

# **Donington with Boscobel Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albrighton at 7pm**

In attendance: Cllrs David Beechey, Lee Chatburn, Suzy Francis, Christine Jones, Adrian Robinson, Virginia Sankey, Phil Ogle, David Williams and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

### **2023.117 Welcome by the Chair**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2023.118 Apologies for absence and reasons:**

The Council received the following apologies for absence:

Dawn Harper – unwell

Robert Parry – unwell

### **2023.119 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal**

There were none at this time

### **2023.120 Public Session:**

There were none at this time

### **2023.121 Minutes:**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as a true record

### **2023.122 Matters Arising**

#### **a) Councillor Surgeries**

There was no update on Councillor surgeries from the working party at this time. Cllr Adrian Robinson agreed to follow up the suggestion of combining surgeries with Councillors from Albrighton Parish Council.

#### **b) Community Governance Review**

It was reported that the Boundary Review Working Group had met and had included ten representatives from both Albrighton Parish Council and Donington with Boscobel Parish Council. The three representatives for Donington with Boscobel Parish Council were Cllrs David Williams, Christine Jones, and Lee Chatburn. The majority present had voted in favour of a combined Parish Council, and against incorporating Windsor Road area only. Cllrs Williams, Jones, and Chatburn had all voted against the proposal to call a combined Council 'Albrighton Parish Council', instead of 'Albrighton and Donington Parish Council'.

## **2023.123      New Business**

### **a) Cosford Reported issues**

Cllr David Williams reported that civilian residents at Cosford, living in Housing Association property, had started to contact the Parish Council about local issues including fly-tipping, lighting, street furniture, and vermin. There had been some success in following up these issues, notably fly-tipping.

### **b) Nature Reserve Agreement**

It was requested that the Parish Clerk type out a Word copy of the original agreement of the Nature Reserve agreement to allow for an easier use of the document prior to meeting with Management Committee and Shropshire Council representatives to update it.

### **c) War Memorial Restoration Project**

It was noted that the groundworks may not go ahead so the request to contribute approximately £8000 to the project by way of paying an invoice for ground works was no longer on the table. It had previously been agreed to contribute £5,000 towards the restoration project, and it was agreed to pay this sum to Albrighton Parish Council's War Memorial Fund as soon as the grant application was received by the Parish Clerk.

## **2023.124      Correspondence: For Action**

- a) Crane Quality Consulting: a request for funding for family counselling service for children and teenagers who have experienced family breakdown was considered, it was agreed not to pursue this at this time as there was no information on whether it had assisted families in the Parish.
- b) West Mercia Police – a request to renew the Local Policing Community Charter was considered, and it was agreed to list the current three priorities as anti-social behaviour, drugs, and outbuilding theft. It was requested that the Police attend a future meeting.

## **2023.125      Correspondence: For Information**

The following was noted:

- a) National Highways: notification of upcoming maintenance work between 16<sup>th</sup> February and 22<sup>nd</sup> April on the M54

## **2023.126      Planning**

### **a) Applications:**

24/00025/FUL (validated: 22/01/2024)

Neach Hill, Neachley Lane, Neachley, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8PJ

Proposal: Conversion of Grade II listed house to 12 bedroom hotel accommodation with associated landscaping and conservation works, erection of 46 bedroom hotel block, conversion of Coach House to single residential unit and construction of 58 residential units

as enabling development to facilitate the conservation works

Reference: 24/00026/LBC (validated: 22/01/2024)

Address: Neach Hill, Neachley Lane, Neachley, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8PJ

Proposal: Conversion of house to hotel accommodation, conversion of Coach House for additional accommodation, erection of pool building to form spa facilities gym etc, courtyard stable block to provide 46 additional rooms, 58 residential units

To file: the Parish Council does not object to the development and conversion of the Grade II Listed building into a hotel with a 46 bedroom block, but the Parish Council does object to 58 residential units as it considers it an unacceptable development in the Green Belt when other local non-Green Belt land is available. A lack of detail concerning infrastructure and accessibility have influenced its views.

**b) Permission Granted:**

The following was noted:

23/04646/ADV: Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, Airbase Avenue, Neachley

Proposal: Erection of 3m high brick wall with externally illuminated signage (modification to previously approved)

c) **Application Withdrawn:** none at the time of the publication of the agenda

d) **Permission Refusals:** none at the time of the publication of the agenda

e) **Any other planning matters:**

The following was noted:

Cosford Business Park, Long Lane, Neachley, Shifnal.

Description of development: Erection of a detached single storey building containing 3 No. starter units for employment (resubmission)

22/05379/FUL

Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/23/3327037

Appeal reference: 24/03227/REF. Appeal start date: 25 January 2024

## **2023.127 Finance**

**Payments** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the following payments:

Clerk	Clerk's salary (February)	(gross £694.20,) Net £685.80	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£8.40	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk	Travel Expenses (February)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112
Methodist Church	Room hire for year	£247.50	LGA 1972 s.111
Hugo Fox	Website (February)	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111

- **To note grant payments made following a decision made at the meeting of January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024:**  
£1000 Citizens Advice Bureau – payment on hold at request of trustees  
It was agreed to move this sum into Earmarked Reserves
- **To note any income received:** there was no dividend to the Public Sector Deposit Fund received after the publication of the agenda, £425.90 was received in January
- **Bank Reconciliation** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of January 2023
- **Spend to Date** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of January 2023

## 2023.128      Reports:

The following were noted:

### a) Received:

- St Cuthbert's Working Party (Cllr L Chatburn)  
The old bridge will be removed after 1<sup>st</sup> March with the replacement due by the end of April. Councillors present said that protocols should be in place about the bridge being closed, and notifications put out for the public.
- Boundary Review Working Group Meeting (Cllr D.Williams)  
This was referred to in the above agenda item.
- Albrighton Fayre Committee (Cllr R.Parry)  
Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's fayre. The next Committee meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Crown at 7pm.
- RAF Cosford Cadets (Cllr R.Parry)  
The Squadron won the Wing Cross Country Race held at RAF Cosford on 28<sup>th</sup> January. It participated in RAFAC on 4<sup>th</sup> February.
- Royal British Legion (Cllr D. Williams)  
The programme of events for the year will include tributes as part of D Day 80 on 6<sup>th</sup> June
- War Memorial Working Party (Cllr L Chatburn)  
Method statements have been received, with works being processed with architects and contractors.
- Footpaths (Cllr V Sankey)  
A number of branches blocking Humphreston Brook on the north side of the bypass have been removed.

**b) Nothing to report:**

- Shropshire Council (Cllr Ed Bird)
- SALC (Cllr D. Beechey).
- Nature Reserve Report (D.Dale)
- Clerk's Report (V.Voysey)

**2023.129      Training**

Training information is available on: [www.alcshropshire.co.uk/training](http://www.alcshropshire.co.uk/training)

**2023.130      Date of the Next Meeting 19.3.24**

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **9.3.24**