

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albrighton at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Lee Chatburn, Christine Jones, Virginia Sankey, David Beechey, Adrian Robinson, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and two members of the public

44.24 Welcome by the Chair

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

45.24 Apologies for absence and reasons:

Apologies were accepted from:

Robert Parry – personal commitment
David Williams – work commitment
Dawn Harper – personal commitment
Phil Ogle – personal commitment
Suzanne Francis – family commitment

46.24 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal

None were declared

47.24 Public Session:

A resident spoke to the Parish Council about his proposal to set up a fishing club at the Nature Reserve. He said that he was a member of a fishing club for 30 years and that he shared concerns of local anglers about recent incidents of fishing with no nets and taking fish out of the pond, particularly carp. Rules need to be in place, and it should require a license to take fish. Members would have to abide by rules and there would be a rota of 3 voluntary bailiffs as part of the club. It would be free to be a member and would be open to visitor from outside the area.

The Vice-Chairman noted that the pond is managed by the Nature Reserve Management Committee and would need their buy-in. He said he would try and get the Chairman of the Committee and volunteers together to progress the idea of a fishing club.

48.24 Minutes:

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024

49.24 Matters Arising

There were none at this time

50.24 New Business

a) Council Closure

There was discussion on the disposal of assets. Some items will be of no interest to a joint council. It is expected that the badge of office will go on display at St Cuthbert's Church. Cllr Virginia Sankey expressed interest in the noticeboard that includes her father's name on it. It was suggested that the Church Centre may be a suitable location for the painting of Donington Pool.

Obsolete items to be written off include the shredder, the mobile phone, the laptop (at least ten years old) and the filing cabinets.

Paperwork might be located in Shropshire Archives or at Albrighton Library. The Parish Clerk said that this might be best left to the decision of the Clerk of the amalgamated council.

Land, and street furniture including the Phone Box on Shackerley Lane, would need to be handed over to the new Council.

It was agreed that the assets register should be updated at the next meeting to note what will be written off at the council's closure.

b) External Audit

The conclusion of the External Audit for the year 2023-2024 was noted. The Vice-Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk for another perfect audit.

c) Grant Application

Consideration was given to the request from the 2497 (Cosford) Squadron Air Training Corps for a second flight simulator and other equipment.

RESOLVED to grant £2,500 to the 2497 (Cosford) Squadron Air Training Corps

d) Grant Application

Consideration was given to the request from the Albrighton Cricket Club for a grant towards a project to refurbish the cricket practice nets.

RESOLVED to grant £5,000 to Albrighton Cricket Club.

e) Police Community Charter

West Mercia Police have requested an update to the Community Charter. The discussion about problems at the Nature Reserve was referenced when considering wildlife crime, and it was requested that this was noted when returning the form.

RESOLVED to list anti-social behaviour, drugs and wildlife crime as policing priorities.

51.24 Correspondence: For Action

There was none at this time

52.24 Correspondence: For Information

- a) Two complaints were received about a social media post identifying an individual property. The post had been removed, and apologies given to offended complainants.

Councillors noted that the Parish Council has a Social Media Policy in place and that this is available on the Parish Council website.

- b) The Information Commissioner's Office has sent a response regarding the complaint about use of CCTV. This was noted by the Parish Council.
- c) A member of the public raised a concern regarding disability access at Cosford train station and the problems this presents for attending the Air Show. Parish Councillors agreed that this was an issue that of concern.

53.24 Planning.

- a) **Applications:** 24/03398/TPO: Linden House, Long Lane, Neachley
To file: no objection
- a) **Permission Granted:** none at this time
- b) **Permission Refusals:** none at this time
- c) **Any other planning matters:** there were no planning notifications sent after the publication of the agenda

54.24 Finance.

- i) It was resolved to approve the following payments –

Clerk	Clerk's salary (August, September)	£670.60 £666.80	LGA 1972 s 112(2)
HMRC	Tax (August, September)	£23.60 £27.40	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk	Travel Expenses (September)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
Balfours	Car Park Rent	£125	RTRA 1984 s.57
Interflora (via Clerk)	Sympathy flowers	£52.50	LGA 1972 s.111
Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111
Citizen's Advice	Grant	£1000	LGA 1972, section 142
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£252	LGA 1972 s.111

- ii) The following funds were committed following a decision made at the meeting of 16th July was noted

Nature Reserve Legacy Project - £26,342

St Mary's Church Centre - £10,000

Shropshire Wildlife Trust/Shropshire Council - £10,250

- iii) The following income received was noted: Interest – £417.45 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund (July) and £431.37 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund (August)
- iv) **Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of August 2024
- v) **Spend to Date** – it was resolved to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of August 2024

55.24 Reports:

- **Received:**

- War Memorial Working Party: Cllr L Chatburn reported that the project had now been completed

- **Nothing to report:**

- RAF Cosford Cadets (R Parry)
- Nature Reserve Report (D.Dale)
- Footpaths (Cllr V Sankey)

56.24 Training

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

57.24 Date of the Next Meeting 15.10.24

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **5.10.24**