

<p style="text-align: center;">ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Thursday 26th April 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Red House</p>
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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 26th April 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Red House.

PRESENT: Cllr. D Beechey (Chairman), M Pate (Vice Chairman), R Blincoe, P Illes, D Johnson, P Lusk, J MacLachlan, J Nelson, S Pledger.

M Ward, Clerk to the Council.

32 members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL, CLLR. D BEECHEY:

Cllr Beechey welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he was delighted in seeing so many present and taking an interest in Council affairs. He was particularly pleased to see a number of young people present and he thanked them for their attendance.

Cllr. Beechey announced the details of the Abney Avenue Party in the Park which was organised so successfully in 2011. The local committee had been very successful in raising money for the development of the park facility and he urged as many as possible to go and support the current year's event.

2. APOLOGIES:

Cllrs. G Beechey (Health reasons), S Brown (family reasons), N Hester (holiday), M Holden (holiday), S Pate (health reasons).

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2011 AT 7.30 PM IN THE RED HOUSE:

Cllr. Pate moved that the minutes were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and agreed by the meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

A copy of the Chairman's report was circulated to all attending the meeting. He briefly drew attention to the main items and asked if there any questions relating to the report. Cllr. Beechey stated that a copy of the report would be placed in the Parish Magazine at the earliest opportunity.

5. PRESENTATION BY KAREN HIGGINS, PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MANAGER FOR THE SHROPSHIRE PCT ON RECENT CHANGES TO THE HEALTH SERVICE:

Ms Higgins said she was pleased to be present and she was intending to go through the major changes proposed for the NHS and hopefully get people involved in the process. She said the changes were often complex and many people, even including some health professionals, had difficulty in understanding all of the proposals in detail.

She said that the Secretary of State traditionally set national priorities through the Department of Health which were passed to the next layer of Strategic Health Authorities. Below these organisations were the PCT's which in Shropshire's case did not include Telford and Wrekin. The PCT had two functions; to buy services and to provide services which were split into primary and secondary care. The PCT bought all secondary services and some primary care services and provided others. GP practices were private businesses as were dentists, pharmacists, and optometrists. Last summer the Government decided to create a new separate Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust to cover all community care to include Telford and Shropshire and remove some layers of management. The Strategic Health Authority and the Primary Care Trusts have been abolished to be replaced by GP organised commissioners which are due to take over in the summer of 2012. A NHS Commissioning Board will hold the money for GPs, dentists and optometrists and the public health service is being returned to the local authority. These changes have provoked many redundancies particularly among former managers.

Ms Higgins was pleased to answer many questions from the floor regarding the details of the new service and at the end the Chairman thanked her for her very helpful presentation and for dealing with a large number of disparate enquiries. He also mentioned the fact that the Community Trust was intending to apply for foundation trust status and informed the meeting that a consultation was due to take place from June to August 2012. He urged as many as possible to take part in this consultation, particularly younger members of the community. Both he and Ms Higgins congratulated the local patient group which was highly regarded within the service for its work on behalf of local people.

6. WHAT SHOULD BE THE FUTURE OBJECTIVES FOR ALBRIGHTON? DISCUSSION AND GROUP EXERCISES ON THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Mr Graham Phillips from the "Say Yes" campaign and a number of young people gave a presentation about their wish to establish a Youth Council and provide a youth shelter, preferably in the Talbot Road area. Those concerned had tried to gain the opinions of local people through the use of a questionnaire and they had written to residents and spoken to the Parish Council.

Cllrs. MacLachlan and Lusk explained the current distribution of Council spending through the use of a chart with explanatory notes which was distributed to everyone present and people were invited to contribute ideas and put them on post-it notes on charts already displayed in the hall. An email contribution from Mr John Bulmer regarding future priorities was read out and discussed. Cllr. MacLachlan promised to collate the ideas and produce a report which would be considered by the Council and the outcomes would be made available in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Pate described the proposals for the Queen's Jubilee visit to Cosford on Thursday 12th July 2012 and urged people to register for free tickets on the website www.shropshirejubilee.co.uk

7. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO PARISH COUNCILLORS ON OTHER LOCAL MATTERS AND THE WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR:

A number of issues were raised by participants that the Council was asked to address:

- The wall at the end of Bowling Green Lane at the junction with Newport Road was bulging outwards and was a cause for concern;
- The Parish Council was congratulated on its wise spending of public money and asked to concentrate its resources on local businesses and local matters of concern;
- The level of car parking in the village was judged by some to be inadequate;
- Could schools and the Catholic Church rent out their car parks on Saturdays?
- There was a need for a pedestrian crossing in the High Street;
- Potholes still needed mending;
- Yellow lines in Station Road at the junction with Shaw Lane were needed (this matter had already been actioned by the Parish Council);
- Could the Parish Council take over the maintenance of the village roads?
- A manhole near The Courts needed moving.

8. THANKS AND CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CLLR. D BEECHEY:

The Chairman thanked everyone again for their attendance at what he thought had been a very successful meeting. It had been encouraging to see so many people turn out and attend and it was particularly pleasing to have the involvement of a number of young people. He was also grateful for the contribution of Ms Karen Higgins on the issue of Nation Health Service reforms which had clarified a number of matters concerning this very complex reorganisation.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18 pm.

Signed.....Date.....
Chairman