mining shafts on the site, which could open up due to the vibrations caused by construction plant and equipment, followed by the long term traffic movement to and from the properties. In addition, workings between and away from these shaft may increase the risk of subsidence.
* Loss of natural habitat.
1. TWC/2015/1112

 Land south and east of Lubstree Farm

 Applicant: Gladman Developments

 Outline planning application to include access for up to 500no. residential dwellings

 (including up to 35% affordable housing), Local Centre, land made available for a Primary

 School, landscaping, informal public open space, children’s play area, dedicated sports

 pitches, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access points from

 Humber Lane, and associated ancillary works.

 The Committee raised objections to the development for the following reasons:-

* Greenfield site
* In excess of prescribed number of houses required.
* Does not tie in with the Local Plan
* The proposed school and shops will attract further traffic

 Proposed by Councillor A Baker, Seconded by Councillor Shaw

 **Resolved** that the Committee tasked the Clerk to contact Telford & Wrekin Council Planning Department to defer commenting for 14 days to allow further information to

 be brought before Councillors.

1. **Tennis Pavillion**

Councillors to meet with Tennis Club representatives on Friday 15th January at 2pm for a site visit.

1. **Website**

Councillor Cherrington updated on progress setting up the Parish Council website and gave an overview of what can be included on the website.

The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Shaw had attended a website training course at Shirehall which was run by Hugo Fox and requested that the Council pay the training course fee of £30 each.

Proposed by Councillor B Taylor, Seconded by Councillor J Taylor.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agreed to pay for the website training course fees for the Clerk and Councillor Shaw.

1. **Speed limit from Honington Grange and Lilleshall**

Councillor Shaw requested that the Borough Council reduce the speed limit between Honnington Grange and Nursery Lane, Lilleshall to 30mph as it is dangerous. Councillor C Baker updated that she had been trying for 2 years to reduce the speed limit to 30mph and to 40mph before then, but had been unsuccessful.

The Clerk was tasked to write a letter to Dave Hanley at Telford and Wrekin Council requesting that the speed limit is reduced to 30mph**.**

1. **Finance**

The Committee received the Cheque List and Bank Reconciliation for October/November 2015.

1. **Correspondence**

The Clerk updated that the following correspondence had been received:-

* A letter was received from a resident objecting to the Tennis Club’s request to remove the sycamore trees surrounding the tennis courts.
* A letter was received from a resident thanking the Parish Council for installing the lights on the yew tree in the churchyard at Christmas and suggesting that the Parish Council plant a yew tree in the churchyard to commemorate the setting up of the new Parish Council.

Councillor A Baker updated that he drew up a replanting scheme for the churchyard and was given permission by the Church to go ahead with the scheme but the previous council would only fund 50% of the cost, so it didn’t go ahead.

Councillor A Baker to contact the Vicar and ask permission for the Parish Council can plant a tree with a plaque in the churchyard.

* An anonymous letter was read out by the Clerk complaining about the amount of rubbish at a house in the village. Councillor J Taylor and Borough Councillor Andrew Eade visited the site in September and reported that there was no objection as the rubbish is on private land.
1. **Date of Next Meeting**

Parish Council Meeting on Monday 1st February at 7pm

At Lilleshall Memorial Hall

1. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Under Section 100(A) Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

**16. Maintenance Contract for the Tennis Pavillion**

 The Committee discussed the quote for the maintenance of the Tennis Pavillion and the Clerk has

arranged to meet with 2 more companies during the week to get further quotes. Councillor A Baker to attend Fridays meeting so that the Clerk won’t have to work on her day off.

**Bus Shelter repairs**

 The Committee discussed quotes for the repairs to the bus shelters.

Proposed by Councillor J Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Cherrington.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agreed to pay up to £300 to Lion Property Maintenance to change the tiles in the bus shelter using a sandstone border.

**Grounds Maintenance Quote**

Councillor A Baker updated that he had received a quote from TWS Ltd for the grounds maintenance contract for 2016, but had no response from the other 2 companies contacted (Peacocks and Norbury Nurseries). Councillor J Taylor reported that she had spoken to TWS Ltd and they had agreed to maintain the 3 flowerbeds on the entrances into the village in the spring and autumn, to include regular watering.

Proposed by Councillor J Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Shaw.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council agreed to accept the quote from TWS Ltd to carry out the grounds maintenance for 2016 providing that it includes the additional maintenance of the 3 flowerbeds.

 Meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Signed: Date:

 Chairman to the Parish Council