

# **Donington with Boscobel Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albrighton at 7pm**

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

### **2023.131 Welcome by the Chair**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2023.132 Apologies for absence and reasons:**

The Council received the following apologies for absence:

Phil Ogle – family commitment  
Adrian Robinson - family Commitment

### **2023.133 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal**

There were none at this time

### **2023.134 Public Session:**

There were none at this time. The Chairman noted that he had requested that the police attend the meeting and provide the Parish Council with an update but that unfortunately they were not available.

### **2023.135 Minutes:**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 as a true record

### **2023.136 Matters Arising**

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

A date in May is being considered for a surgery to be held in conjunction with the Nature Reserve Management Committee's BBQ.

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

Further consultation is being held on Parishes rather than Wards. The next election in 2025 will be a joint Council (Donington and Albrighton) but it is not a foregone conclusion that it will be unwarded when it merges.

#### **c) Nature Reserve Agreement**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council have produced a first draft of a refreshed agreement, this will be sent to Cllr Francis for a legal opinion.

Cllr Robert Parry expressed the opinion that with the expectation of new Council being putting in place a year in May, that it would be timely to give 12 months' notice of termination of the agreement and for the new Council to sign it. The Chairman, Cllr David Williams, disagreed with this suggestion as it could potentially result in Shropshire Council withdrawing its support.

#### **d) Nature Reserve Works**

The Parish Council has received a request to fund works at the Nature Reserve of £10,250 (excluding VAT) from Shropshire Council's Countryside Parks and Heritage Manager.

The quote is to remove brash and cut trees to an agreed area on the site, excavating a new overflow from the existing stream, applying 600mm of twin wall pipe with rock armour at either end, and digging overflow areas in new water courses.

There was a discussion on the proposed works and flooding matters. Cllr Lee Chatburn said that the height of the weir is what determines the height of the water, whilst Cllr Robert Parry expressed a contrary view. Cllr Lee Chatburn expressed the view that works could not be looked at in isolation from the national flooding plan and that the potential impact on the main road should could come into consideration. He noted that the Environment Agency has full jurisdiction over all water courses.

It was resolved to fund the work at the Nature Reserve at the cost of £10,250 excluding VAT.

#### **e) War Memorial Restoration Project**

A request to fund £8,000 of landscaping ground works at the War Memorial had been made by Albrighton Parish Council. Parish Councillors noted that a £5,000 had been paid towards the project, and that it was not clear if the sum requested was £3,000 in addition or another £8,000. It would also like to see an invoice and a breakdown of costs.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this request until more information was available.

### **2023.137      New Business**

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

Cllr David Williams reported that there are still problems with fly-tipping and flooding at Cosford but that these problems are being worked on. New students are due shortly under the Professions training model, and a new Station Commander Wing Commander Penny Brady is now in post.

#### **b) Flooding**

Cllr Robert Parry expressed concern at the lack of action regarding flooding on Long Lane. The Parish Clerk reported that there had been multiple reports on Fix My Street. The Chairman reported that a ditch had been dug but that so far this had not done much to alleviate the problems.

**2023.138 Correspondence: For Action**

- a) A request had been received from Shropshire Council's Countryside Parks and Heritage Manager to continue with the funding agreement to the cost of £2,000 for the upcoming financial year.

It was resolved to fund Shropshire Council the requested £2,000 for maintenance of the Nature Reserve.

- b) Balfours have sent invoices for the rent of St Cuthbert's Car Park and St Cuthbert's Pool.

It was a resolved to pay the invoices as requested.

**2023.139 Correspondence: For Information**

There will be a temporary road closure for Cosford Airshow on 9<sup>th</sup> June:

Road closures: A41 between M54 and A464, Long Lane, Neachley Lane, Worcester Rd, Worcester Rd West, Newport Rd, Green Lane, Bowling Green Lane, Sydnal lane, footpath between The Old Windmill on Green Lane and Bowling Green Lane, Monarchs Way (A464 to Caynton Hall), Rectory Rd and Kennel Lane. 'Prohibition of Waiting at any time': A41, Newport Rd, Albrighton By Pass, Shakerley lane, A464 Holyhead Rd, Monarchs Way, unclassified road from A41 to Whiston Hall. These restrictions are to create one ways and assist traffic movements and will be effective at various times between 6am and 9pm.

**2023.140 Planning**

a) **Applications:**

24/00788/TPO. The Old Rectory, Rectory Road, Albrighton. To reduce crown by 25 percent and prune back from roof of care home1 no. Beech (T1) protected by the Shropshire Council (Land adjacent to St Cuthbert's Church, Rectory Road)

No objection

-24/00864/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to retain the change of use from equine to canine use, including associated temporary buildings, fence and gate in connection with the dog breeding enterprise operated at the site, for a temporary period of time up to 31st December 2027  
Bothy Cottage, Neach Hill, Neachley Lane, Neachley, Shifnal.

No objection

- b) **Permission Granted:** there was none at this time
- c) **Application Withdrawn:** there was none at this time
- d) **Permission Refusals:** there was none at this time
- e) **Any other planning matters:** there was none at this time

## 2023.141 Finance

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

Clerk	Clerk's salary (March)	(gross £694.20, Net £685.60)	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£8.60	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk	Travel Expenses (February)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112
Clerk	Litter picking bags for Cllr Sankey	£7.99	LGA 1972 s.111
Balfours	Rent for St Cuthbert's Pool	£20	Open Spaces 1906 ss.9 & 10
Hugo Fox	Website (March)	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111
Balfours	Rent for St Cuthbert's Car Park	£125	RTRA 1984 s.57

- **To note grant payments made following a decision made at the meeting of February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024:**  
Contribution towards the cost of the Nature Reserve's Volunteer dinner £116.10
- **To note any income received:** there was no dividend to the Public Sector Deposit Fund received after the publication of the agenda, £472.50 was received in February
- **Bank Reconciliation** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of February 2024
- **Spend to Date** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of February 2024

## 2023.142 Reports: the following were noted

### a) Received:

- Albrighton Fayre Committee (Cllr R.Parry)

A meeting was held on 5 March. the need to fill in an Event Management Plan, will create extra work and necessitate an increase in costs including providing safety barriers for the Parade. There will be a need to have Insurance in place well before the event, to secure a Road Closure. Parish Councils are asked to consider their respective grants. Stalls or attractions that relate to the theme of SPACE are being encouraged. Leaflet distribution to all houses will go ahead as last year. Stall booking is at the Bush on 2 April, followed by a Committee Meeting. The new Station Commander is being asked to judge the Float competition.

- RAF Cosford Cadets (Cllr R.Parry)

16 new Cadets were enrolled on 28 February at the Station Church. The squadron HQ has been closed because of electrical wiring concerns. Urgent discussions are going on as to whether the building can be made safe or whether a new building has to be found. Re location will not be easy, so this is a difficult time for the squadron as a whole. The band are flourishing under new leadership and hope to provide a marching display in the High Street ahead of the Floats Parade.

There is still a vacancy on the Civilian Committee, if any Councillors wish to join.

**b) Nothing to report:**

- Shropshire Council (Cllr Ed Bird)
- SALC (Cllr D. Beechey).
- Nature Reserve Report (D.Dale)
- War Memorial Working Party (Cllr L.Chatburn)
- Clerk's Report (V.Voysey)
- St Cuthbert's Working Party (Cllr L.Chatburn)
- Royal British Legion (Cllr D.Williams)
- Footpaths (Cllr V.Sankey)

**2023.143 Training**

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

**2023.144 Date of the Next Meeting 16.4.24**

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **8.4.24**