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Muxton Outdoor Gym and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)



On 15th July 2016 the Adult Outdoor Gym together with a half ball court (MUGA) located off Marshbrook Way, Muxton (opposite the junction with Winchester Drive) was officially opened by Councillor Nigel Dugmore (*Pictured*). It is believed to be the second largest outdoor gym in the UK.

The site has been a Public Open Space (including amenity grass / informal recreation) for some considerable time (15 years plus) for the benefit of the local community. It has changed little since being constructed and was transferred to Telford & Wrekin Council from the Homes and Communities Agency a number of years ago and has been used for informal recreational / children's play. Both the gym and half ball court were funded through planning gain (£106 funding) from the nearby residential development.

central length of the gym, all ability area (for disabled users) and a social / rest area. There is a significant range of gym equipment to enable all abilities including disabled accessible equipment for strength, cardiovascular, balance, coordination and flexibility. An additional item is the line marking of the existing footpath to provide for a small area (100m) for running.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those that assisted in obtaining these facilities but especially Derek Owen (Telford & Wrekin Council Parks and Recreational Officer) for all his hard work in obtaining the funding, co-ordinating the consultation process and liaising with the Parish Council, planning officers and contractors.

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News in Brief

Grant Applications

In January 2016 this Parish Council agreed to consider grant applications at the next available Council meeting after they have been received at the Parish Office. This is to ensure that any money requested for imminent future events can be awarded in time. The Parish Council has recently awarded grants to: Crucial Crew (£300), Wrekin Special Swimming Club (£200) and Kasapar Radio (£100). The Council also agreed to sponsor the Local Police Beat Managers Vehicle in partnership with Telford Town Park, Wrekin Housing Trust and Asda. If you want to know if your group or organisation is eligible for a grant then please contact the Clerk on 01952 608001.

Muxton Notice Boards

Two new notice boards have now been installed in Muxton, located by Saltwell's Drive play area and at Marshbrook Way play area. Information regarding the Council, meetings and forthcoming events will be published inside.



Donnington Library

The Parish Council continues to hold discussions with Telford & Wrekin Council regarding the taking over of Donnington library. The plans for the internal structural changes have been drawn up and the Parish Council is now in the process of obtaining quotes for the work required.

Donnington Public Toilets



The Parish Council apologises for the closure of the ladies public toilet on Hawthorn Road, Donnington. This is due to a fire which was started on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd June. Due to the extent of the damage caused, loss adjusters have

been employed by the Parish Council's Insurance providers to handle the repairs and reinstating the toilets to how they were before the incident. It is hoped to have the ladies toilet re-opened by September.

May Day Festival 2nd May 2016

The first Parish Council's May Day event was very well attended despite the inclement weather. Popular attractions included a climbing wall, bouncy castle, rodeo bull, steel band and local singers. People had a chance to have a go at Maypole dancing which did on some occasions lead to some confusion. The Parish Council would like to thank Nicola Casey and her staff for help organising the event and ensuring the day ran smoothly.



Flooding Issues Wellington Road, Donnington

Telford & Wrekin Council has been informed that Severn Trent Water (STW) has commissioned a flood alleviation scheme, and undertaken a detailed feasibility review. This has concluded the main flooding issue is due to an overloaded 'mines watercourse' which originally served the Donnington mines. Over the years additional housing development has increased the pressure on this original system and due to lack of clarity over ownership/maintenance (riparian/T&W/STW) responsibilities it has been subject to a lack of action by all parties concerned. STW would like to resolve this flooding problem on behalf of its customers. The STW Donnington Flood Alleviation Scheme has completed 'feasibility' stage and is subject to a review and approval stage at present before going to our design build contractor Amey. If approved by STW financial board, this is programmed in to go to the next stage of detailed design and hopefully ready for a construction phase in July 2017 to Dec 2017 by our partner Amey. The scheme will alleviate the flooding at Lawndale, Wellington Road to Wrekin Drive, Cordingley Hall & Aldi Wellington Road, and also on Park Road, West Avenue & James Way along with Wrekin Drive. The scheme should deliver protection to a 40 year return period design standard."

CCTV and Defibrillator, Donnington

On 30th June 2016 the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion was in Telford to launch a new CCTV system aimed at combating crime and anti-social behaviour.

The cameras, which have been majorly funded by the PCC's office, are now up and running in the area of The Parade in Donnington, which has recently been subject of refurbishment works.

PC Nikki Scott from the Donnington Safer Neighbourhood Team, who was behind efforts to get the system installed said "The Parade is at the very heart of the Donnington community, a busy hub for local residents. For some time, local businesses, residents, the Council and Police have been trying to get cameras installed but funding had remained an issue"

PC Scott also revealed that as well as the installation of cameras, an Automated External Defibrillator or AED as they are commonly known has also been installed.

Donnington and Muxton Parish Council has purchased the machine with the help of Simon Heys from Heys First Aid Services, a company itself based within the Donnington community. It has been fitted to a wall on the public toilets on The Parade and so can be accessed by any member of the public in the event of an emergency. No formal training is needed as the machine itself actually talks the user through each step of how to use it.

Pictured (left to right): PC Nikki Scott, John Campion, Simon Heys and Cllr Mrs E A Clare



Neighbourhood Plan and Planning.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is looking for community minded people to help create a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues only. These may be issues that are relevant to the whole neighbourhood or just to part of the neighbourhood. This is for those producing the plan to decide.

Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are about enabling development, not stopping it. It is important that there is a clear understanding of what neighbourhood planning is able to achieve. The plan must comply with what it can and cannot do and it must be primarily about the use and development of land and buildings.

A Neighbourhood Plan could include:

- The development of housing, including affordable housing and bringing vacant or derelict housing back into use.
- Provision for businesses to set up or expand their premises.
- Issues around roads, cycling, walking and access for disabled people.
- The development of schools, places of worship, health, leisure and entertainment facilities, community and youth centres and village halls.
- The restriction of certain types of development and change of use.
- The design of buildings.
- Protection and creation of open space, nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens, and the planting of trees.
- Protection of important buildings and historic assets
- Promotion of renewable energy projects, such as solar energy and wind turbines.

A Neighbourhood Plan can...

- Decide where and what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood area
- Promote more development than is set out in the Core Strategy
- Include policies, for example regarding design standards that take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for the neighbourhood – provided the NP policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the Core Strategy.

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot...

- Conflict with the strategic policies in the Core Strategy
- Be used to prevent development that is in the Core Strategy

What is the status of a Neighbourhood Plan?

A formally adopted Neighbourhood Plan carries more weight in the planning decision making process than Village Design Statements (VDS) and Parish Plans. Once adopted (after examination and referendum), it is known as a 'Development Plan Document' (DPD), and it is a material consideration when determining planning applications.

If you are interested in helping create a Neighbourhood Plan or wish to know more about it then please contact the Clerk on 01952 608001 or via email at clerk@donningtonmuxtonpc.org

Planning Applications

Since the last newsletter in February 2016 the Parish Council has received and discussed, as a statutory consultee, some 27 planning applications; 10 for Donnington area, 14 for Muxton area and 3 other areas which include Furnace Lane, Trench and Red Hill. Some notable applications which the Parish Council has objected to are;

- An application by Bromford Housing Association to Erection of 14no. supported living apartments, ancillary accommodation for training and support, with parking and amenity space on land adjacent 2 Wrekin Drive.
- Applications for 430 dwellings and 220 dwellings plus primary school on land North East and South East respectively of Wyevale, New Trench Road, Muxton and more recently
- An application to build 150 dwellings on land East & South of, 74 - 86 (even) Wellington Road, Muxton.

All decisions made by this Council's Planning Committee regarding planning applications can be found on the Parish Council website www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org under Meetings.

Parish Councillors

Donnington West Ward

Elizabeth Clare
David Hayward
James Lavery
Clive Mason
John Thompson

Donnington East Ward

Rose Gregory

Muxton Ward

Lisa Dugmore
Nigel Dugmore
Jeremy Haigh
Adrian Lawrence
Victor Rainsford

The Humbers Ward

Martyn Edwards
Leslie Edwards



The next **Muxton** Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting will be on Wednesday **19th October 2016** commencing at 7pm and will take place at St John's Church, Saltwell's Drive, Muxton.

Office Opening Times

The Parish Council offices will be open at the following times:

Monday 9am—4pm
Tuesday 9am—4pm
Wednesday 9am-4pm
Thursday 9am—1pm
Friday 9am-3pm.

The office will be closed on week-ends.

Parish Council Website

Information about the Parish Council can be found on its website

www.donningtonmuxtonpc.org



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Dates of Council Meetings.

12th September 2016 at Turreff Hall, Donnington

12th October 2016 at St John's Church, Muxton

14th November 2016 at Turreff Hall

14th December 2016 at St John's Church, Muxton

9th January 2017 at Turreff Hall, Donnington

8th February 2017 at St John's Church, Muxton

13th March 2017 at Turreff Hall, Donnington

10th April 2017 at The Lifelong Learning Centre, St Matthew's Road, Donnington

8th May 2017 Annual Parishioners Meeting at Turreff Hall, Donnington

8th May 2017 Annual Council Meeting at Turreff Hall, Donnington

N.B. All meetings will commence at 7pm unless otherwise stated and are open to the public and press.

Planning Committee Meetings are called as and when required and notified separately.

Find the agendas for these meetings on our website 5 days before the meeting.

Chairman 2016/2017

Councillor Mrs Lisa Dugmore was re-elected as Chairman to the Parish Council at the Annual Council Meeting held on 9th May 2016. Lisa was born and brought up in the local area attending St Lawrence School Preston, Charlton School, Wellington and New College, Wellington. Lisa is married to Nigel and has 3 children. She works as a School Business Manager in a large Primary School in Telford and is a resident of Muxton.



Working Lunch

Working lunches are held every two months at Turreff Hall, Donnington. The aim is to enable representatives from other partner organisations to meet each other, share information and help each other with local issues or events. To date, they have been extremely useful and well attended. The date of the next working lunch is **Thursday 22nd September 2016** commencing at 12 noon. If you feel you can contribute to the meetings please come along and join in.

Donnington Bonfire: This year's bonfire will take place on Saturday 12th November 2016 on Broadoaks Field, Donnington. There will be 2 firework displays alongside the bonfire.

Gates and Fun Fair open at 4.00pm

1st Firework Display at 7.00pm,

Bonfire lighting 8.00pm,

2nd Firework Display 9.00pm

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