

# Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

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To all members of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council - Councillors:

**I HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that there will be a Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 At 7.00pm at The Redhouse Albrighton**

Signed: Clerk to the Council *v.n.voysey* Date 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## AGENDA

1. **Welcome by the Chairman:**
2. **Apologies for absence and reasons:**  
The Council is to receive, consider and note as appropriate, any apologies for absence.
3. **Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal**
4. **Public Session:**  
The Meeting is to be adjourned for 15 minutes to allow questions to the Chairman from members of the public.
5. **Minutes:**  
To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019
6. **Matters Arising –**
  - a) **Shropshire Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places** – comments from Telford and Wrekin Returning Officer have been received and comment is requested {APPENDIX A}
7. **New Business.**
  - a) **Citizens' Advice Bureau** update
  - b) **Melville Club** – to discuss the request for a grant for heating
  - c) **Rose Garden** at the Red House, David Austin
  - d) **Feedback on Summer Activities**
  - e) **Feedback on Mr & Mrs Pickard Certificate Presentation**
  - f) **Forthcoming BT Payphone Removal Consultation** – notification from SALC
8. **Correspondence: For Action.**
  - a) Two members of the public have contacted the Clerk about flooding on Station Road. One of the residents asked specifically about flood-proofing and tarmacking the road by the station access and if the responsible council would be willing to fund it. The other asked why action is not being taken to prevent flooding.

- b) A member of the public has contacted the Clerk about speeding on the section of road between RAF Cosford and Albrighton. The opinion is given that current levels of speeding enforcement are insufficient and that the speed limit is regularly flouted.
- c) Shropshire Council Playing Pitch and Outdoor Strategy: a survey is being undertaken by consultants assessing outdoor sports facilities and provisions. Replies are sought by 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- d) Shropshire Council post-19 Transport Policy. Any responses to the consultation are requested by 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**9. Correspondence: For Information.**

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

**10. 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

**11. Finance.**

**(a) To approve the following payments –**

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 – To receive and agree the bank reconciliation**

*Not available at this time*

**(c) Spend to date - To receive and agree the spend against the budget.**

*Not available at this time*

## 12. Reports:

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

## 13. Training

## 14. Date of the Next Meeting 15.10.19 for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by 03.09.19

## APPENDIX A

Email received from Shropshire Council

*Telford & Wrekin Council wish to make the following comments regarding the use of the existing established polling place at RAF Cosford Community Hub and a proposed new polling place at St Mary's Church Centre, Albrighton.*

1. *We appreciate concerns raised with the use of RAF Cosford Community Hub, especially in the event of a security threat but feel confident that the training given to our elections staff at polling venues, will be implemented if the need arose, to vacate the polling station and to set up a station elsewhere. We believe that attempts have been made to locate a proposed new venue within the Cosford area but these have been unsuccessful.*
2. *There is at present a polling venue within the Albrighton area where three polling stations operate from so there is some concern as to a further polling place being added within the Albrighton area.*
3. *We also have concerns regarding the current Cosford electorate possibly travelling into a different parish ward to enable voting. We appreciate the specific legislation with regard to polling places being located in an area in the district and that only special circumstances should be the reason for locating outside of the district. Also the distance the current Cosford electorate will be required to travel, to a proposed new polling venue in Albrighton, will have to be taken into account.*

Shropshire Council Officer's do have concerns over electors having to travel to the proposed station, {as you will see from the enclosed map} the vast majority are based near the existing polling station.

The resident who has requested the change was concerned with older residents in the south eastern side of the polling district but no mention has been made of the electors near the polling station or in the hinterlands of the polling district having further to travel if the station as moved.

The electorate figures for this polling station stands at 1007 at the current time and out of these only 307 live in the affected area, however, only 67 are recorded as being over 70 (see attached breakdown).

I would be grateful if you could provide the Council's comments as soon as you are able to after the meeting.