

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2023 At the Red House, Albrighton

Present: Cllrs Christine Jones, Virginia Sankey, Robert Parry, Phil Ogle, Dawn Harper, David Williams, Adrian Robinson, David Beechey, Parish Clerk Vanessa Voysey and two members of the public

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman, Cllr Christine Jones, welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for Absence and Reasons

An apology from Cllr Lee Chatburn was received

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2022 were accepted as a true record

4. Chairman's Report

In December following an incident at the Red House the Council decided to move to a new meeting venue at the Methodist Hall. Councillors are very happy with the new venue; it is quieter and easily accessible, and our first two meetings resulted in more electors attending.

Councillors represent the parish on the War Memorial Working Party, SALC, the Footpaths group, AFLAG and the DALNR and we are grateful to them for giving their time and energy to do this work. Also Air Cadets, British Legion, Albrighton Fayre Committee, Albrighton Primary School, Albrighton Village Halls Trust, Albrighton & District Civic Society and Albrighton Relief in Need Charity.

Councillors have decided to hold surgeries this coming year to make themselves available to members of the public outside of council meetings to discuss issues within the Parish or signpost them to where they can get help. The first of these surgeries was held on Saturday 15 April.

Council has also supported AFLAG alongside APC to hold a Multi-Agency Meeting at the Red House on 17 April.

Grants and Donations have been made to the following:

- Albrighton and Cosford Community First Responders
- Nature Reserve Management Committee

- The Red House in respect of the Platinum Jubilee event, Summer Play activities, and Senior Citizen's Party.
- Albrighton Medical Practice for Citizens Advice.
- St. Cuthbert's Churchyard
- Albrighton Swimming Club
- Albrighton Library
- AFLAG for meeting room hire
- *Royal British Legion in respect of Civic Reception for Remembrance Day and wreath* - Legion did not hold a reception.
- APC for Warm space set up
- Air Cadets Cosford for Flight Simulator Equipment.
- Albrighton Fayre Committee for insurance.

I would like to thank all members of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council for their help and support for me in my role as Chair and for the time and effort that they have given towards the parish community. I would like to express my thanks to our Clerk Vanessa Voysey for all her hard work and support throughout the Council year and to the Vice Chair Councillor David Williams.

5. Matters for Public Discussion

A member of the public raised issues from the previous year's Annual Parish Meeting. The first was the view that the Parish Council needed to raise its profile, for example with articles in the Parish Magazine. The Parish Council does good work but people don't know about it.

Regarding Humphreston Barns, progress has been made following communications with the Listed Building Officer at Shropshire Council.

Cllr Robert Party said that empty properties were a concern but were outside of the control of the Parish Council.

Cllr David Williams noted that the recently held Councillor's Surgery was advertised in the Parish Magazine and on the Council's noticeboards. It was the first such event and would be followed up with other similar.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm