



## Albrighton Parish Council

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### Minutes of meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Council meeting room.

#### Present:

Cllrs. P Woodman (Chairman), R Smith (Vice Chairman), D Beechey, P Harrison, B Hickson, P Illes, S Kirkland, T Maguire, M Medlyn, M Pate, J Pledger (agenda items 16 – 24), M Pitchford, A Straney.

In attendance: M Ward, Clerk to Albrighton Parish Council.

#### 1. Apologies:

Cllrs S Pledger (holiday), R Rudman (holiday).

Each apology was accepted by council.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Members must fill out the declarations of Interests Forms for submission.

Where a member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representation regarding the item before leaving the meeting, they must do so under item 4(D) of Public Participation.

Cllr. Medlyn declared an interest in agenda item 18.

#### 3. Public Participation

**Members of the public** are invited to ask questions, make representations or submit comments on any item on the agenda. This is **LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON** – at the sole discretion of the Chairman.

Two members of the public were present. Mr John Stretton spoke about the Albrighton war memorial, highlighted the main problems as outlined in a report submitted to the council on an earlier occasion and the possibility of obtaining grants to improve its condition and gaining the support of other councils. He would be pleased to assist the council in preparing the necessary documentation for the work and the also for grants.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that three quotations for the work should be obtained from the specialist, approved contractors, including the company based in Shropshire, for consideration by the council.**

Members also noted that RAF Cosford might consider supporting this work.

**4. Report by the Shropshire Council member, Cllr. M Pate with regard to items of business likely to affect the community**

Cllr. Pate said that a car parking strategy and a library strategy were currently under discussion at county level and further information would be forthcoming shortly.

**5. Parish Councillors reports with regard to any items of council business they have recently conducted likely to affect the community.**

Cllr. Beechey stated that there had been discussion of the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to take over the fire service which had been opposed by many in Shropshire.

Members also discussed the accident concerning a delivery lorry which had damaged the signing under the railway bridge in Station Road. Cllr Smith had contacted Network Rail to advise of the strike and had informed them that the height clearance sign had been ripped off its bolts and was hanging by its electrical wire above Station Road where vehicles were passing. He got the police to close the road to prevent a serious accident if the sign fell on a car.

**6. Minutes of previous meetings**

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were a true and accurate record.**

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were a true and accurate record.**

**7. Matters arising**

There no matters arising from the two sets of minutes.

**8. To review action points arising from recent council meetings**

There were no questions arising from the action points relating to recent meetings.

**9. Grants working party report and recommendations.**

Council agreed to support the recommendations of the Grants Working Party as follows:

- First Responders - £200 in support of the operation of a scheme car;

- Live at Home - £500 in support of the quarterly newsletter;
- Albrighton Sports Complex - £1,000 to assist with legal fees;
- Albrighton Football Club - £1,000 to assist with general expenses.

## **10. Planning:**

### **Planning applications:**

Reference: 17/03262/ADV (validated: 06/07/2017)

Address: Veterinary Surgery, 29 Station Road, Albrighton, WV7 3QH

Proposal: Erect and display 1No non-illuminated double-sided post sign

Applicant: St Georges Veterinary Group Ltd (Station House East, Ashley Avenue, Bath, BA1 3DS)

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the application should be supported by the council.**

Reference: 17/02469/FUL (validated: 19/07/2017)

Address: Former McKeand Smith and Co Ltd., Station Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire.

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to form two residential units; erection of five residential units following some demolition; erection of one 4-bay garage block with residential over; formation of parking and amenity areas.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jemmett

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the application should be supported by the council subject to specialist approval regarding the detoxification of the topsoil.**

Reference: 17/03513/TPO (validated: 28/07/2017)

Address: Bracklea, Shaw Lane, Albrighton WV7 3DS

Proposal: To fell 1 No. Deodar Cedar tree protected by Shropshire Council (Land off Shaw Lane and Kingswood Road, Albrighton) TPO 2010

Applicant: Mr. N Street

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the application should be supported by the council providing the tree in question was confirmed to be diseased.**

Reference: 17/03786/TPO (validated: 01/08/2017)

Address: Grangelands, Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, WV7 3HN

Proposal: To fell 1no Yew tree (T1) protected by Shropshire Council (Land at and to the West of Church Lane, Albrighton) TPO 2010

Applicant: Heartwood Professional Treecare (Aaron Price, 43 High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3JF)

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the application should be opposed by the council unless the applicant could confirm that the tree in question was diseased which would warrant its removal.**

### **Grant permission:**

Reference: 17/02574/FUL (validated: 30/05/2017)

Address: 1 Lea Farm Barns, Patshull Road, Albrighton, WV7 3FB

Proposal: Erection of detached single oak framed garage

Decision: Grant Permission

Received and noted.

