

# Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

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

In attendance: Cllrs Lee Chatburn, Christine Jones, David Beechey, Phil Ogle, David Williams, Virginia Sankey, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and one member of the public

## **84.24 Welcome by the Chair**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **85.24 Apologies for absence and reasons:**

The Council received and noted the following apologies for absence:

Cllr Suzy Francis – work commitment  
Cllr Robert Parry – unwell

## **86.24 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal**

Cllr Lee Chatburn declared a personal interest: he is a member of Albrighton Football Club

## **87.24 Public Session:**

There were no questions from the public at this time

## **88.24 Minutes:**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were confirmed as a true record

## **89.24 Matters Arising**

### **a) Council Closure**

Cllr David Williams reported that a joint statement will be put in the Parish Magazine in the January edition. There will also be social media releases from January. A Revocation Order has been written and is due to be published on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

The Chairman's Roll Board has gone to the sign writer. There will be an update on progress at the next meeting.

Shropshire HR will need to be contacted regarding Voluntary Redundancy. An offer will need to be made to both Clerks.

Both Parish Councils will cease to exist on 31<sup>st</sup> March. On 1<sup>st</sup> May there will be new elections. There will be an interim Council in place in between these dates, this will be comprised of Cllrs Nigel Lumby, David Merrick, David Williams, Lee Chatburn, Christine Jones.

b) The Nature Reserve Management Committee Legacy Project

The Nature Reserve Management Committee has requested that the Parish Council consider purchasing materials for use on project work. This was briefly discussed at the last meeting. There are some changes to the original proposed works related to the Legacy Project:

| Project item   | Original Submission | Revised Submission | Explanation   |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|
| Planting   | c. £500             | c. £1, 500         | Additional planting around St Cuthberts Well and Pool, plus labour cost to install retaining sandstone walling ( EH&S concerns as original plan was to use volunteers ) |
| Interpretation Boards                                | £2,342              | £2,618             | Replacing small interpretation board by St Cuthberts Well with a new board at the Newport Rd entrance   |
| Replacement bridge plinths and steel beams           | £5,000              | £4,670             | Firm quote received from contractor   |
| Bee hives  |                     | c.£2,000           | Encouragement of bees and other insects in conservation area  |
| Paths and path edging                                | £18,500             | £9,000             | Upgrading of existing paths only and edging paths only where necessary to stop future degradation   |
| Leaky dam extension to area behind St Cuthberts Well |                     | £6,500             | Provision for extension of the work recently undertaken in the Conservation area providing additional wildlife habitats and flood water containment                     |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>£26,342</b>      | <b>£26, 288</b>    |   |

It was resolved to accept the revised submission

**90.24 New Business :**

a) Albrighton Football Club grant

Consideration was given to a request from Albrighton Football Club for grant funding. The request is for general funding, and to assist with the costs of setting up a new pan-disability team. Councillors noted the high cost of hiring facilities. The only all-weather pitch is at R.A.F Cosford.

It was resolved to offer a grant of £5,500 to support Albrighton Football Club.

It was agreed to put £3,000 in the precept towards the running costs of the Albrighton Football Club.

#### **91.24 Correspondence: For Action**

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from a member of the public asking for help with erosion of the brook on his property. It was noted that the landowner has riparian responsibility and there is no direct help that the Parish Council can offer at this time.

#### **92.24 Correspondence: For Information**

It was noted that there will be a temporary road closure on Shackerley Lane Cosford between 18th to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

**Purpose:** Road Closure-Severn Trent water-No leak \* Small Washout Install In-line 4" & Small PRV Renew 4"

**Works Promoter:** Severn Trent Water

**Works Promoter Ref:** LB9141201-000096322242-02

**Enforcement pattern for Shackerley Lane Cosford:** All the time

Closure and diversion route: <https://one.network/?tm=141103044>

#### **93.24 Planning.**

##### **a) Applications:**

24/04484/FULL: 28 Woodland Close, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3PR.  
Erection of front porch and garage extension (retrospective)

*No comment to file*

##### **a) Permission Granted:**

The following was noted:

24/03398/TPO: Linden House, Long Lane, Neachley  
Reduce height and remove damaged and overhanging branches of 1 no Lime protected by the Shropshire Council (Linden House, Long Lane, Neachley) TPO 2022 (Ref: SC/00493/22)

##### **b) Permission Refusals:**

The following was noted:

24/00025/FUL (validated: 22/01/2024) Neach Hill, Neachley Lane  
Conversion of Grade II listed house to 12 bedroom hotel accommodation with associated landscaping and conservation works, erection of 46 bedroom hotel block and pool building to form spa, conversion of Coach House to additional guest accommodation, the repair and reinstatement of walled garden with new orangery and ancillary buildings, and construction of 58 residential units as enabling development to facilitate the conservation works.  
Decision: Refuse

- c) **Any other planning matters:** there were no other planning matters at this time

## **94.24 Finance.**

### **94.24.1 Payments**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

|          |                            |         |                    |
|----------|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Clerk    | Clerk's salary (December)  | £819.32 | LGA 1972 s 112(2)  |
| HMRC     | Tax (December)             | £65.80  | LGA 1972 s.111     |
| Clerk    | Travel Expenses (December) | £13.50  | LGA 1972 s.112 (2) |
| Hugo Fox | Website                    | £11.99  | LGA 1972 s.111     |

### **94.24.2 Payments made following a decision made at the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Noted: £200 to the Donington Pool Fishing Club

### **94.24.3 Income received**

Noted: Interest – £416.75 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund November

### **94.24.4**

- a) **Bank Reconciliation** – it was resolved to receive and approve the bank reconciliation until the end of November 2024
- b) **Spend to Date** – It was resolved to receive and approve the spend to date to the end of November 2024

## **95.24 Reports:**

### **Received:**

- RAF Cosford Cadets: Cllr R.Parry filed a written report detailing a meeting of the Wales and West Regional Air Cadet Council held at Cosford on 1 Dec 24.
- Albrighton Fayre: Cllr R Parry reported that a new Committee was voted in at a meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Nothing to report:**

- Footpaths (Cllr V Sankey)

## **96.24 Date of the Next Meeting 21.1.25**

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **14.1.24**