

# Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm at The Red House, Albrighton

**In attendance:** Cllrs Christine Jones, Virginia Sankey, Robert Parry, Adrian Robinson, David Williams, Philip Ogle, David Beechey, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and one member of the public.

### **22.67 Welcome by the Chair**

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

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

The following apologies were accepted:

Hugh Kirton – unwell  
Dawn Harper – unwell

### **22.69 Parish Council Vacancy – Co-Option**

An expression of interest in co-option had been received by the Council from Lee Chatburn and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to co-opt Lee Chatburn onto the Parish Council

Lee Chatburn signed the declaration of office.

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

No declarations of interest were received at this time

### **22.71 Public Session:**

There were no questions from the public at this time

### **22.72 Minutes:**

Cllr Virginia Sankey requested an amendment in the minutes in respect of her reportage of the Footpaths Committee. With this amendment accepted by the Council:

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## **22.73 Matters Arising**

### **a) Refurbishment of road signage**

Cllrs Robert Parry noted that all proposals for road signs that he had compiled during lockdown in 2020 had now been completed. He said that thanks should be passed onto Shropshire Council for this work.

It was noted that the road sign 'Cordy Road South' and 'Cordy Road North' were rather literal and would benefit from future alteration.

### **b) Bus Stop Renovation**

The Parish Clerk reported that she had contacted traders directly for quotes for the refurbishment of the bus stops. One tradesman had looked at the bus-stop and had suggested suitable types of paint. Anti-graffiti paint would be an expensive option and if Parish Councillors considered that there was not a significant graffiti problem then this should be put into consideration. It was anticipated that a quote would be received in due course.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting in order to receive quotes.

### **c) Donington and Albrighton Local Nature Reserve reports**

Shropshire Council's Country Parks and Heritage Sites Manager (South) had sent a draft five year plan prior to the meeting and this had been circulated. There was some discussion on the content of the plan.

*Cllr David Williams left the room*

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to accept the first draft, and for Councillors to refer any questions on it to the Parish Clerk to pass onto the Country Parks and Heritage Sites Manager for his consideration. All in favour.

*Cllr David Williams re-entered the room and was advised a vote had been taken in his absence, he said that he agreed with the decision that had been taken.*

### **d) Woodland Car Park future management**

The Parish Clerk reported that she had contacted the Shropshire Council's Country Parks and Heritage Sites Manager (South) and Chairman of the Nature Reserve Management Committee about the future management of the Woodland Car Park and was hoping to arrange an online meeting to discuss it

### **e) Terms and Conditions of use of the Woodland Car Park**

The Parish Council considered adopting the terms and conditions for use drafted by Cllr Robert Parry.

Cllr Robert Parry said that if the right of way to the car park was ever challenged the Parish Council needed to demonstrate that it had acted responsibly in use of it. He suggested including speed restriction on access of the car park from Rectory Road. However, Cllrs Adrian Robinson and David Williams questioned the legality of terms and conditions on land not owned by the Parish Council.

There was some discussion on the right of way and the possible legal implication of using it for a period of ten years.

It was agreed that the Terms and Conditions were subject to amendment and would be finalised in the next meeting.

#### **f) Chairman's Chain**

Cllr Christine Jones said that she had not yet pursued plans to get a replacement link for the Chairman's Chain, and that she would report back to the Parish Council at a later date.

### **22.74 New Business**

#### **a) Remembrance Day**

Cllr Adrian Robinson explained that the Royal British Legion had been told that due to its charitable status it would not be able to cover the cost of a civic reception and refreshments at future Remembrance Day events. He said that the Events Committee at Albrighton Parish Council had agreed to cover some of the quotes and that he was requesting that the Parish Council should consider covering the rest of it.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to offer £250 towards funding the Civic Reception on Remembrance Day, all in favour.

#### **b) Anti-social behaviour in the Nature Reserve**

Cllr Robert Parry expressed concern at anti-social behaviour and drug-taking in the nature reserve. He expressed the view that loitering youths and the entrance at the end of Jubilee Drive are both potential problems for residents who might feel intimidated.

Cllr Lee Chatburn said expressed the view that for the police there is a containment issue, and that the factor of alleged drug-users being away from the general populace might come into play.

Cllr David Williams said that this is part of an ongoing problem, and that seeking the advice of the local police would be a suitable way forwards.

The Parish Clerk said that a member of the public had raised the issue of dogs not on leads and an unpleasant incident involving a dog on a lead being attacked. This had been passed onto the Nature Reserve Management Committee. The resident had suggested that more prominent signs advising that dogs should be on leads might be helpful.

Cllr David Williams said that an application for the Nature Reserve Management Committee to the Parish Council to cover the cost of additional dog signs would likely be looked upon with favour.

#### **c) Senior Citizens Christmas Party**

There was some discussion on the demography of the Parish and the leaning towards events for pensioners and not younger members of the community.

It was noted that £300 was included in the year's budget for the Senior Citizen's party and that this was a consideration in granting money. It was suggested this be reviewed when setting the budget later in the year in respect of concerns raised about being more representative in the allocation of funds for the community.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to offer a grant of £300 to the Red House for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

#### **d) Warm space**

Consideration was given to granting costs towards the projected £500 set-up costs of a warm space in the library. There was support for the plan but it was noted that a 50/50 split was not a precedent in jointly funded projects as it did not reflect the demographic split of the two Parish Councils.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved**, to offer a grant of £250 towards the costs of setting up Albrighton Library as a warm space over the winter. This would include crockery, teas, coffees, soups, and other refreshments.

### **22.75 Correspondence: For Action**

- a) Shropshire Council: 22/05844/NEWSTN has proposed the name Air Base Avenue for land to the west of Neachley Lane, Cosford. This was noted – there were no objections.

### **22.76 Correspondence: For Information.**

The following were noted

- a) Kinver Neighbourhood Development Plan – a formal consultation will take place until 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The Parish Council has been informed as a statutory consultee.

The draft plan which can be viewed online or downloaded at <https://kinvernplan.co.uk/> , together with the consultation form and evidence.

- b) Received after the publication of the agenda – a member of the public had contacted the Parish Council for an update on overhanging trees and the Glebe Land. The Parish Clerk said that she had contacted Balfours about this in August and had been told someone would be coming to look at it. She had asked if there was any updates, but had not had a reply to date.

Councillors present said that as the Diocese had been notified there was no further course of action that the Parish Council could take on this matter.

### **22.77 Planning.**

#### **a) Applications:**

**22/04481/PA3MA** (validated: 03/10/2022)

Spiders Web Cafe, Sydnal Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3NB  
Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from

Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

No comment.

Received following the publication of the Agenda:

**22/04461/FUL** (validated: 13/10/2022)

Old Donington School, Rectory Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3EP  
Change of use, extension and remodelling of nursery to create a new dwelling

It was agreed that the above should receive a neutral comment and representation to express the concern that the external appearance of the building is out of keeping, and that the flat roof extension would look conspicuous and is out of scale with the existing building.

- b) **Permission Granted:** None at this time
- c) **Permission Refusals:** None at this time
- d) **Any other planning matters:** None at this time

## **22.78 Finance.**

### **22.78.1**

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

Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18	LGA 1972 s 111
Clerk	Clerk's salary (October)	£607.53	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 112
HMRC	Tax	£0	LGA 1972 s.112
Clerk	Travel Expenses (October)	£2.09	LGA 1972 s.111

### **22.78.2**

It was **noted** that the following payments were made following a decision made at the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September:

St Cuthbert's Church - £1250  
Albrighton and District Swimming Club - £1000  
Albrighton Parish Council (Library Grant) - £3000

### **22.78.3**

The following income received was **noted**:

Interest – £124.04 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund (September)

## 22.78.4

### a) Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of September 2022

### b) Spend to Date

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved**, to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of September 2022

## 22.79 Reports:

(a) **SALC** (Cllr D. Beechey): none at this time

(b) **RAF Cosford** (Sq. Ldr. C. Wilson): none at this time

(c) **Nature Reserve Report** (E.Byrne): covered in an earlier item

(d) **Albrighton Village Halls Trust** (Cllr H. Kirton): none at this time

(d) **Clerk's Report** : the Clerk requested that she purchase a litter picking hoop and litter bags for Cllr Sankey – this was agreed with everyone in favour.

(e) **Royal British Legion** (Cllr D. Williams): a meeting had been held preceding the Parish Council meeting to finalise details of the parade. A Civic Reception would be held at the Red House.

(g) **Footpaths** (Cllr V Sankey): it was noted that any offers in walking footpaths or supporting the group in any way would be appreciated.

(h) **RAF Cosford Cadets** (Cllr R.Parry): a graduation ceremony had been held at the church, Cadets are to be commended on their appearance and behaviour. It is hoped to put on an open evening in Spring.

(i) **War Memorial Working Party** (Cllr D.Williams): the next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

(j) **Christmas Dinner** - Cllr Adrian Robinson asked any Councillors who wished to join him and Albrighton Parish Council for the Christmas Dinner on 14<sup>th</sup> December to let him know as soon as possible.

## 22.80 Training

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

## 22.81 Date of the Next Meeting 15.11.22

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **5.11.22**