

# Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.00pm at The Moat Project, Albrighton

**In attendance:** Cllrs Christine Jones, Virginia Sankey, Dawn Harper, Hugh Kirtonk, Robert Parry, Adrian Robinson, David Beechey, Philip Ogle, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

The meeting was preceded by a tour of the Moat Project

### **22.35 Welcome by the Chair**

Cllr Christine Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to accept the following absence:

Cllr David Williams, work commitment

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

There were no updates on Co-Option and expressions of interest at this time

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

There were no declarations of interest at this time

### **22.39 Public Session:**

There were no members of the public present and no questions from the public at this time

### **22.40 Minutes:**

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

### **22.41 Matters Arising**

- a) Refurbishment of road signage** – there were no updates on the refurbishment of road signage in the Parish at this time. Cllr Virginia Sankey noted that she had not noticed any changes yet.
- b) Footpaths Committee** – the Parish Clerk updated members regarding the Footpath Committee's strimmer. The Chairman of the Committee has advised that the strimmer has been repaired so there will be no necessity to purchase a new one at this time.

## 22.42 New Business

- a) **Bus Stop Renovation** – consideration was given towards renovation of the bus stops in the Parish. It was agreed that it would be better to do both bus stops at the same time and that the Parish Clerk should seek three quotes for the work for the Parish Council's consideration at the next meeting.

## 22.43 Correspondence: For Action

- a) **Woodlands Car Park Maintenance** – the Nature Reserve Management Committee has written asking if it can plant native berry plants on the perimeter of the Woodlands Car Park and if the Parish Council intends to reduce mowing to assist biodiversity.

There was some discussion on the future maintenance of the area. It was noted that the Parish Council does not currently employ anyone to manage it.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to agree that the Nature Reserve Management Committee can plant berry plants alongside the perimeter of the Woodlands Car Park once established, and that mowing is not organised until Autumn.

*There was one abstention and one vote against this proposal.*

- b) **Shropshire Council** - The Economic Growth Strategy for Shropshire (EGS) for 2022-2027 has now been published as a draft for formal consultation. This was noted. It was also noted that the form is online in a format that is not compatible with printing it out for committee discussion. It was requested that the Parish Clerk sends feedback to Shropshire Council that having a pdf copy of the draft available would assist in providing a collaborative response to surveys.
- c) **Police and Crime Commissioner** – the Annual Town and Parish Council Survey has been sent out to Councils for consultation. This was noted, with the request that the Parish Clerk sends feedback that a pdf copy of the survey would be helpful.

## 22.44 Correspondence: For Information.

The following were noted:

- a) **Road Closure** – Shaw Lane will be closed between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October to carry out drainage investigations
- b) **Road Closure** – Cross Road will be closed between 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August for capital resurfacing

## 22.45 Planning.

- a) **Applications:** none at this time
- a) **Permission Granted:** none at this time
- b) **Permission Refusals:** none at this time

- c) **Any other planning matters:** It was noted that Shropshire Council's Conservation Officer has written to the Parish Clerk in relation to Humphreston Barns. He advised that following his last correspondence with the Parish Council he had called at the property but had not been able to obtain any further information about the owners that would allow the case to progress

## 22.46 Finance.

### 22.46.1 Payments –

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

Clerk	Clerk's salary & backpay (July)	£801.37 (£607.53 +£193.84)	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£0	LGA 1972 s.111
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18	LGA 1972 s.112
Clerk	Travel Expenses (July)	£31.41	LGA 1972 s.112
Shropshire Council	Election Expenses	£1196.89	LGA 1972 s.112
Clerk	Clerk's Salary (August)	£607.52	LGA 1972 s 112 (2)

### 22. 46.2 Payments made following a decision made at the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May:

The following were noted:

£3000 grant to the Nature Reserve Management Committee  
£500 to the Albrighton and Cosford Community First Responders  
£650 to Albrighton Medical Practice CAB for one month's Citizen's Advice session (outstanding)  
£500 to the Red House for Summer Activities Scheme (outstanding)

### 22.46.3 Income received

The following was noted:

Interest – £65.72 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund

### 22.46.4

#### a) Bank Reconciliation

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

## **b) Spend to Date**

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

## **22.47 Reports:**

- (a) SALC:** Cllr D. Beechey noted that Sylvia Pledger is now the local area representative on the SALC Committee
- (b) RAF Cosford:** Sq. Ldr. C. Wilson filed a written report in advance of the meeting, noting that the new Station Commander will take over at Cosford on 29<sup>th</sup> July, and that staff and apprentices from Cosford have been supporting the Royal International Air Tattoo. A September date for the post air-show Parish Councillors meeting will be coming out soon.
- (c) Nature Reserve Report:** Chairman E.Byrne had filed a written report in advance of the meeting. This included details of volunteer work undertaken, and action taken to tackle fly-tipping and reports of anti-social behaviour.
- (d) Albrighton Village Halls Trust :**Cllr Hugh Kirton said that there was nothing to report at this time
- (e) Clerk's Report:** the Parish Clerk reported that papers had been filed with the External Auditor and that documentation relating to the land sale had been collected from the Council's solicitor
- (f) Royal British Legion** (Cllr D. Williams): there was nothing to report at this time
- (g) Footpaths:** Cllr Virginia Sankey reported that the wicket under the underpass has been repaired.
- (h) Albrighton Fayre:** Cllr R.Parry reported that all had gone well at the Albrighton Fayre but that it was a lot of work and that four people on the committee was not enough.
- (i) RAF Cosford Cadets:** Cllr R.Parry reported that the Cadets had performed at Albrighton Fayre and that there was an upcoming Committee meeting.
- (j) War Memorial Working Party** (Cllr D.Williams)

## **22.48 Training**

Cllr Robert Parry had attended a training session on VAT for unregistered Councils and that he would be reporting on this next meeting.

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

## **22.49 Date of the Next Meeting 20.9.22**

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **11.09.22**