

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council on Tuesday 16th March 2021 on Zoom - Meeting ID:

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

20.123 Welcome by the Chair

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

20.124 Apologies for absence and reasons:

Don Hickman – personal commitment
Malcolm White – no internet connection

20.125 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal

There were none at this time

20.126 Public Session:

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

20.127 Minutes:

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2021 as a true record

20.128 Matters Arising

a) Flooding

Cllrs Christine Jones and David Williams reported that AFLAG had updated on what is happening in flood prevention in particular the work on Newport Bridge that is due to take place.

The Parish Clerk noted that she had been copied into correspondence regarding the work being undertaken on Newport Bridge.

b) Donington Church Centre Car Park and Rights of Way

This item was deferred to the confidential session.

Paperwork has been received in relation to this matter.

c) Nature Reserve Management Committee

Regarding the request for financial information from the Management Committee as raised in the meeting of June 2020, Cllr David Dale said that the suggestion had arisen from the idea of offering the committee more freedom.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the Chair of the Nature Reserve Management Committee in April to request accounts information for the financial year 2020 to 2021 and to move forwards from this point.

Cllr Robert Parry left the meeting

d) Memorial Bench

The Parish Clerk reported that requesting changes to the design of the proposed bespoke Memorial Bench was not necessarily going to be a simple process. Cllr Chris Wilson said that circumstances had conspired against us and that the alternative of a sturdy bench that would suit the location should be considered.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the medical practice manager to see what is required by the practice and how to move forwards

20.129 New Business

a) Grants Policy

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to renew the existing Grants Policy

b) St Mary's Nursery

Cllr David Williams advised that the whole project to install outdoor flooring at St Mary's Nursery would cost £5,000. A donation towards it would be welcome. Some of the pupils are from the Parish. This project is subject to permission from Shropshire Council so this is a request that would be returned to at a later meeting of the Parish Council.

c) Local Government Elections

Local Government Elections will be held on Thursday May 7th 2021. Election notices have been put up on the Parish noticeboards.

Cllr David Williams commented that it would be nice to see more representatives from Cosford, more female candidates to address the gender imbalance, and more candidates who are resident in the parish.

Cllr Chris Wilson advised that he would be standing down at the election but would be available to act as a liaison with R.A.F Cosford. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilson for his valuable contribution as a Parish Councillor and all agreed that this would be missed.

d) Dog fouling

The Nature Reserve Management Committee has raised the issue of dog-fouling at the nature reserve. There was some discussion on possible deterrents and suitable courses of action, including contacting the Dog Warden and putting up signs. It was agreed that the

Parish Clerk would look at options.

20.130 Correspondence: For Action

a) Pool and Car Park rent

Invoices have been received from Balfours for the rent of St Cuthbert's Pool covering the period from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, and for the car part rent for the period from 1st April 2021 to 28th September 2021.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to accept and pay the invoices

9. Correspondence: For Information.

There was none at this time

20.131 Planning.

- a) **Applications:** none at this time
- b) **Permission Granted:** 20/04798/FUL White Ladies Farm Barns, 11th March 2021
- c) **Permission Refusals:** none at this time
- d) **Any other planning matters**

There were no updates on other planning issues at this time

20.132 Finance.

20.132.1 Payments

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

Clerk	Clerk's salary & expenses (January)	£449.37	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£0	LGA 1972 s.111
Albrighton Stars	Grant	£5000	Power of General Competence
Balfours	Car Park Rent	£125	RTRA 1984 s.57
Balfours	Pool rent	£40	PHA 1936 S.260(1)

20.132.2

- a) **Bank Reconciliation** – It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of February 2021

- b) **Spend to Date** – It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of February 2021

20.133 Reports:

- (a) **SALC**: Cllr David Beechey reported that he had attended the NALC assembly. He requested that the Parish Clerk forward his written report.
- (b) **RAF Cosford** :Cllr. Chris Wilson reported that thousands of Covid tests been conducted with few positives and that Government guidelines were being followed.
- (c) **Nature Reserve Report**: a written report had been filed in advance by the Chairman – it was commented that the detailed reports were appreciated by the Parish Councillors
- (d) **Albrighton Village Halls Trust**: Cllr Hugh Kirton that the Red Church is still closed and there is no official opening date as yet
- (e) **AFLAG** – Albrighton Flood Action Group – a report is to be circulated
- (f) **Clerk's Report**: the Parish Clerk gave a verbal report on the banking switch, due to take place on 23rd March.
- (g) **Albrighton Primary School**: Cllrs Christine Jones and David Dale had attended a school governors meeting where the Parish Council was thanked for its generous donation towards the nursery school project
- (h) **Royal British Legion**: Cllr David Williams reported that Remembrance Day Parade will take place again this year

20.134 Training

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

Cllr David Beechey commented that undergoing training is important for new Councillors

20.135 Confidential Session

Exclusion of Public and Press: in accordance with Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters. It is therefore recommended, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded.

20.136 Correspondence

Correspondence regarding the Church Centre land has been received by the Parish Council

The Councillors were updated on the cost of purchase and of legal and conveyancing fees

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to proceed with the purchase with the price as quoted in the correspondence from the Church Centre

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to proceed with the conveyancing quote of £650 plus VAT with search fees and stamp duty to be agreed

20.137 Date of the Next Meeting 20.04.21

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **10.04.21**