

**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Harrison (Chairman), S Kirkland (Vice Chair), D Beechey, C Hassall, P Illes, S Pledger, C Roseby, A Straney.

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

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

No members of the public were present.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. P Griffin, (work commitments), Cllr. M Pate (prior engagement), A Robinson (work commitments).

Each apology was accepted by the 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.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. PLANNING:**

**Planning applications:**

**Reference: 16/05021/PMBPA (validated: 08/11/2016)**

**Address: Barn To The East Of, Old Worcester Road, Albrighton, Shropshire**

**Proposal: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural use to one residential dwelling**

**Applicant: Mr James Austin (The Granary Barn, Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3HB)**

The clerk reported on the background to the application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning Order 2015. He explained what uses an agricultural building could change to and the definitions of flexible uses, educational uses and residential uses. Members discussed allowable building works and limitations and conditions attached to the change to residential use. Finally, there was a discussion on what is meant by impractical or undesirable changes to residential use.

With regard to planning application 16/05021/PMBPA Cllr. Harrison said that he had visited the property and he could see little to object to with regard to prior approval apart from the fact that a line of mature trees stood between the barn and Old Worcester Road which could cause problems with regard to exiting and entering from the road and that this matter should be communicated back to Shropshire Council when a comment on the application was made.

**Cllr. Pledger proposed that the prior approval should be granted which was seconded by Cllr. Hassall and agreed by council 7 – 0 with 1 abstention.**

**Reference: 16/05093/FUL (validated: 08/11/2016)**

**Address: Grange House, Boningale, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3BU**

**Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension**

**Applicant: Mr Carl Peddie**

Cllr. Beechey reported that he had looked into this application but he had been unable to make a site visit. The application was for a large, single storey extension at the rear of the property which was in an isolated position and unlikely to interfere with any other resident.

**Cllr. Beechey proposed that the application should be approved which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and agreed by council 7 – 0 with 1 abstention.**

**Reference: 16/05027/FUL**

**Address: 24 Fair Lawn, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire WV7 3QF**

**Proposal: Erection of front kitchen extension**

**Applicant: Mr and Mrs Pain**

Members noted that the application concerned a front extension to the kitchen area which did not encroach past the building line. Several properties in the road had already had the same, or a similar, extension and councillors felt that there was nothing controversial or worrying regarding the application.

**Cllr. Harrison proposed that the application should be approved which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and unanimously agreed by council.**

- **Grant permission**

**Reference: 16/04775/TCA (validated: 18/10/2016)**

**Address: 73 High Street, Albrighton, WV7 3JA**

**Proposal: To fell 1No Laburnum Tree within Albrighton Conservation Area**

**Decision: No Objection**

Received and noted.

**Application withdrawn:**

**Reference: 16/04418/CPL (validated: 29/09/2016)**

**Address: Grange House, Boningale, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3BU**

**Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed single storey rear extension**

**Decision: Withdrawn**

Received and noted.

**4. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 PM.**

Members agreed that the following items should be placed on the agenda of the council business meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room:

- To make a decision regarding the proposal to use council owned land at the end of Worthington Drive for affordable or social housing;
- To receive a report on a meeting between Shropshire Council, SALC and Clerks compiled by Cllr. Beechey.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**For information:**

- **Shropshire Council - Shropshire reorganisation of community governance regarding the two wards in Albrighton'**

Members welcomed the fact that the Shropshire (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Parish of Albrighton) Order 2016 removed the existing north and south wards and confirmed that the number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Albrighton was fifteen. Councillors noted that the order date is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and the order would be effective at the time of the next council election in May 2017.

**For action:**

- **Tom Adams – offer of fruit trees through a Shropshire Council initiative.**

Members discussed the offer of fruit trees for £18 each up to a maximum of £300 under an arrangement with Shropshire Council and possible locations for any purchases. The offer is open to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

**Cllr. Pledger proposed that an apple and pear tree should be purchased for planting at Patshull Green which was seconded by Cllr. Kirkland and agreed by council 7 – 1.**

Members agreed that this was an item that could be of interest to Donington with Boscobel Parish Council in relation to the nature reserve and Cllr. Beechey agreed to raise this matter with Donington councillors at their next meeting.

- **John Stretton – letter regarding the condition of the Albrighton war memorial.**

Members discussed the contents of Mr Stretton's letter and agreed that something should be done to smarten the war memorial which was now owned by the council. It was noted that Mr Stretton had an appointment with the clerk on 9<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the issues of refurbishment and improvement further.

**Cllr. Pledger proposed that the clerk should establish the costs of removing the excess paint from the gates and repainting them which was seconded by Cllr. Kirkland and unanimously agreed by council.**

Cllr. Kirkland confirmed that the Royal British Legion had planted their roses at the war memorial and the clerk was asked to establish whether the council roses had also been planted.

- **Cllr. Shaun Davies, Leader Telford & Wrekin Council – invitation to a photocall and expression of support for Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.**

Because an announcement had already been made regarding the management of facilities at the Telford and Shrewsbury hospitals the photocall at Telford on 1<sup>st</sup> December was cancelled.

- **John Widdowson, Estate Manager, Marston's PLC – email regarding the possible rental of the former public toilets in the Crown car park for council storage.**

Cllr. Hassall expressed her concern regarding the costs associated with the suggestion that the council should rent the former public toilets on the Crown car park at a suggested rental of £800 p.a. plus VAT. She stated that a contractor could probably be hired to cut the grass and maintain the village greens for less than this figure and another alternative was to investigate other garages to see whether there were other empty spaces that could be used for storage instead. Cllr. Pledger pointed out that there were garages at the Red House and at Fairlawn Court and Cllr. Illes stated that there was a shed at the Melville Club that was also a possibility although the location was not as favourable.

**Cllr. Kirkland proposed that the clerk should investigate the possibility of renting an empty garage close to the High Street and report back to council at the earliest opportunity. The motion was seconded by Cllr. Roseby and unanimously agreed by council.**

#### **6. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- **Finance Committee – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm in the council meeting room.**
- **Library Network Forum – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 2.00 pm in the Severn Centre, Highley.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council Christmas dinner – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Shrewsbury Arms.**
- **Transport committee – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30 pm in the council meeting room.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council business meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.58 pm.

Signed.....Date.....

Chairman