

# **Donington with Boscobel Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 At 7.00pm at The Redhouse Albrighton**

### **19.085 Welcome by the Chairman:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

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

Cllr Dale, personal commitment  
Cllr Thompson, family commitment  
Cllr White, health  
Cllr Wilson, work commitment

The above apologies were **accepted**, being proposed by Cllr Beechey and seconded by Cllr Jones, **all in favour**

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

None at this time

### **19.088 Public Session:**

There were no questions at this time.

### **19.089 Minutes**

There minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be accepted as a true record. **All in Favour.**

### **19.090 Matters Arising**

#### **a) David Austin Memorial**

The cost will be about £1000. There is no further news on this project at present.

#### **b) Flooding**

Councillors noted that the Jessops development has failed in its appeal.

There was some discussion on the tree root removal in the area of the bridge and the improvement to flooding issues. Cllr Parry expressed the view that the right people seem to be talking to each other and that there will be a permanent solution to something that has caused the village a lot of problems.

Cllr Hickman noted that the Shropshire Council has appointed a Flooding Officer.

**c) Disabled Access at Railway**

A letter has been drafted to Network Rail, copying in R.A.F Cosford, about disabled access at the station. It was agreed to approve the letter, **all in favour**.

**d) Boscobel House**

The Clerk had spoken to English Heritage who had repeated their suggestion of using the venue for a Parish Council meeting next year. Councillors said this would be considered in future.

**e) VE Day and VJ Day**

Albrighton Parish Council will be discussing the proposal of dedicating a memorial bench to their meeting this week. Once an agreement has been reached by the two Councils, the next step will be to discuss with the medical practice about a possible location for the bench.

**19.091. New Business**

**a) Scouts Heritage Grant Request**

Albrighton Scouts are applying for a heritage grant and are seeking a letter of support from the Parish Council as part of this process. Financial support is not being requested from the Council, it is note the contribution and value of the scouts to the local area. Councillors agreed to send a letter of support of the contribution the scouts make to the local community, **all in favour**.

**b) Red House Christmas Party**

Councillors commented that the OAP Christmas Party was a good event last year. This year it will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> December. A donation from the Parish Council would be appreciated, it was noted that last year £300 was offered towards the event. It was proposed by Cllr Hickman, and seconded by Cllr Jones, that £300 should be offered as a contribution towards the pensioner's Christmas Dinner, **all in favour**.

**19.092. Correspondence: For Action.**

**a) SSAFA (the armed forces charity)**

The Chair, Cllr Williams, said the information sent about VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations had been an interesting read. He reported that Albrighton British Legion intended to put on events as part of the national Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday commemorations. This would include a church service where a new standard would be dedicated, and a village parade. It is likely that R.A.F Cosford will send a contingent.

**b) SALC Social Media Policy**

The Chair, Cllr Williams, said that the social media policy was something that was needed by the Council. Subject to the Clerk removing the reference to a quarterly newsletter, which the

Council does not have, and personalising it, the policy should be adopted. It was decided to adopt the social media policy, **all in favour**.

**c) BT Telephone Box**

Subsequent to the Parish Council expressing an interest in adopting the telephone box on Shackerley Lane, Shropshire Council has sent a FAQs sheet and maintenance information.

Cllr Williams said that as interest had been shown in adopting the telephone box, some thought was needed on what it could be used for, it would be good if it were on a tourist route but it is somewhat off the beaten track.

Cllr Parry said that all that is needed would be for it to be painted every 5 years. Cllr Hickman said it would need PAT testing, Cllr Kirton said if it were moved the Council would need to pay to deal with the electrics. Cllr Williams said that this could be addressed and the cost would not likely be high, if adopted the telephone box would be an asset of the Council.

It was agreed to adopt the telephone box. **All in favour**.

**19.093. Correspondence: For Information.**

The following were noted:

**a) Albrighton Trust**

The Albrighton Trust Moat and Gardens has sent a listing of seasonal activities

**b) Library Strategy Consultation**

Shropshire Council's latest consultation on library services has been received by the Parish Council

**c) SALC: Winter Maintenance Presentation**

SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) has circulated information about roads maintenance in winter

**19.094. Planning.**

**(a) Applications:**

19/04665/FUL Erection of a single story extension, 7 Woodland Close

There was no objection. No comment to file.

**(b) Permission Granted:** None at this time

**(c) Permission Refusals:** None at this time

**(d) Any other planning matters:** Boscobel House

The Chair and Vice Chair, Cllrs Williams and Jones, both attended the Open Day at Boscobel House and thought the ideas to enhance the site looked good. Cllr Parry said that it would be good if the Parish Council could sponsor something as part of the plans.

**19.095. Finance.**

**a) To approve the following payments –**

RCC (Rural Community Council)	Membership fee	£26		LGA 1972 s.143
Royal British Legion	Rem. Day wreath	£20	Poppy Day Appeal	LGA 1972 s.137
Vanessa Voysey	Clerk's salary & expenses (Nov)	£426.16	Inc. £16 home £15.79 travel	LGA 1972 s 112 (2) LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	Tax	£55		LGA 1972 s.111

Including a donation to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in respect of the Remembrance Day Wreaths placed on behalf of the Parish Council and the Nature Reserve

The above cheque payments were agreed, **all in favour.**

**Requested payments**

1. A donation would be welcomed for the OAP Christmas Party at the Red House. Last year the Council donated £300.

It was agreed to donate £300 to the Pensioner's Christmas Party, see minute 19.091 b)

2. The church car park work has been completed including hanging the gate lower. An invoice has been requested for this work, but was not received by the time of the meeting.
3. Cllr Robert Parry asked the Parish Council to approve in principle a payment of up to £370 for a contractor to clear the channels of the pond. This was agreed in principle, **all in favour.**

**. Bank Reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation was received and agreed, **All in Favour**

**(c) Spend to date** - To receive and agree the spend against the budget.

The spend to date was received and agreed, **All in Favour.**

**(d) Banking**

There was some discussion on the information on options for changing bank as presented by the Clerk. Security of funds, rates of interest and convenience were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Parry, and seconded by Cllr Beechey, to transfer the savings account from the Bank of Ireland to CCLA, **All in favour.**

### **(e) Pension Compliance**

The Chair, Cllr Williams, reminded the Parish Clerk that an official letter was required and a decision on opting in to the pension scheme.

### **(f) Budget 20/21**

The Chair, Cllr Williams, said that not rising the precept by the rate of inflation could lead to a future need to raise it by a higher percentage.

A budget meeting was set for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at the Red House.

### **19.096. Reports:**

- (a)** SALC (Cllr D. Beechey).
- (b)** RAF Cosford (Sqn.Ldr. Wilson). – sent in advance of meeting
- (c)** Local Nature Reserve (Cllr D. Hickman).
- (d)** Albrighton Village Halls Trust (Cllr H. Kirton).
- (e)** AFLAG – Albrighton Flood Action Group (Cllr D. Hickman)

Any other reports

Cllr Ed Bird, in attendance during the meeting, gave an update on Shropshire Council

Cllr Parry reported from Remembrance Day Parade, which he commented was very well run this year.

### **19.097. Training**

Training information is available on the SALC website

[www.alcshropshire.co.uk/training](http://www.alcshropshire.co.uk/training)

### **19.098 Date of the Next Meeting 17.12.19**

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by **7.12.19**