

# Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 At 7.00pm held on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 4076 3024

Present: David Beechey, David Dale, Hugh Kirton, Christine Jones, Robert Parry, David Williams, Chris Wilson. Shropshire Cllr Ed Bird, Philip Ogle, and Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

### **20.83 Welcome by the Chair**

Chairman Christine Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Philip Ogle who had expressed an interest in filling the casual vacancy

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

The Council received apologies from:

Malcolm White – no internet connection  
Don Hickman – personal commitment

The above apologies were received and accepted

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

Cllr Robert Parry declared an interest in item 10)a) prior to the meeting as he is related to the planning applicants

### **20.86 Public Session:**

There were no public questions at this time

### **20.87 Minutes:**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as a true record

### **20.88 Matters Arising**

#### **a) Casual Vacancy**

David Williams thanked Philip Ogle for the letter of introduction he had sent to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to co-opt Philip Ogle onto the Parish Council.

Philip Ogle agreed to sign the Declaration of Office.

### **b) Benches repair**

Cllr Robert Parry reported that timber had been cut for the Mike Owen bench on Shackerley Lane and was scheduled to be put in place next week. The Rectory Road bench metal work has been painted.

### **c) Contribution towards services**

Cllr Christine Jones reported that she had spoken to the Chair of Albrighton Parish Council who had sent a list of shared services for consideration - there were no figures in it at this time. Another Chairs meeting had been requested

The Parish Clerk noted that the list had been passed onto all Councillors but had only been received by the Chairman the day before the meeting.

Cllr David Williams said that some of the items on the list needed scrutiny, for example, the OAP Christmas party is noted but is managed by the Village Hall Trust, and the War Memorial repair was not being done through any council. He also commented that the Parish Council would be deciding the budget at the January meeting but still had no information on costings.

There was some discussion on the previous meetings approach of awarding money on a grant basis

Cllr Christine Jones noted that no decisions could be made at a joint Chairs meeting and that anything discussed would have to come back to Full Council. Cllr Hugh Kirton said that the Parish Council shouldn't do anything without any further information and quite likely this would bring us nearer into February next year.

The Parish Clerk reminded the Councillors that advice had been sought of the Internal Auditor and that control of expenditure had been raised in this advice as it had in the discussion this evening.

Cllr David Dale suggested that the Parish Council requests approximate figures for the budget meeting and if information is not received no figure should be put in the budget

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** that the Parish Council request numbers from Albrighton Parish Council and that the Parish Council will say how much it will grant or if none is supplied it will give nothing (and not budget towards it).

### **d) Highways**

The Parish Clerk reported that she had not received any further updates on Rectory Road and Long Lane from the Highways Department at Shropshire Council. Shropshire Cllr Ed Bird said that he had not had any response as yet but that he had followed this up.

Cllr Robert Parry said that the flooding in Long Lane is a problem that is affecting businesses working the area – both leisure and agricultural industries were referenced. A verge has collapsed because of constant flooding, and he asked if the Councillors present thought that the state of the Lane was acceptable for the Parish. He requested that Parish Councillors visit the area and expressed their view to the Parish Clerk to facilitate making a strong representation.

## **20.89 New Business**

### **a) Donington Church Centre Car Park and Rights of Way**

Councillors present thank Cllr Robert Parry for the papers he had compiled prior to the meeting. He said that it is a complex situation that has arisen after a series of events. His concern was to preserve a right of way to the woodland area by the Nature Reserve. He questioned if there were any interest in considering expressing an interest in purchasing land to facilitate it

Cllr David Williams said that he had questions about rights of easements and the legal right of way. Cllr David Dale said that a valuation of the land would be helpful.

Cllr David Dale suggested that formation of a working party to look at the issue in detail.

It was agreed that the Working Party should be comprised of Cllrs David Dale, Philip Ogle, Robert Parry and David Williams with Chairman Christine Jones ex-officio.

Cllr Philip Ogle said that expressing an interest in writing would be a good idea and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would draft a letter for the Working Party to consider.

### **b) Dignity at Work Policy**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the renewal of the the Dignity at Work Policy.

### **c) Royal British Legion**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to donate £50 to the Royal British Legion in lieu of payment for a wreath and a donation combined.

### **d) Long Lane**

The issue of flooding in Long Lane caused by a blocked drain was addressed in the Highways section of the agenda.

## **20.90 Correspondence: For Action**

### **a) Neachley Lane Residents and MAAC development**

A member of the public has written to the Parish Council regarding the Air Ambulance Planning Application in Neachley Lane. It was commented that the Parish Council voted in favour of the application without consulting residents of Neachley Lane. The resident commented that whilst accepting the site for the Air Ambulance, 20 acres of Green Belt Lane is considered to be excessive and 10 acres would be sufficient. Reference was made to the largest Air Ambulance site in England being of this size.

This correspondence was noted.

