

INFORMATION FOR LILLESHALL RESIDENTS

THE CASE TO STAY AS WE ARE

POINTS TO CONSIDER - FROM THE PRESENT WARD COUNCILLORS :

- 1. The** present Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton Council (LDMPC) has been operating for approximately 70 years (Muxton was added in 2011) and may benefit from economies of scale. At present 6312 dwellings contribute towards the assets located in Lilleshall i.e. Churchyard, Bus Shelters and Tennis Courts provided free of charge to anyone local or otherwise. These costs would fall solely onto 572 Lilleshall dwellings.
- 2. Lilleshall** residents have contributed to all parish assets located in Muxton and Donnington i.e. buildings, fixtures and fittings such as office equipment and the present reserves of approx. £72,000.00 of which 12.3% would transfer to any new parish council. There would be some start-up costs for any new council which would fall to Lilleshall residents.
- 3. To** retain the current full-time, qualified, experienced Clerk and part-time Assistant Clerk the cost would be 2.5p per week per elector, covering 63 hours per week. Any new proposed new Clerk might work 7hrs per week and not necessarily be operating locally.
- 4. Nominations** for Councillors can be from up to 3 miles from the Parish boundary, as is the current case, and thus there is no guarantee of future Councillors being Lilleshall residents. The Councillors of any new council would decide how much money is required to run the Council and how it is spent. Up to 9 new Councillors are proposed for a new Lilleshall Parish Council. There are currently 3 LDMPC councillors who live in Lilleshall.
- 5. The** larger present Council has, in the past, played a major role in opposing unwelcome Planning Applications such as the former Open-Cast Mine and Vegetable Pack House application at the edge of the Village, providing substantial funds and officer time toward the cost. Would a new Council be able to support such effort and finance if required in the future?
- 6. There** are many activities and groups which are enjoyed by residents from Muxton and Donnington. The School draws only 18% of Lilleshall children. Small Parishes, of which Lilleshall would be one, are encouraged by Central Government to combine with a view to make them more financially viable and effective.
- 7. The** proposed introduction of a new Ward 'The Humbers' in 2015 (subject to Government decision) does not alter Lilleshall Ward but increases the representation for those residents. The Parish warding system, common to all larger Councils, normally works well with the Ward Councillors taking lead roles on their local issues.

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THE CASE FOR AN INDEPENDENT LILLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Current LILLESHALL, DONNINGTON and MUXTON PARISH COUNCIL representation:

2014 15 COUNCILLORS - 3 from LILLESHALL

2015 15 COUNCILLORS - 2 from LILLESHALL (Subject to Government decision)

AN INDEPENDENT LILLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL would:

- BE POTENTIALLY FINANCIALLY VIABLE WITHIN THE PRESENT COUNCIL TAX & ABLE TO GENERATE RESERVES

- HAVE UP TO 9 COUNCILLORS MEETING IN THE VILLAGE - LOCALLY ACCOUNTABLE AND DEMOCRATIC
- FOCUS PRINCIPALLY ON VILLAGE CONCERNS, PROJECTS, EVENTS, ORGANISATIONS AND INITIATIVES
- LOOK AFTER THE VILLAGE, FOR THE VILLAGE , WITH THE VILLAGE

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