

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albrighton at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs David Beechey, Lee Chatburn, Christine Jones, Robert Parry, Virginia Sankey, David Williams and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

2023.145 Welcome by the Chair

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2023.146 Apologies for absence and reasons:

The Council received the following apologies for absence:

Phil Ogle – family commitment
Suzy Francis – work commitment

2023.147 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal

There were none at this time

2023.148 Public Session:

There were none at this time

Cllr David Beechey arrived at the meeting

2023.149 Minutes:

The Chairman read out a statement regarding minute 2023.136 d) and email correspondence he had received on it prior to the meeting. He requested that the Council consider if they wished him to stand down while he discussed the matter.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, that the Council request Cllr David Williams to continue in the Chair.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 as a true record

2023.150 Matters Arising

a) Councillor Surgeries

The Nature Reserve Management Committee held a meeting on 9th April, and it was agreed that a joint surgery open day be held on 25th May (subject to weather conditions).

b) Community Governance Review

There will be an online meeting on 17th April with the legal team from Shropshire Council.

The current proposition is to put 3 wards within the new Parish Council, with 7 Councillors representing Albrighton Village West, 6 Councillors representing Albrighton Village East, and 3 representing Donington and Boscobel.

c) Nature Reserve Agreement

The updated Nature Reserve Agreement has gone forward to Shropshire Council for review it will then go to the Diocese before coming back to the Parish Council. Currently, the document has amended the names of the parties and the date only.

There was some discussion on flooding issues, including drainage and riparian ownership. Cllr Robert Parry expressed concern at the potential for the Parish Council to be held responsible for flooding problems, whilst Cllr David Williams said that Shropshire Council is the riparian owner of the Nature Reserve and is responsible for drainage. Cllr Lee Chatburn said that whilst the Parish Council owns the pool, the weir is not its responsibility. Cllr Chatburn also expressed the view that the Parish Council should listen to flooding experts.

d) Cosford related issues

The Chairman noted that there have been some successes in following up Cosford related issues, but that there were no updates at this time

2023.151 New Business

a) Albrighton Beer and Music Festival

A request for a grant towards Albrighton Beer and Music Festival was considered, this would be for the purchase of tokens and not for alcohol.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to grant £100 to the Albrighton Beer and Music Festival towards the purchase of tokens.

b) Albrighton and Donington Fayre

A request has been made for the Parish Council to cover the cost of £280 towards insurance for the Albrighton and Donington Fayre was considered. The Parish Clerk noted that a copy of the quote and associated paperwork has been provided.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to pay the cost of £280 towards insurance for the Albrighton and Donington Fayre.

c) Albrighton Village Halls Trust

A grant form has been received requesting a contribution towards the Children's Playscheme due to run in the summer. The Parish Council considered this request and were in favour of supporting the children's activities. It was requested that the Parish Clerk ask for more information, and how much the Parish Council were being asked to grant.

2023.152 Correspondence: For Action

- a) A grant form has been received from the Nature Reserve Management Committee for the £3,000 set aside in the Parish Council's precept.
- b) The Nature Reserve Management Committee has sent a copy of its funding requirements, as discussed at its meeting on 9th April.
- c) Grass cutting – Cllr Robert Parry has informed the Clerk that he is obliged to take some weeks off from grass cutting. His brother, John Parry, will be able to do the work but he is concerned that this should be remunerated

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved that John Parry should be paid £30 for each cut whilst Cllr Robert Parry is unavailable.

Cllr Robert Parry declared a personal interest and did not vote

2023.153 Correspondence: For Information

Shropshire Council has published its draft proposals for Albrighton and Donington Community Governance Review on its website. Consultation concludes on 10th May 2024. <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/elections-and-electoral-registration/parish-council-boundary-review-consultation>

2023.154 Planning

a) Applications:

24/01294/PAAFC (validated 01/04/2024)

Proposed Commercial Conversion of Farm Building, Boscobel Lane, Bishops Wood
Prior approval application for the change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible commercial use

Support – as long as it is in the curtilage of the existing boundary

24/01325/OUT (validated 01/04/2024)

Outline application for the erection of dwelling for rural worker to include access, north of JK Fresh Produce, Long Lane, Neachley

Noted - arrived after the publication of the Agenda

b) Permission Granted:

The following was noted:

24/00788/TPO (validated: 23/02/2024): The Old Rectory, Rectory Road, Albrighton
To reduce crown by 25 percent and prune back from roof of care home 1no. Beech (T1) protected by the Shropshire Council (Land adjacent to St Cuthberts Church, Rectory Road, Albrighton) TPO 2011 (Ref. SC/00048/11)
Decision: Grant Permission

- c) **Application Withdrawn:** there was none at this time
- d) **Permission Refusals:** there was none at this time
- e) **Any other planning matters:** there was none at this time

2023.155 Finance

Insurance – it was agreed to renew the Parish Council's insurance for 1 year at £821.95

Payments – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the following payments:

Clerk	Clerk's salary (April)	(gross £694.20,) Net £tbc	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£tbc	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk	Travel Expenses (April)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112
Hugo Fox	Website (March)	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111
NRMC	Grant for 2024-2025	£3000	General Power of Competence

- **To note grant payments made following a decision made at the meeting of March 19th 2024:**
£2000 Contribution towards the cost of Shropshire Council's management of the Nature Reserve
£5000 Contribution towards the cost of Albrighton Parish Council's War Memorial Restoration Project
- **To note any income received:** £400.02 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund, statement of funds stands at £96,385.60
- **Bank Reconciliation** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of March 2024
- **Spend to Date** – it was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of March 2024

2023.156 Reports: the following were noted

a) Received:

- Albrighton Fayre Committee (Cllr R.Parry)

Plans continue for the 13th July event including preparing leaflets and posters, stall bookings, and confirming the new Station Commander as the judge of the floats.

- RAF Cosford Cadets (Cllr R.Parry)

The Squadron continues to meet at the Mechanical Engineering Hangar with numbers remaining strong. There is plenty of space but no access to the shooting range and flight simulators, so an alternative venue is still being sought.

- War Memorial Working Party (Cllr L.Chatburn)

The War Memorials Trust grant has been approved. Structural and architectural drawings have been completed and issued to the War Memorials Trust.

- Royal British Legion (Cllr D. Williams)

£1225 was raised for the Poppy Appeal at the Great Tommy Sleepout

- Clerk's Report (V.Voysey)

Paperwork has been filed with the Internal Auditor, including request information from grants

- Footpaths (Cllr V.Sankey)

Humphreston Brook has been cleared of debris twice in the last few weeks

- Nature Reserve (Cllr L.Chatburn)

As soon as there is a window of opportunity the bridge will be installed, there have been weather-related impediments.

b) Nothing to report:

- Shropshire Council (Cllr Ed Bird)
- Nature Reserve Report (D.Dale)
- St Cuthbert's Working Party (Cllr L.Chatburn)

2023.143 Training

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

2023.144 Date of the Next Meeting 21.5.24

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **21.5.24**