Address: Land to The South Of, Kingswood Road, Albrighton, Shropshire

Proposal: Installation of a biomass boiler (Combined Heat and Power plant) and associated infrastructure

Decision: Grant Permission

Received and noted.

**11. To assess parish council reaction to an initial proposal to build 14 new affordable homes on the green space that is accessed from Elm Road and Bowling Green Lane – enclosures.**

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the council should support in general terms the proposal by Star Housing for 14 new affordable homes.**

Members noted that an earlier application had been rejected because of concerns over access but Star Housing were proposing a one-way system to overcome the anticipated problems. Further consultations would be needed to discuss the proposals in more detail.

**12. To consider accounts and payments made to the following in July 2017:**

Date	Cheque	To whom payable	Reason	Amount
03.07.17	4349	mh-p internet	Website posting	18.00
05.07.17	4350	Plantscape	Towers and maintenance	1407.60
	4351		Destroyed	
06.07.17	4352	S Pledger	Travel expenses	54.90
06.07.17	4353	Npower	Christmas lights power	270.31
12.07.17	4354	Npower	Street lighting power	747.44
12.07.17	4355	D Clark	Flyer phone rental	11.50
	4356		Destroyed	
	4357		Destroyed	
17.07.17	4358	BG Grounds Maint.	Mowing Patshull Green/Clockmills	342.00
19.07.17	4359	Clegg Gifford	Flyer insurance	3249.43
19.07.17	4360	S Pledger	Travel expenses	20.70
	4361		Destroyed	
19.07.17	4362	SALC	Councillor training	75.00
20.07.17	4363	Shropshire Council	Swimming pool invoices	1947.92
20.07.17	4364	Shropshire Council	Swimming pool invoices	1090.87
26.07.17	4365	Printerland	Printer toner	170.40
27.07.17	4366	M Ward	Travel expenses	22.50
27.07.17	4367	Viking	10 reams of printer paper	31.42
28.07.17	4368	Ace Computers	Email/Skype/webinar software	45.00
31.07.17	4369	Keith Gibson	Flyer safety check for June	273.02

Members discussed the issue of attendance at meetings and conferences which would require some form of funding which, at present, were unregulated.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the September agenda for further discussion.

**Income received:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payment type</b>	<b>Payer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
03.07.17	Bank transfer	Nationwide B. S.	Gross interest	20.71
06.07.17	Cash	Albrighton Flyer	2 weeks cash	220.00
06.07.17	Cash	Albrighton Flyer	2 Mondays Flyer cash	22.00
06.07.17	Cash	Albrighton library	Weekly cash	29.89
06.07.17	Cash	Albrighton library	Weekly cash	60.80
13.07.17	Cash	Albrighton Flyer	Weekly cash	130.00
13.07.17	Cash	Albrighton library	Weekly cash	49.07
19.07.17	Cash	Albrighton library	Weekly cash	74.84
19.07.17	Cheque	Swimming pool lottery	Cash for swimming pool invoices	1947.92
22.07.17	Cash	Albrighton Flyer	Weekly cash	188.00
27.07.17	Cash	Albrighton Flyer	Weekly cash	103.00
27.07.17	Cash	Albrighton library	Weekly cash	53.25
28.07.17	Cheque	Live at Home	Flyer journeys	473.00

Income for the month of August 2017 was noted.

**13. Update by the clerk on the proposed Flyer service in Shifnal using Albrighton information/expertise and an update by Cllr. Woodman on the leasing of a new vehicle from Furrows of Telford.**

The clerk explained that the proposed service for the Shifnal area was likely to be independent of the Albrighton Flyer with its own vehicles and drivers. He had written a paper outlining the Albrighton service for their information and he was due to attend a meeting in September when the matter would be further discussed.

The Shropshire Council grant for the Flyer was explained and the conditions of the grant stipulated that users had to be registered with the council whether they were individual or group users and the Flyer could not carry passengers on an ad hoc basis.

A visit to Stoke was planned in order to ensure that the wheelchair system and flexible seating were suitable for the new vehicle.

**14. Invitation to councillors to support the local petition for Arriva buses to divert the service from Wolverhampton to Telford through Albrighton.**

Council members gave their support to a local petition to reintroduce the Arriva bus service into Albrighton although councillors felt that they needed to note the company's commercial concerns and be realistic in terms of their requests.

The Chairman agreed to write to Arriva on the council's behalf.

**15. To consider a proposal by Shropshire Council to charge for the use of the Crown car park and report by Cllr. Beechey.**

Shropshire Council were currently reviewing their car parking arrangements and were proposing parking charges in the Crown car park which they leased from Marstons brewery. The brewery was opposed to the introduction of charges and because they owned the site it was considered unlikely

that charging would happen. Members were also opposed to the introduction of charges for the only dedicated car park in the village.

