

# Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 At 7.00pm Zoom Meeting ID: 862 4076 3024

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

### **20.96 Welcome by the Chair**

Chairman Christine Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **20.97 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

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

Cllr Robert Parry declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.1 as one of the items to be paid reimburses him for expenditure on supplies purchased for mending benches in the parish

### **20.99 Public Session:**

There were no questions from the public at this time

### **20.100 Minutes:**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as a true record

### **20.101 Matters Arising**

#### **a) Highways**

Shropshire Councillor Ed Bird advised the Parish Council that he had chased up the issue of Long Lane. Cllr Chris Wilson advised the Parish Council that R.A.F Cosford has approached Shropshire Council about the same issue.

There was a discussion **about** Rectory Road including reportage of an accident where a car had hit a post. It has been secured but needs cementing back in. Cllr Robert Parry said that the posts had been put in to protect the kissing gate so they had served their purpose. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should email the Chair of the Nature Reserve Committee

about possible repair to the post.

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

The Chairman, Cllr Christine Jones, reported that she had spoken to the Treasurer of Donington Church Centre and that a valuation is being undertaken on the land.

Cllr Robert Parry raised the issue of bio-security and the good practice of not using the car park and right of way at this time. The Chairman, Cllr Christine Jones, said that Shropshire Council is restricting volunteer numbers.

Cllr David Dale said that the time to give further consideration to the matter is when the valuation of the land is done, at this time a Working Party could look at it in more detail.

### **20.102 New Business**

#### **a) Burial space in Albrighton**

Cllr Robert Parry said that the provision of cemetery space could be an issue of the future. It is currently managed by the Church but the diocese is no longer leasing glebe land for burial. A report will be prepared for February's meeting by Cllr Parry.

### **20.103 Correspondence: For Action**

#### **a) Donington Church Centre**

The following item was noted: the Treasurer of Donington Church Centre has written to confirm the receipt of a letter sent by the Parish Council regarding land accessing the nature reserve. A surveyor will be appointed by the Church Centre to give a valuation of the land.

### **20.104 Correspondence: For Information**

The following items were noted:

- a) Road Closure** - Elm Road, Albrighton, on 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Road Closure: Kier on behalf of Shropshire Council, Kerb replacement to prevent flooding, UJ214HW-1706590 , Monday 09:30 - 16:00
- b) Road Closure** – Beamish Lane, Albrighton, on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Road Closure by BT to install 12m of 1 way poly duct in carriage and to install 36m of 1 way poly duct to verge.

### **20.105 Planning.**

- a) Applications:** none at this time

b) **Permission Granted:**

The following was noted:-

20/03288/FUL (validated: 24/08/2020)

Boscobel House, Boscobel Lane, Shackerley, Bishops Wood, ST19 9AR

Formation of playground within wooded scrubland area with new ground finishes and minor tree removals

Decision: Grant Permission

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

d) **Any other planning matters**

There were no updates on enforcement issues, the Parish Clerk said she would report on any received.

**20.106 Finance.**

**20.106.1**

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

Royal British Legion	Donation in lieu of wreath	£50	General Power of Competence
R.A.Parry	Bench repairs (invoice and receipts supplied)	£139.76	R.A.Parry
Shropshire Council	Support for Nature Reserve	£2000	Open Spaces Act 1906 s.9 and 10
Clerk	Clerk's salary & expenses (January)	£449.37	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£0	LGA 1972 s.111

Cllr Robert Parry did not vote on this item

**20.106.2**

- a) **Bank Reconciliation** - It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve the bank reconciliation until the end of December 2020
- b) **Spend to Date** – It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of December 2020
- c) **Budget –**

Cllr David Williams thanked everyone who had attended the online meeting

discussing the budget. A final report had been sent to the Parish Clerk and this had been sent out to all members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting.

Cllr Williams reported that a budget of £34,340 had been agreed upon, and there was an option whether or not to raise this to a precept of £35,000, putting back into the budget what had been taken out of reserves in the previous year. He noted that an under spend was likely this year. Cllr Christine Jones reminded the Parish Council that if the purchase of the Memorial Bench was pursued this would represent an additional cost.

There was general agreement with the principles presented by Cllr David Williams and therefore

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the allocation of earmarked reserves and budget drafting for the financial year 2021-2022

- d) Precept** – It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to agree to a precept of £35,000 for the financial year 2021-2022

The Chairman, Cllr Christine Jones, noted that she had received a letter from the Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council regarding budget-setting and provision for shared assets. There was some discussion including the view that the Parish Council doesn't share Albrighton Parish Council's owned assets of which the library had mention.

Cllr David Dale said that a position had been decided at the November meeting and that numbers had been previously requested. Cllr David Williams said that the shared agreement was raised a long time ago and things had moved on, the Parish Council has no control over the growing list of demands on its resources and has to consider what is fit for its residents at this time.

**e) Online Banking**

There was discussion on the convenience and security arrangements of the options suggested by the Parish Clerk for a change of current bank account including the need for changes of signatories.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to change the Parish Council's current bank account to Unity Bank.

**20.107 Reports:**

**(a) SALC** Cllr David Beechey - there will be a meeting with MPs on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and members were invited to raise any issues with David prior to it

**(b) RAF Cosford** Cllr. Chris Wilson advised that there were no matters to bring to the Parish Council's attention at this time

**(c Nature Reserve Report** – a written report had been sent to the Parish Council prior to the meeting

**(d) Albrighton Village Halls Trust** Cllr Hugh Kirton reported that there was no income for the Village Hall Trust at this time and that the Red House remained closed. He will be finding out more about the financial situation later in the week.

**(e) AFLAG** – Albrighton Flood Action Group – Cllr Christine Jones advised Councillors that

she had contacted the group and had been told they were in weekly contact with Shropshire Council and were particularly active on the matter of Newport Bridge flooding.

**(f) Clerk's Report** – matters regarding banking arrangements and progress (or otherwise) on Highways and planning enforcement were dealt with during the meeting

**(g) Nature Reserve Committee** – Cllr David Dale raised the matter of recent correspondence between members of the Nature Reserve Committee and the Parish Council regarding financial information. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the Committee on behalf of the Parish Council and that the item should go on the next Agenda.

It was proposed seconded, and **resolved** that no individual Councillor should deal with any organisations on official Parish Council business unless it is through the Parish Clerk.

In favour: Cllrs Beechey, Dale, Kirton, Jones, Ogle, Williams and Wilson

Against: Cllr Parry

## **20.108. Training**

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

The Parish Clerk notified the Parish Council that Cllr Philip Ogle had been enrolled on an introductory training course with SALC. Currently all training is being held online.

## **20.109 Date of the Next Meeting 16.02.21**

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **06.02.21**