



**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
2nd February 2017 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.

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

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

PRESENTATION BY MR CHRIS EDWARDS OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ON THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL TO ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Mr Chris Edwards went through his briefing paper relating to reduced standards of maintenance to public open spaces and highway verges once a new contract became operational in April 2018. The reductions reflected the serious budgetary constraints currently felt by Shropshire Council although Cllr. Pate was hopeful that if there was government assistance with elderly care the current pressures on budgets might be reduced within a few years. Tenders would be examined by Shropshire Council over the summer months of 2017 and a new contract would be awarded in September 2017. Once this process was complete the costs that might apply to town and parish councils could be calculated and the information shared.

There were three areas of Albrighton that were being considered for transfer – the Abney Avenue play park, the skate board park and the area in front of the Red House although in the latter case this was complicated by a request to provide a small number of car parking spaces for Red House guests.

The Chairman agreed with members that agenda item 8 should be brought forward so that the council could consider a vote in principle with regard to the play park and the skate board park.

Cllr. Beechey proposed that members should agree in principle to the transfer of the Abney Avenue play park and the skate board park in Newhouse Lane from Shropshire Council to Albrighton Parish Council which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and agreed 6 – 1 with 1 abstention.

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllrs. L Howat (prior engagement), P Griffin (work commitments), C Roseby (work commitment) P Woodman (ill health).

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:

Amendments to original application.

Reference: 16/04130/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a two storey and first floor extension over garage, to include front and rear balcony and associated works.

Location: 108 Cross Road, Albrighton, Shropshire. WV7 3QP

Applicant: Mr Paul Barlow

Approval had already been given by Shropshire Council (see Grant Permission below).

Reference: 17/00268/VAR106 (validated: 19/01/2017)

Address: 18 Cross Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3QT

Proposal: Variation of Section 106 for planning application number 14/04159/FUL to reduce the level of affordable housing contribution

Applicant: Mr A Rogers (Oak View, Cross Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3QT)

Cllr. Pledger proposed that the council should strongly object to the suggested reduction to the section 106 payment which was seconded by Cllr. Beechey and unanimously agreed by the council

Reference: 17/00254/FUL (validated: 20/01/2017)

Address: Dawn, Shaw Lane, Albrighton, WV7 3DT

Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension

Applicant: Mr Daniel Lovece

Cllr. Harrison proposed that the application should be supported by the council which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and unanimously agreed by council

Grant permission:

Reference: 16/05027/FUL (validated: 28/11/2016)

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

Proposal: Erection of front kitchen extension

Decision: Grant Permission

Received and noted.

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

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

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Decision: Grant Permission

Received and noted.

Reference: 16/04130/FUL (validated: 26/09/2016)

Address: 108 Cross Road, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3QP

Proposal: Erection of a two storey and first floor extension over garage, to include rear balcony and associated works (amended description).

Decision: Grant Permission

Received and noted.

4. PROPOSED DOCUMENT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL TO BUILD A FURTHER 13,000 HOMES BY 2036.

Cllr. Pate stated that the council should not support more housing in Albrighton as the infrastructure of the village would not cope with a significant increase in the number of homes. Parking was a particular problem which would worsen when the extra houses already approved were built in Kingswood Road. Members registered concern about the suggestion from Bovis that a large number of houses should be approved in the land between the nature reserve and the Wyevale garden centre, a proposal that could be revived under this review of provision. Cllr. Beechey said that the Albrighton Place Plan also needed reviewing in order to ensure that the priorities already agreed for local development were still appropriate

Cllr. Pate proposed that the council should write to Shropshire Council stating that they would be updating the Neighbourhood Plan Light and reviewing the current Place Plan but that there should be no further development in the village. Cllr. Beechey seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed by the council.

The clerk was instructed to write to Shropshire Council informing them of the council's views.

5. NEW CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR APPROVAL FOR THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT, FLYER DRIVER AND ADMIN ASSISTANT.

Cllr. Pate enquired whether the draft contracts had been shown to the current employees and felt that their views should be obtained. This had not been done except in the case of the Administrative Assistant.

Cllr. Kirkland proposed that the contracts should be approved by council and signed by the appropriate employees which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and agreed by council 4 – 1 with 2 abstentions.

6. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PLANTERS TO THOSE ALREADY AGREED – Cllr. Pledger.

Cllr. Pledger said that the agreed planters had now been ordered but there was still a balance of £3,000 in the budget for 2016/17 for additional arrangements if council wished. Cllr. Straney still had misgivings about the proposals and Cllr. Pate urged members to take a considered look at the whole

village layout and decide what was needed to enhance the appearance before ordering extra items, rather than adding arrangements on an ad hoc basis. Members could be invited to submit ideas and a whole scheme considered in March.

Cllr. Pate proposed that the current balance, together with the 2017/18 budget, should be used to fund an enhancement scheme to be considered at the business meeting in March 2017. Cllr. Straney seconded the motion which was agreed by council 6 – 1 with 1 abstention.

7. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE TO THE TRANSFER OF THE ABNEY AVENUE PLAY PARK AND THE SKATEBOARD PARK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL IN APRIL 2018.

This agenda item had already been considered at the end of the presentation by Mr Chris Edwards.

8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA TO BE HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM.

Members asked that the following items should be considered for the agenda of the business meeting to be held on 16th February:

A replacement Flyer vehicle;
The best use of the Play scheme balance;

Members asked for an item on car parking and the land in front of Ashfields to be placed on the planning meeting agenda for 2nd March.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

For information:

None.

For action:

- **Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew – request for funding for the June, 2017 event;**

Cllr. Pledger proposed that £600 should be made available to the two schools involved in the 2017 Crucial Crew event which was seconded by Cllr. Kirkland and unanimously agreed by council.

- **Heartwood – quotation for the removal of the small plane tree in Albrighton High Street;**

Members agreed that the quotation for the removal of the plane tree in the High Street should be awarded to Heartwood.

- **Benbow Brothers – quotation for the removal of the small plane tree in Albrighton High Street;**

The quotation from Benbow Brothers was not accepted.

- **John Widdowson, Estate Manager, Marston’s – reply regarding the possible use of the Crown car park toilet for council storage;**

The reply from Mr Widdowson was noted. The clerk was waiting for a response from the current contractors for an expression of interest in maintaining all of the open spaces and grassed areas in the village.

- **Police and Crime Commissioner – reply regarding the delayed DBS form for the second Flyer driver;**

Councillors felt that the response from the police commissioner was unsatisfactory and he should be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

10. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Albrighton Parish Council business meeting 16th February 2017 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.**
- **Library Networking Forum 2nd March 2017 at 2.00 pm in Bishops Castle.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting 2nd March 2017 at 7.15 pm the council meeting room.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed..... Date
Chairman