

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2019

Present: Cllrs D. Beechey; D. Dale; D. Hickman; C. Jones; R. Parry, P. Thompson; D. Williams; C. Wilson

19.056 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19.057 Apologies for absence

Cllr Malcom White and Cllr Hugh Kirton sent apologies.

Cllr Peter Thompson said that he would need to leave the meeting early.

19.058 Declarations of Interest

None at this time

19.059 Public Session

None at this time

19.060 Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of Tuesday 16th July were accepted subject to the above amendments,

19.050 c) Shropshire Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places suitable venue should read as previous or former Donington Church Centre and not as St Mary's Church Centre

19.053 c) should read that the Woodland Walk is now being opened on the 1st weekend of each month.

All in favour.

Cllr Robert Parry requested that the following be noted:-

19.048 a) Concerning the Car Park on Rectory Road, an agreement was made that a verbal quote from Jo Cork should be considered and a written quote obtained. Cllr Parry has obtained a written quote for the work.

19.048 c) Concerning the VE Day 75th Anniversary on 8th May 2020, the possibility of providing two benches outside the medical practice was discussed, to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day. It had been requested that the Parish Clerk write to the Medical Practice and Albrighton Parish Council to put forward this idea.

19.061 Matters Arising

a) Polling Station at St Mary's Church Centre Albrighton.

For clarification, the Councillors were proposing the old Church Centre at Donington, not St Mary's Church Centre.

It was requested that the Parish Clerk responds to Shropshire Council accordingly.

b) Fence Repairs at St Cuthbert's Church Car Park

Cllr Robert Parry had obtained a written quote for work at St Cuthbert's Church Car Park, Rectory Road. The quote detailed the replacement of rotten fence posts, cutting pack the hedge at the entrance to the car park, and removing all waste from the site. The maximum total cost of the work would be £1815.

Cllr David Beechey raised health and safety as an important issue in considering accepting the quote to undertake the work. Cllr Robert Parry said that to complete the terms of the lease the area needs tidying.

It was resolved to agree in principle to pay the quote as it is necessary for public safety and to fulfil the terms of the lease. The total cost would be a maximum total of £1815.

c) Local Plan Review

Cllr Sqn Ldr Wilson questioned the minute [19.050 b)]that the Clerk would submit a comment about Cosford being taken out of the Green Belt. He had not been present at this meeting. The Clerk said she would check and see if this comment had been sent in by the consultation closing date. Cllr Dale expressed a wish to still file a comment about this even if it had not been sent in. Cllr Parry asked if this item could go on the next month's Agenda for further discussion.

19.062 New Business

a) Citizens Advice Bureau

Cllr Christine Jones had attended a meeting with representatives from Albrighton Parish Council, the Wynne Foundation and the CAB to discuss future funding of the CAB, which closed at the surgery in May due to lack of funding.

The rent would be free, as the GPs would not charge for the room's use, but it would cost £6900 to fund someone to run it. In the last year, 69 people used the service, 51 were from Albrighton Parish, and 6 from Donington and Boscobel.

Cllr Hickman said that Shifnal is in close proximity and questioned if the Council would be subsidising a wider population. Cllr Thompson questioned if this would mean denying our residents the chance to use it so someone else can't however Cllr Hickman clarified that he meant to question if other Councils such as Shifnal Town Council would be called upon to contribute if their residents were using the service.

Cllr Williams said that it is a referral service, referring to larger CABs and said it would be cheaper to send residents to the main CAB centre using the Albrighton Flier. He also commented that if this could be the thin end of the wedge in funding services, social prescribing is an N.H.S initiative but here they are not prepared to fund it, would the Parish

Council next be invited to help fund the Police and Fire Service? As the military has its own welfare system, this takes out a lot of our residents. It is a lot of money to be asked to contribute to a small percentage of the population, about 400 people and not necessarily something he would be willing to commit to.

Cllr Sqn Ldr Wilson questioned the viability of the service given that only 69 people used it and it cost £6900 p.a to run and the cost of £1000 when 6 parishioners had used it last year.

Cllr Parry said he could see the value of the service and considered that it would be £1000 well spent out of the Council's funds as it is a valuable service for the community. To not support would be to not support those who most need support.

Cllr Thompson questioned the method of getting someone to another CAB and what documentation would be required. He said he considered this to be a worthwhile service, more so than flower baskets and Christmas lights.

Cllr Beechey said an hour's service would provide considerable support. Cllr Dale agreed with Cllr Parry on the value of the service.

It was resolved that Donington and Boscobel Parish Council will support a financial commitment to the CAB if other Parish Councils, principally Albrighton Parish Council, do so, and other funding sources are found.

6 Councillors were in favour and 2 were against.

b) Melville Club

Cllr Williams, in the Chair, reported that he had attended the Melville Club and that he considered it a good facility. There are about 80 members of which 60 are regular attendees. There are quite a few from Cosford Park Homes.

Cllr Thompson asked about the membership limitation, to which the Chair answered that it is 55 years old. Cllr Dale asked how many attendees were from our Parish but this information was not available.

Cllr Williams said that the Melville Club do not have a quote at this time but all information will be brought to the meeting as soon as possible.

c) David Austin Rose Garden at the Redhouse

Albrighton Parish Council wanted to make a tribute to David Austin in the village and after discussing with his family have decided upon a rose garden and stone plaque by the Redhouse. Donington and Boscobel Parish Council have been asked to contribute 28% of the costs which will be approximately £100 to £250.

