

Donington with Boscobel Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albrighton at 7pm

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

110.24 Welcome by the Chair

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

98.24 Apologies for absence and reasons:

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Suzy Francis, and Cllr Lee Chatburn

99.24 Declarations of Interest: a) Pecuniary b) Personal

There were no declarations of interest at this time

100.24 Public Session:

There were no questions from members of the public

101.24 Minutes:

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2024

102.24 Matters Arising

a) Council Closure – a written response has been provided by Cllr David Williams and Nigel Lumby to questions posed by Cllr Robert Parry. This includes the following points:

- A new account has not been set up
- A recommendation has been made to Shropshire Council for the precept, the outcome is awaited. Shropshire Council will be responsible for setting the Council Tax after receiving the request.
- The Parish Clerk of Donington and Boscobel will be taking voluntary redundancy
- Public Liability Insurance will continue on areas open to public access
- The Albrighton Parish Council office will remain open
- All assets transfer, public amenities such as playgrounds, the Nature Reserve, the Parish Office and the Library will not need to be shut

- There was a two year consultation process on the change of Parish boundaries and wards
- Five meetings have been held discussing the transition to a combined council

103.24 New Business:

- a) Consideration was given to a grant request from St Cuthbert's Church for maintenance of the church grounds

It was resolved to offer £2856 to St Cuthbert's Church

- b) To consider a budget and precept for the financial year 2025-2026

The budget and precept request of £40,599 for the financial year 2025-2026 was noted

- c) New bins

It was noted that new bins had been requested from Shropshire Council following residents comments

104.24 Correspondence: For Action

There was none at this time

105.24 Correspondence: For Information

There was none at this time

106.24 Planning.

a) Applications:

The following was noted:

24/04770/VAR Variation of Condition no.4 attached to 24/01325/OUT
Proposed Rural Workers Dwelling North Of JK Fresh Produce, Long Lane, Neachley
View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SOPECZTDMDJ00>

b) Permission Granted:

The following was noted:

24/04484/FUL (validated: 02/12/2024)
28 Woodland Close, Erection of front porch and garage extension (retrospective)

c) Permission Refusals: there were none at this time

d) Any other planning matters:

An appeal on Planning Application 24/02149/FUL was noted, this was the planning application that had been granted retrospective permission

107.24 Finance.

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

Clerk	Clerk's salary (January)	£819.52	LGA 1972 s 112(2)
HMRC	Tax (January)	£65.60	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
Clerk	Travel Expenses (January)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
A Field	Signwriting	£125	LGA 1972 s.111
Methodist Church	Room Hire	£67.50	LGA 1972 s.111
JPE	Materials for Reserve	£1128	Open Spaces Act
Hugo Fox	Website	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111

- ii) Payments made following a decision made at the meeting of 19th November were noted

£5500 to the Albrighton Football Club (outstanding)

- iii) Income received

Interest of £393.76 to the Public Sector Deposit Fund December was noted

- iv) **Bank Reconciliation** the bank reconciliation until the end of December 2024 was approved
- v) **Spend to Date** –the spend to date to the end of December 2024 was approved
- vi) **VAT** – a claim for £6697.46 has been put in to HMRC

108.24 Reports

Received:

- Footpaths (Cllr V Sankey): alleviation works have begun on Humprheston Brook. A loose stile will be replaced as soon as Shropshire Council supply the materials, it is being built to specification. A damaged tree at White Ladies monument has been felled. Wet weather has postponed the Albrighton Footpath project, Shropshire Council will fund it until the end of the project.

Nothing to report:

- RAF Cosford Cadets (Cllr R.Parry)
- Albrighton Fayre (Cllr R Parry)

109.24 Date of the Next Meeting 18.2.25

Items for the agenda to be notified to the clerk by 8.2.24