Cllr David Williams said that there was always a public session on the Agenda and that Parishoners were welcome to attend meetings.

b) **Funding support for the Nature Reserve**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to agreed to the £2000 request from Edward Andrews on behalf of Shropshire Council for funding support for work done at the Nature Reserve.

**20.91 Correspondence: For Information.**

The following were noted:

- a) **Road Closure** - Patshull Road, Albrighton, on 15th February 2021, Road Closure: BT - Pole Testing, BC008PTMS24631, Monday 09:30 - 15:30
- b) **St Cuthbert's Church** – St Cuthbert's Church has written to the thank the Parish Council for their donation towards the maintenance of the church grounds

**20.92 Planning.**

Cllr Robert Parry left the meeting while the following item was discussed (taken into Zoom waiting room)

a) **Applications:**

**20/04911/FUL**

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Conversion of outbuilding to one dwelling to include erection of single storey extension

LOCATION: - White Ladies Farm Barns, Shackerley Lane, Cosford, Albrighton, Shropshire.

No objections

Cllr Robert Parry returned to the meeting (taken out of Zoom waiting room)

b) **Permission Granted:**

The following were noted:

**20/03918/FUL** Wyevale Garden Centres Plc Nursery Garden Centre Newport Road Albrighton Wolverhampton Shropshire WV7 3EE  
Erection of single storey extension to accommodate a cafe and kitchen and an associated external seating area

**20/04423/DIS** RAF Cosford, Defence College Of Aeronautical Engineering Leeming Road Cosford Albrighton WV7 3EX  
Discharge of condition 4 (landscaping scheme) on planning permission 20/02362/FUL  
Discharge Conditions Approved

c) **Permission Refusals:** none at this time

#### d) Any other planning matters

##### i) Enforcement

Cllr David Dale said Shropshire Council had brought clarity to an enforcement issue raised by the Parish Council but that he personally found it unacceptable as the property in question is such a mess. There was agreement with this viewpoint.

Shropshire Cllr Ed Bird said he would follow this issue up.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should respond to Shropshire Council to say the Parish Council is dissatisfied with the response and would like to know if there is an alternate process and the possibility of appeal as the problem has not been resolved. It was also agreed that the Parish Clerk should seek the legal advice of SALC and NALC.

##### ii) Boscobel House

The Parish Clerk reported that she had been contacted by English Heritage about delays to the planning application at Boscobel House and concern that this might affect the intended re-opening in March.

Cllr Robert Parry said that if the plans were being held up on a technicality then this would be a real shame as there had been a lot of investment. It would be ideal for the area to have as much as possible re-opened next year.

Shropshire Cllr Ed Bird said he would make enquiries and follow this issue up.

## 20.93 Finance.

### 20.93.1

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve the following payments:-

Clerk	Clerk's salary & expenses (November)	£497.37 £449.37 & £48 home allowance October - December	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£0	LGA 1972 s.111
Albrighton Parish Council	Contribution towards Albrighton Library	£3000	General Power of Competence
Albrighton Parish Council	Contribution towards Albrighton Flyer	£2,283	TA 1985 s106A
Albrighton Parish Council	Contribution towards Village Planters	£152	General Power of Competence
Albrighton Parish Council	Contribution towards David Austin Memorial Gardens	£372.85	General Power of Competence

## 20.93.2

- a) **Bank Reconciliation** – it was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation for mid November 2020
- b) **Spend to Date** – it was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the spend to mid November 2020
- c) **Budget** – an informal meeting to discuss the budget was arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am hosted by Cllr David Williams.
- d) **Mobile phone** – it was agreed to close the mobile phone account as it is not being used by the current clerk
- e) **Online Banking** – the Parish Clerk said that she would bring a recommendation for online banking for the current account to the next meeting. It was mentioned that change of signatories and delegate changes was a consideration.

## 20.94. Reports:

- (a) **SALC** Cllr D. Beechey - a report on volunteering in the county is upcoming
- (b) **RAF Cosford** – elderly residents who would otherwise have been invited to a Christmas dinner will instead receive food hampers. Donations will be made to the Food Bank.
- (c) **Nature Reserve Report** - a written report filed by the Chair of the Nature Reserve Management Committee was noted
- (d) **Albrighton Village Halls Trust** Cllr H. Kirton – the Red House remains closed. There has been some redecoration.
- (e) **AFLAG** – Albrighton Flood Action Group – nothing to report at this time
- (f) **Clerk's Report** – items to report were covered elsewhere in the agenda
- (g) **Crime Prevention** – Cllr David Williams noted the recent theft of the defibrillator and that the First Responders were trying to get another one
- (h) **ATC** – Cllr Robert Parry said that there was no date yet for when Cadets will be allowed to parade again

## 20.95. Training

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

Cllr Christine Jones recommended the courses for new councillors and noted that training is currently on Zoom.

## 20.96. Date of the Next Meeting DATE 19.01.21

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **DATE 09.01.21**