Lilleshall Parish Council

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

held at 7.00pm, Thursday 8th October 2015, at Lilleshall Memorial Hall.

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

STAFF: C Binnington, Clerk

There were 7 members of the public present

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Councillor Baker welcomed all present.

1. **Apologies**

Proposed by Councillor Carol Baker, Seconded by Councillor Cherrington.

**RESOLVED** that the Council accept the apologies for absence from Councillors Millard and Julie Taylor.

1. **Declaration of Interest**

*DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS*

Councillor Bob Taylor declared an Interest in Agenda Item 9 – Allotments

Councillor Taylor has an allotment plot at the Lilleshall Allotments and is a member of the Allotment Association.

1. **Public Session**

The following questions were asked by residents:

* Phillip Hawkins spoke about emails he had sent to Councillor Andrew Eade and his request for the protection of the Lilleshall Gap. Letters were also sent to the local press and he requested that Parish Councillors liaise with Councillor Eade and get an update from Vincent Marr.
* Councillor Shaw asked about due process for boundary changes.
* Councillor Andrew Baker commented that the planning application for H1 (Station Road) has not yet been submitted, although it is expected in October.
* Discussions took place about the Lilleshall Gap and how it is going to be defined and identified on future plans. Concerns were raised that the remainder of the agricultural land surrounding Lilleshall and its need for protection from development. It was highlighted at a previous meeting by Michael Barker of Telford & Wrekin Council that Section 61 gave protection to rural land, but H1 proposals contradict this.

1. **Previous minutes**

Proposed by Councillor B Taylor, Seconded by Councillor Cherrington.

**RESOLVED** that the Council accept the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 7th September 2015.

1. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Councillor Carol Baker asked whether a schedule was available on when the bus shelters were due to be cleaned and it was noted that floor tiles were missing from Abbey Road bus shelter and Limekiln Lane bus shelter was covered in foliage.

Councillor Julie Taylor to follow up with TWS and notify councillors of progress.

Councillor Bob Taylor suggested that the Council obtain a quote from a local builder to carry out the necessary repairs.

1. **Budget update**

The Clerk distributed a copy of payments made prior to the meeting and copies of the August and September Bank Statements were tabled during the meeting.

Councillor Carol Baker requested that the Clerk circulate copies of the budget in the same format as the previous council and that they are sent out with the agenda.

1. **Lilleshall Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Shaw gave an update on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Lilleshall. The presentation included an update on progress so far, a three month plan, the primary aim of the plan and team members to date.

The Chairman suggested that the meeting was suspended to allow Councillor Eade to speak.

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Baker, Seconded by Councillor Cherrington.

**RESOLVED** that Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Eade to provide a further update on the plan.

Councillor Eade reported that the Planning Consultation has now finished and it was unlikely that there would be any further information available before January 2016, when it is likely that a public enquiry will follow. He said it is essential to set boundaries for planning and the concept of a country park was the right way forward to protect the Lilleshall Gap.

Councillor Eade offered to help with funding the local plan, which Councillor Shaw reminded everyone present could be match funded via time given by volunteers.

1. **Allotments**

Councillors were asked to ratify the amended Allotment Agreement as discussed at the previous meeting, but Councillor Carol Baker requested that the Clerk rewrite sections 2.9 and 2.28 and remove section 2.19 regarding the flying the flags.

1. **Tennis Courts**

A discussion took place regarding the use of the tennis courts by the Tennis Club, Lilleshall Primary School and local residents and whether the tennis courts were deemed cost neutral.

At this point Councillor Cherrington declared an interest in the tennis courts.

Councillors discussed whether the rent of £600 should be increased next year to cover costs, but it was agreed by all present that the Tennis Club pay for the electricity and have made a lot of improvements to the courts without any match funding from the Parish Council in the past.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Carol Baker, Seconded by Councillor Cherrington

The Council agreed that the rent to the Tennis Club should remain at £600 per year for the next financial year.

1. **Council/Planning Meeting costs**.

Item deferred to November meeting.

1. **Correspondence**

The Clerk circulated copies of a letterhead and logo designed by Lilleshall resident Pauline Coffey and a discussion took place as to slight changes to the proposed logo/letterhead.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Coffey for her time and effort in designing the logo/letterhead.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

Full Council Meeting on Monday 2nd November at 7pm

At Lilleshall Memorial Hall

Signed: Date:

Chairman to the Parish Council