

# Donnington and Muxton Parish Council



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## **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held remotely via Microsoft Teams on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 commencing at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs L Dugmore (Vice-Chairman), Miss F Doran, N Dugmore, J Gough, J Lavery, A Lawrence, R Overton, M Stokes and J Thompson.

**Also Present:** R Morgan (Parish Clerk) and Mrs H Westwood (Community Events and Engagement Officer).

**20/07/40 Apologies:** Councillors M Edwards, P Loughlin and C Mason.

**Resolved** – that the apologies are accepted.

**20/07/41 Declaration of Interest:** As per the Register of Interest.

### **20/07/42 Laptops for Learning Scheme**

Councillors R Overton and J Lavery explained that the Laptops for Learning scheme is aimed at supporting children and young people in receipt of children's services to have a device and internet access to complete educational learning. Due to there being children in the community who will not be covered by the governments scheme and will not have an equal opportunity to continue on their learning journey, Telford and Wrekin Council's Cabinet has decided to utilise this year's Leader & Cabinet Members Young Persons Grant scheme funding to help children in the borough have access to a device. As this will not be enough to help all of the children within its communities it is seeking additional funding from partners and Parish and Town Councils within Telford & Wrekin. With the grant, a device will cost £200 should the Parish Council wish to contribute.

Councillor J Gough offered to obtain refurbished devices which would be cheaper and therefore the Council could purchase more of them. Councillors asked if he could investigate this further and obtain the required specifications from the Borough Council for future consideration. However, as the scheme is time critical Councillors discussed the offer from the Borough Council.

The Clerk informed Councillors of his concerns regarding this Council's budgets which had been adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Resolved** – to purchase six laptops at a cost of £200 each as part of the scheme and that two each are given to St Matthew's Church of England School, Donnington Wood Junior School and Muxton Primary School.

**20/07/43 School Uniform Recycle and Re-use Policy**

Councillor R Overton informed Councillors that pop up shops were being set up to help recycle school uniforms. Some had already been donated to Donnington Community Hub and, where people were unable to get to the Hub, he had been out collecting them. Councillors suggested purchasing new school uniforms or providing vouchers for school shoes. However, there were concerns as to how this would be administered, and which schools would the uniforms be purchased for. It was stated that parents were offering uniforms free on Muxton Messenger Facebook page.

**Resolved** – that in the short term the Parish Council will help publicise this scheme on its social media sites and have this as an agenda item for Septembers Council meeting where Councillors can discuss how this could be made into a long term sustainable project. Councillor R Overton agreed to send the details to the Community Events and Engagement Officer to put on the Council’s social media pages and state that someone from the Parish Council can collect the donations and deliver to the Hub should the need arise.

**Councillors considered going into Private Session for the next agenda item.**

### **Private Session**

**Resolved** – that by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

#### **20/07/44 Staff and Personnel Committee**

Councillors were asked to ratify the decisions made at the Staff and Personnel Committee meeting regarding:

a. **SP20/07/05 Community Events and Engagement Officer**

**Resolved** – to ratify the decision made at the Staff and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020.

b. **SP20/07/06 Risk Assessments**

**Resolved** – to ratify the decision made at the Staff and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020.

c. **SP20/07/07 Turreff Hall**

**Resolved** – to ratify the decision made at the Staff and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020.

The meeting closed at 1830hrs.

Signed:

Date: