Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2019

Present: Cllrs D. Beechey, D. Dale, C. Jones, R. Parry, M.B. White, D. Williams, C. Wilson, SC E. Bird, C. Lane -Clerk.

18.118 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished well those who were unable to attend due to health issues.

<u>18.119 Apologies:</u> Cllrs D. Hickman MBE, H. Kirton, P.G. Thompson. The apologies were noted.

18.120 Public Session:

The Meeting is to be adjourned for 15 minutes to allow questions to the Chairman from members of the public. Not required.

18.121 Minutes of the last Meeting:

It was agreed that the minutes of Tuesday 18th December and Tuesday 15th January were correct and signed.

18.122 Matters Arising from those minutes:

(a) Shropshire Local Plan Review – Preferred Sites Consultation. Council to agree up to 3 representatives to attend meeting 13th March, 6:30 at The Red House.

It was agreed that the Clerk would clarify how many Cllrs were able to attend as there was much interest in this event.

(b) Boscobel House & The Royal Oak – Council to consider working with Boscobel House to provide more information / signage for the Royal Oak.

It was agreed to include this item under Reports (when required) going forward.

(c) Police & Crime Commissioner – two grant rounds for bids for road safety initiatives. Discussion was had over suitable locations for speed indicator devices.

(d) Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance Grant. – Council to consider. Discussion was had to where a grant would be of most use. The flooding on Newport Road near to the Garden Centre was identified as good spot to try and improve using grant funding.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Steve Brown SC and invite him for a site visit to discuss further.

18.123 New Business:

(a) Internal Audit 2018/19 – Council to consider appointing a new internal auditor. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes from each company ready for the next meeting.

(b) Grants Policy and the formation of a Grants Committee - Council to consider appointing a Grants Committee and adopting a Grants Policy.

It was agreed that a Grants Committee would be created with recommendation from themselves to Full Council regarding frequency of meetings, terms of reference, Policy and a Grant Form.

It was agreed that a provisional meeting would be held at the start of April to allow time for information to be put to Full Council for it's April meeting to be agreed and adopted.

(c) Donington Pool Management Committee – Council to approve the request for funding to cover works relating to the removal of the Willow Carr, up to £1100.00.

It was agreed to approve the spend of up to £1100.00 on works to the Willow Carr. **It was agreed** to ask APC if they are able to contribute towards this work.

Cllr D. Dale has offered to produce a paper identifying clearly the structure of the Nature reserve, Donnington Pool Management Committee, land ownership and responsibility.

18.124 Correspondence: For Action:

(a) APC – Request made to see if we would like the bench on Newport Road, and one on Station Road & Brooklands Road Painted.

It was agreed that providing there was no cost there would be no issue in the bench on Station Road being stained, or the bench on Newport Road being painted green.

(b) Scouts – Request made for financial help towards camping equipment.

It was agreed that a grant of £250.00 should be given.

(c) ATC Squadron – Council to confirm grant of up to £600 for projector and Mower. It was agreed that a grant of up to £600 should be given.

18.125 Correspondence: For Information:

(a) Community Enablement Team – For information. Noted.

(b) Community Infrastructure Levy – For information. Noted.

18.126 Planning:

(a) Applications:

Reference: 19/00478/TCA

Address: Donington & Albrighton Nature Reserve

Proposal: Fell 1no Beech and remove lower limb of 1no Lime within Donington And Albrighton Conservation Area.

It was agreed that there was no objection.

(b) Permission Granted: None.

(c) Permission Refusals: None.

(d) Any other planning matters:

Reference: 18/05793/COU

Address: Former Goods Yard East Of, Neachley Lane, Neachley, Shifnal, Shropshire Proposal: Change of use of former railway goods yard to the storage of touring caravans. -Deferred.

Humphreston Hall – Council to discuss the current situation.

The Clerk updated the Council and asked that should anyone notice that the barn's particularly the one with fencing around it, are falling into more disrepair that they let her know so that this information can be passed on to the conservation officer.

18.127 Finance:

(a) To approve the following payments - Please see Februarys payment sheet attached. It was agreed to approve all payments.

(b) Bank reconciliation – to 30th January 2019.

It was agreed to approve the bank reconciliation to 30th January 2019.

(c) Spend to Date – Council to review spend against budget.

It was agreed to approve the spend to date with no comment.

18.128 Reports:

(a) SALC - Nothing to report.

(b) RAF Cosford - Planning for the 2019 Airshow was underway.

(c) Local Nature Reserve – The second hit at removing part of the Willow Carr had taken place leaving only a small sliver of it left. Measurements of the flow of the water down either side to the weir were to be taken. It is also hoped that the depth of the water can be recorded later in the year.

(d) Albrighton Village Halls Trust - Nothing to report.

- (e) Flooding The Flood Action Group are due to meet later in February.
- (f) Parking issues on the A41 It was reported that a pedestrian with a pushchair was

forced to walk on the main road due to the cars blocking the path by parking on it. Cllr R. Parry has volunteered to start a conversation with the local business regarding finding solutions.

Any other reports.

Speeding – the Council was informed that there are a number of cars speeding in the Sydnal / Mill Lane area. It was suggested that the police should be informed of this, it will also be taken back to Cosford to be aware of the issues.

18.129 Training: – Please see attached from SALC. Noted.

18.130 Date of the Next Meeting 19.03.19

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by 11.03.19