

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albrighton at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Christine Jones, David Beechey, Phil Ogle, David Williams, Robert Parry, Lee Chatburn, Adrian Robinson, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and two members of the public

110.24 Welcome by the Chair

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

111.24 Apologies for absence and reasons:

The Council noted apologies for absence from Cllrs Virginia Sankey and Suzy Francis

112.24 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest

113.24 Public Session:

i) Albrighton Verge Improvement Project

A presentation was given by Albrighton Councillor Rachel Wild on the Albrighton Verge Improvement Project. The purpose of the project is to improve the biodiversity of plants in the verges which will impact invertebrates and for community engagement and nature connectivity. The project will be implemented in an area of land opposite Newport Rd and adjacent to the Nature Reserve. The project will not disturb daffodils already planted in the area; the aim of the project is to supplement the verges with the planting of pollinates. 'Late Managed Mow' signs will be put in place to show that the area is being managed.

ii) Speeding on Rectory Road

A member of the public had contacted the Parish Clerk and Councillors asking that a speed limit of 20mph be considered for Rectory Road. There was some discussion on this issue, with the Chairman noting that it had been looked into 3 years ago but Shropshire Council had said there was no need to reduce the speed limit as there was no crash data to justify it. Cllr Phil Ogle said that articulated lorries going down the road is a concern, there is a sign saying it is not suitable, but this is often ignored. The Chairman suggested residents contacted Shropshire Council Highways as individuals.

iii) Rectory Road Car Park

Cllr Phil Ogle noted that residents had commented on the condition of the surface of the car park on Rectory Road. The Car Park is rented by the Parish Council. Chairman said that this is something that would be taken to the new Council for consideration.

114.24 Minutes:

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 as a true record

115.24 Matters Arising

- a) Council Closure – the Chairman noted that the annual audit is a rule-heavy process, and that advice had been sought from the External Auditors about the expected process given that from 1st April the Council will not exist and the Parish Clerk will be redundant. The Audit will be the responsibility of the new Council. The Parish Clerk said that she would close the year end accounts and draft an accounting statement and pass over the Parish files to the Clerk of the new Council for completion of the Audit process.

116.24 New Business :

- a) **Albrighton Verge Improvement Project (AVIP) by Albrighton Councillor Rachel Wild**

It was resolved to support the project where it is on Donington with Boscobel Parish Council land.

- b) **Request for letter of authority from the Council**

An Albrighton resident has requested to take responsibility for maintenance of the bench located at the junction of Brooklands Road and Station Road and to add a plaque in memory of this father. A letter of authority is requested from the Parish Council.

It was resolved to give a letter of authority.

117.24 Correspondence: For Action there was none at this time

118.24 Correspondence: For Information there was none at this time

119.24 Planning.

- a) **Applications:** there was none at this time

- b) **Permission Granted**

The following was noted:

24/04770/VAR (validated: 19/12/2024)
Proposed Rural Workers Dwelling North Of JK Fresh Produce, Long Lane,
Neachley, Shifnal, Shropshire
Variation of Condition no.4 attached to 24/01325/OUT

- c) **Permission Refusals:** none at this time
- d) **Any other planning matters:** none at this time

120.24 Finance.

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

Clerk	Clerk's salary (February)	£914.72	LGA 1972 s 112(2)
HMRC	Tax (February)	<i>Not due</i>	LGA 1972 s.111
Clerk	Travel Expenses (February)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111
JD Welding	Materials for Reserve	£1128	Open Spaces
Clerk	Storage boxes	£16	LGA 1972 s.111
JPE Aggregates	Materials for Reserve	£1128	Open Spaces 1906 ss.9-10
JPE Aggregates	Materials for Reserve	£564	Open Spaces 1906 ss.9-10

it was resolved to approve a payment of £33.57 to Cllr Robert Parry for diesel costs for work undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council, as previously agreed

- ii) The following payments made following a decision made at the meeting of 21st January was noted:

To St Cuthbert's Church - £2856

- iii) Redemption of Reserves

It was resolved to agree to the redemption of £55,000 from reserves held by CCLA to cover the follow legacy payments:

Football Club - £5500
 Cricket Club - £5000
 Church (grass) - £2856
 Church (kitchen) £10K (minute 36.24)
 Nature Reserve - £26K

- iv) Income received

The following was noted:

Interest – £381.35 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund December

- v) Bank Reconciliation

It was resolved to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of January 2025

- vi) Spend to Date

It was resolved to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of January 2025

121.24 Reports:

Received:

- RAF Cosford Cadets (Cllr R.Parry): a written report was filed. This included mention that a service was held at the RAF base to celebrate ATC Sunday and that extra training days have taken place to encourage more cadets to join the band.
- Albrighton Fayre (Cllr R Parry): a written report was filed. This included noting that a meeting was held on 28th January 2025, and that the theme for the floats will be 'Albrighton at the Movies'.
- Albrighton Relief in Need (Cllr R.Parry): new mandates from the bank are still being sorted. Christmas vouchers were distributed as agreed.
- Nature Reserve Management Committee: Cllr David Williams noted that a interim report has been sent. The works are not yet complete.

Nothing to report:

- Footpaths (Cllr V Sankey)

122.24 Date of the Next Meeting 18.3.25

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **8.3.25**