

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st December 2021 At 7.00pm at the Red House

In attendance: Christine Jones, David Dale, Virginia Sankey, Robert Parry, Philip Ogle, Dawn Harper, David Williams, Adrian Robinson, David Beechey, Hugh Kirton and Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

21.103 Welcome by the Chair

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

21.104 Apologies for absence and reasons:

There were no apologies

21.105 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal

No interests were declared at this time

21.106 Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no questions filed

21.107 Minutes:

Regarding the O.A.P Christmas Dinner (21.92a)), it was noted that the dinners had been provided directly to residents and included a meal and a gift.

Cllr Robert Parry said that the title of the item discussing his proposals (21.92 b)) should be changed from 'flooding proposals' to proposals relating to Humphreston Brook' and that 'the willow carr covers about 2 acres' should be changed to 'the willow carr and pool covers about 2 acres'.

Subject to the above amendments, it was proposed seconded and **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2021

21.108 Matters Arising

a) Flooding

Cllr David Williams noted that the Newport Road Bridge had flooded recently but that it had drained quickly.

Cllr Robert Parry had received a letter about flooding from a member of the public, prior to the meeting, this had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. AFLAG had also received a copy.

Cllr Hugh Kirton joined the meeting

Cllr David Dale said that the Environment Agency and the Shropshire Council Flood Management team had met and would be reporting back, Cllr Christine Jones noted that the Nature Reserve Management Committee would be deciding on any action that may be required as a conclusion of this reportage.

Cllr Parry's notes from a meeting held at the Nature Reserve on 14th December were discussed.'

b) Memorial for former Councillor

A formal response had not been received by the Parish Clerk from the farmer owning the land where the Parish Council would like to plant a memorial tree. However, Cllr Robert Parry had spoken to the Estate Manager.

It was agreed that a meeting should be held with the estate to discuss the matter further. It was suggested that Cllrs Christine Jones and Virginia Sankey should participate in this meeting.

c) Approbation 2022

It was reported that Cllrs Christine Jones and David Dale, along with the Parish Clerk, had met with Albrighton Parish Council's Clerk, Chairman Cllr Sylvia Pledger and Cllr Mandy Medelyn to discuss any developments in the approbation event scheduled for May 7th 2022. The discussion had included whether a buffet or a sit-down dinner was the most appropriate option. Both Cllr Christine Jones and Cllr David Dale were of the view that a Silver Service event was not appropriate. Cllr David Dale said that it had been suggested that when Albrighton Parish Council had decided how it wanted to proceed it would let the Parish Council know and it would then respond.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** that the Parish Council supports Albrighton Parish Council in holding in conjunction a civic event for Approbation 2022 subject to budget constraints, and health and safety constrictions. (all in favour)

d) Land Usage

There was a discussion on possible usages for the land purchased by the Parish Council next to the Nature Reserve entrance including consideration of possible fencing of the area.

Cllr David Dale said that the Nature Reserve Management Committee thought that a new fence and a gate across the line between tarmac and grass is sensible, possibly marking out car parking spaces. Longer term plans might include using the grass area for education purposes, and getting electricity onsite. It was commented by Councillors present that using the area for education carried safety considerations and that fencing would be appropriate in this context.

Cllr Robert Parry suggested an alternative of placing to planters at either side and keeping the area as a private car park with terms and conditions.

Cllr Christine Jones said that usage of the parking area is unlikely to change, and suggested that signage similar to that at St Cuthbert's, advising car owners that they were parking at their own risk, should suffice. Councillors present suggested that if this pursued that signs should be headed with the name of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that costings should be obtained for the price of signage; the price of a new fence and gate; the cost of services (electricity) and the cost of planters.

e) Dog Fouling

The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had informed the Parish Council that it would be unable to install any bins along Sandy Lane as it is a private road, and that this would remain the case until such a time as it is adopted. Shropshire Council also advised that it no longer installed dog waste bins due to cost ineffectiveness – they rust very quickly and general waste bins can be used to dispose of bagged dog waste. There are 4 general purpose bins on Rectory Road.

It was noted that the Parish Council providing an alternative bin would only be a solution if it had a system in place for emptying it and the resources to undertake it.