Cllr Thompson left the meeting at this point saying he would agree in principle.

It was resolved to agree in principle whilst waiting for the costs.

The dedication ceremony is planned for 10pm Remembrance Sunday prior to the parade. The Austin family will be in attendance.

d) Feedback on Summer Activities

Cllr Jones reported that there is no formal feedback for the Redhouse summer activities but they went well. The sports activities and exotic zoo were popular and the children loved First Aid, craft, bingo and the police. Attendance was good. The final week wasn't so well attended, but this was the first time of doing a fifth week. Cllr Parry said that there weren't many children about this year for the tractor and fire engine, but that overall it was a worthwhile activity. Cllr Jones said that lunches were provided everyday and that some volunteers came every day to help.

Councillors requested that the Parish Clerk write to Jenny Wynn and express thanks from the Council to all volunteers who assisted in the playscheme.

e) Feedback on Mr & Mrs Pickard Certificate Presentation

The Chair was asked to consider presenting a certificate to Mr and Mrs Pickard recognising 50 years of running a successful business in the parish. He accepted this suggestion and the presentation was made at the exotic zoo session of the summer playscheme session. The Parish Council offered thanks to Rod Smith and Albrighton Parish Council for their help in offering this award.

f) Forthcoming BT Payphone Removal Consultation – notification from Shropshire Council

Shackerley Lane is the only working payphone in the parish. Cllr Parry said he would report on any comments from the public. Cllr Hickman noted that some parishes had used red telephone boxes for defibrillators or had decorated them with floral displays.

19.063 Correspondence for Action

a) Flooding on Station Road

The Chair, Cllr Williams, had been to look at the tarmac mentioned by a member of the public in an email to the Parish Clerk. He reported that the tarmac alongside the green strip is broken up and the surface is gone. The land does lie in Donington with Boscobel Parish but it is the responsibility of Shropshire Council Highways. The problem is known to Shropshire Council and the Parish Clerk has contacted Shropshire Councillor Ed Bird to let him know that it is has been raised as a concern.

Cllr Hickman mentioned the work needing to be done under the Railway Bridge down to Shaw Lane and questioned when Shropshire Council were going to start it. Cllr Beechey commented on the large branch across the footpath on Station Road, saying that Shropshire Council had removed the top of the tree but left the branch.

It was requested that the Parish Clerk complain to Shropshire Council about the branch left on the footpath on Brooklands Road and about the state of the highway on Station Road between the road and the grass verge from Brooklands Road up to the bridge by the Railway Station.

Cllr Hickman reported that Woodlands Close is being monitored with cameras down the drains. There will be an analysis of what is the responsibility of Shropshire Council and what is the responsibility of Severn Trent. There is a root infestation on the Newport Road by the Garden Centre. The pipe is on British Rail property so there is a question of who will pay for it: British Rail or Shropshire Council. Cllr Parry said that the fire service had been called on to get people out from under the Bridge.

It was requested that the Parish Clerk contact Shropshire Council about the flooding under the bridge and ask for an update.

b) Speeding between RAF Cosford and Albrighton

The Chair recommended that Shropshire Council Highways and West Mercia Police were asked for advice and action.

Cllr Sqn Ldr Wilson said that he had seen a speed van that day (17th September, day of the meeting). Cllr Dale said that an average speed check camera was the only way to solve this issue. It would be a calming method rather than a catching method.

c) Shropshire Council Playing Pitch and Outdoor Strategy

The Parish Council does not have any outdoor facilities.

d) Post-19 Transport Policy

The Chair, Cllr Williams commented that the new policy was entirely reasonable, and judged each case on its merits. There was no formal comment to file.

19.064 Correspondence for Information

The following were noted:

- a) Road Closure on Blue House Lane, 21st to 25th October, Bridge works
- b) Flytipping. A guidance factsheet on avoiding waste crime has been forwarded to all Councils by SALC and West Mercia Police
- c) SALC AGM will be held on 15th November at the Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury

19.065 Planning

- a) Applications: none at this time
- b) Permission Granted: none at this time
- c) Permission Refusals: none at this time
- d) Any other Planning Matters: none at this time

19.066 Finance

a) **It was resolved** to approve the following en bloc:

Albrighton Village Halls Trust	Room Hire (Nature Reserve)	£22		LGA 1972 s134(4)
Catherine Lane	Clerk's Expenses	£14.91		LGA 1972 s 112(2)
Vanessa Voysey	Clerk's salary & expenses (Sept)	£395.36		LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£89.80		LGA 1972 s.111

b) Bank Reconciliation: Not available at this time

c) Spend to Date: Not available at this time

19.067 Reports

Reports

- a) SALC – Cllr D. Beechey
- b) RAF Cosford – Cllr Sqn Ldr Wilson
- c) Local Nature Reserve – Cllr D. Hickman
- d) Albrighton Village Halls Trust – Cllr H. Kirton (report via Clerk)
- e) Footpaths – Cllr M.B. White (absent)
- f) Clerk's update

19.068 Training

None at this time

19.069 Next Meeting

15th October 2019 - items for the agenda to be notified by 3rd October 2019