**16. To discuss quotations for the management of the trees behind The Limes and future action.**

Cllr. J Pledger arrived at this point in the meeting and was in attendance for the remainder of the agenda.

The clerk outlined his discussion with Benbow Brother regarding the maintenance of the trees behind The Limes and the likely charges that would apply. Members were opposed to the spending of council money on trees that were not their responsibility and the clerk was instructed to write to the developer, Henry Boot, stating that the trees and their maintenance were their responsibility and send them a copy of the quotations received by the council.

**17. To consider council support for Mr Bill Bray of Ashgrove who has been decorated for his war time contribution and the proposal to fix a plaque on to a council owned bench in appreciation of his courage.**

Details of a proposed street party at Ashgrove, organised by volunteers, for Mr Bill Bray were outlined. It was also suggested that a plaque on a council owned bench should be ordered which was agreed by members.

**18. Update by Cllr. Smith on the Albrighton railway station ramp and any implications for the parish council and update on the proposed station adoption scheme.**

Cllr. Smith outlined the current position with regard to the station ramp and the fact that there was unlikely to be any increase in the council's insurance premium if it took on the responsibility for the ramp. He suggested that there would have to be modifications to the yellow lines at the end of Station Road and there should be formal representation from the Parish Council on the ramp team.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the council should formally support the proposed station ramp and have it included on the council's public liability policy, subject to works being completed by other parties such as Network Rail and Shropshire Council, and Cllrs. Woodman and Maguire should represent the council on the ramp committee.**

It was agreed that the matter of the yellow road markings should be left to a later date.

Cllr. Pitchford outlined the details of the public meeting called to discuss the possibility of the adoption of the station by volunteers and members agreed to discuss the matter further at their September meeting.

**19. To consider the problems with the Albrighton skatepark and measures to improve the situation and a quotation from Technical Services Shropshire for new cameras monitoring the skate park and the pedestrian crossing in Cross Road.**

Cllr. Pate stated that the skatepark was a good facility which the council needed to support and if there were any problems the police should be informed. The clerk outlined the recent difficulties involving anti-social behaviour and the problems experienced by a local resident adjacent to the park. The skatepark still belonged to Shropshire Council and was positioned on Shropshire Council land.

**It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that any problems associated with the skatepark should be reported to Shropshire Council who should also fund any repairs or extensions to the CCTV network**

The clerk was asked to forward the quotation for new CCTV cameras to Shropshire Council.

**20. To receive a report and condition survey for the Albrighton War Memorial from John Stretton and Bob Lansley on behalf of the Albrighton and District Historical Society and to consider a grant application to finance professional restoration.**

This report had been discussed under agenda item three.

**21. Report on the meeting with the vicar of St. Mary's church, Albrighton, with regard to a future Civic Service - Cllr. Harrison.**

The proposed meeting had not yet occurred and was due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup>. August.

**22. Items for the Albrighton Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.15 pm.**

The following items were requested for the council agenda on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017:

- Christmas lights;
- The adoption of Albrighton Station;
- Whether to have Christian prayers at the council meeting;
- Feedback from the meeting regarding the housing development at Kingswood Road.

### **23. Correspondence**

#### **For action:**

- Mrs C Jones – problems with parking in Delaware Avenue and Charles Avenue.

Members were agreed that given the fact that there were no parking restrictions in the roads concerned there was nothing they could do.

- Mr G Catling – complaints about the Boningale Homes development on Kingswood Road, Albrighton.

The Chairman confirmed that the issues Mr Gatland raised would be discussed at a meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

- SALC – to consider ordering 'lamp post poppies' for 2017. Deadline for the order 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Members agreed that no further action was required as this matter was being actioned by the British Legion.

- Mrs Ling – traffic issues in Albrighton and suggested ways of dealing with the problem.

Cllr. J Pledger was shortly attending a conference on traffic matters and he would report back to the council on any measures that they needed to consider.

- Professor Keaton- dereliction on the former Lea Manor Hotel site and attempts to improve the appearance.

The clerk agreed to write to the owners asking them to improve the appearance of the site and what plans they had for its development.

**For information:**

- Shropshire Council – Confirmation of the Platform Alehouse as an asset of community value

Received and noted.

- SALC – training courses available on council insurance, chairmanship skills and planning.

Received and noted.

- Professor Whitelegg – notification of a conference in Shrewsbury regarding the proposal to reduce the residential speed limit to 20 mph.

Received and noted.

- Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service – advice on fire safety in following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

Received and noted.

- Shropshire Council – the next steps in relation to the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner’s fire authority consultation.

Received and noted.

- SALC – Notes of meeting with MPs.

Received and noted.

- SALC executive – notes of meeting regarding the West Mercia Fire Service consultation.

Received and noted.

**24. Date of next meeting**

Albrighton Parish Council meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.

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

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