Cllr Phil Ogle noted that a sign about dog fouling had been put up on Sandy Lane.

f) Salt Bins

The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had responded that to its belief there has never been a grit bin in the Telford Avenue and Woodland Close area. However, it is arranging for the local Highways technician to undertake a risk assessment in the New Year to assess the location to see if it meets Shropshire Council's criteria. The Parish Council will be informed of the outcome.

21.109 New Business

a) Code of Conduct

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to adopt the LGA (Local Government Association) Code of Conduct adopted by Shropshire Council from 1st December 2021.

The Monitoring Officer has recommended that Parish Councils in Shropshire also adopt the LGA Code. <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct-2020>

b) Support for the Nature Reserve

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to pay the requested sum of £2,000 for a contribution towards support for the Nature Reserve for the financial year 2021-22 received from Shropshire Council's Countryside Manager (all in favour).

c) Friends of Albrighton Station

Cllr Philip Ogle reported that the Friends of Albrighton Station had regrouped and that volunteers were back in place. A grant of £4,000 has been received from National Rail towards tidying up the grounds.

Cllr Philip Ogle said that the left-hand verge was a currently mess and that it would be tidied up as part of the project. There was some discussion on the removal of green waste and the suggestion that local residents might be willing to remove it in their green bins.

Members of the Parish Council praised the group for winning the grant and taking on the work to tidy up the area.

21.110 Correspondence: For Action

a) Hope House

It was noted that Hope House has written to the Parish Council thanking them for the £100 donation received early in the financial year. An additional request for a donation has been received, no action to be taken at this time.

b) Proposed Road Closure, Station Road

It was noted that there is a proposed closure between 10pm 9th March to 6am 10th March 2022 for chevron repairs and replacement on the railway bridge. Any issues or enquiries are to be filed with the works promoter (Hatton Traffic Management), there were none from those present at this time.

21.111 Correspondence: For Information

The following was noted:

- a) Shropshire Council Road Closure – Harrietts Hayes Lane – 21st to 23rd February 2022, ditching works to alleviate flooding issues, 9:30 to 16:00**

21.112 Planning

a) Applications:

21/05549/FUL - Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the temporary change of use of land for the siting of 6 No. static caravans for use as specialist/seasonal horticultural worker accommodation.

LOCATION: - Caravan Site, Garden Centre And Premises, Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton. <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R33BGHTDJT000>

No objection.

- b) Permission Granted:** none at this time

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

- d) Any other planning matters:**

It was noted that an alleged breach of planning control in Barclay Close had been concluded by Shropshire Council's Planning Enforcement department. On the basis of available information it is considered that the works benefit from Permitted Development Rights under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 and therefore planning permission is not required and the matter has been closed.

21.113 Finance.

a) Payments –

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

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| Clerk | Clerk's salary (December) | £558.23 +13p (Nov) =£558.36 | LGA 1972 s 112 (2) |
| HMRC | Tax (November) | £27.20 | LGA 1972 s.112 (2) |
| Clerk | Travel expenses (November) | £27 | LGA 1972 s.112 (2) |
| Shropshire Council | Contribution to Nature Reserve | £2000 | Power of General Competence |
| 9Albrighton Parish Council | Contribution to cleaning memorial | £60 | Power of General Competence |

b) To note any income received

The following was noted:

Dividend (Public Sector Deposit Fund) - £1.94 for statement end 30th November 2021

c) Spend to Date

Bank Reconciliation – it was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** approve the bank reconciliation until the end of November 2021

Spend to Date – it was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the spend to date to the end of November 2021

21.114. Reports:

(a) SALC: Cllr David Beechey reported that the area committee had met with the leader of Shropshire Council and portfolio holder for Portfolio Holder for Communities, Culture, Leisure and Tourism.

(b) RAF Cosford : none at this time

(c) Nature Reserve Report : none at this time

(d) Albrighton Village Halls Trust : none at this time

(e) AFLAG : none at this time

(f) Clerk's Report : covered elsewhere in the meeting

(g) Royal British Legion – Cllr David Williams reported that the Poppy Appeal had done very well this year

21.115 Training

Training information is available on: www.alcshropshire.co.uk/training

21.116 Confidential Session

There were no confidential matters to report at this time. The Planning Enforcement notice has been concluded and referred to in the planning section of the meeting.

21.117 Date of the Next Meeting 18.1.22

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **8.1.22**