

**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. S Pledger (Chair), P Harrison (Vice Chair), D Beechey, P Griffin, C Hassall, P Illes, K Pledger, C Roseby.

**PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BELECTRIC REGARDING A PROPOSED SOLAR FARM ON LAND NORTH OF HARRIOTTS HAYES LANE, ALBRIGHTON.**

Two representatives from Belectric were welcomed to the meeting by Cllr. S Pledger. Members were informed that Belectric was a German company which had been operating for 14 years. The UK operation was based in Buckinghamshire and managed the whole life cycle of solar farms around the country. It had established the Big 60 Million scheme which sold bonds to the public at £60 each which would pay a guaranteed 5 – 7% annual return. The company had good links with local groups who were involved with conservation issues such as bee keeping and the preservation of wild flowers.

The site under consideration was at Harriott Hayes Farm and it would not be visible from the road. The solar farm would power 4,200 homes and cover 29 hectares and would be accessed from Harriott Hayes Lane. It would take app 16 – 20 weeks to construct with a grid connection down Beamish Lane. The farm would have a life of 30 years and then be decommissioned with an option to reinstate a new farm at the end of the 30 year period. The construction would consist of frameless panels which reduced reflection and the site would still be used for haymaking, sheep grazing, wild flowers and bee keeping. The consultation day with members of the public which had taken place a few days earlier had been very successful and an environmental report was now being written and a formal planning application would be submitted at the end of June 2015. If the application was successful the site would be constructed in the spring/early summer 2016. A number of education programmes were also being developed which would be deployed in local schools.

Members asked a number of questions and agreed with the company that it might be possible for them to fund one or more community projects locally. A small group of Councillors volunteered to investigate the issues and contact Belectric once ideas had been agreed.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

There were no members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Cllrs. S Kirkland (family concerns), M Medlyn (illness), M Pate (other commitments), S Pate (ill health), P Woodman (other commitments).

**2. PLANNING**

**Planning applications:**

**Reference: 15/02034/FUL (validated: 08/05/2015)**

**Address: Vodafone, Telecommunications Mast At, Station Yard, Station Road, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3HA**

**Proposal: Removal of existing 15m mast surmounted by 3 no. antennas and 1 no. microwave dish and its replacement with a 16.5m mast surmounted by 6 no. antennas and 1no. microwave dish and ancillary development**

**Applicant: Vodafone Limited (Vodafone House, The Connection, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2FN)**

Cllr. Hassall stated that the proposed mast was to be higher and broader than the original although Vodafone were of the view that this was of no consequence as the mast was to be more than 200 metres from the nearest school. However, Cllr. Hassall pointed out that the proposed development east of Shaw Lane brought houses into much closer proximity to the mast and possible land swaps also needed to be taken into account. There was proposed housing development on the station approach and access to the caravan site adjacent to the mast. The proximity to Cosford airbase was also something that needed consideration.

Cllr. Illes proposed that the council should approve the application but draw these issues to the attention of the planning authority. The motion was seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed by council 5 – 2 with 1 abstention.

**Grant permission:**

**Reference: 15/00912/FUL (validated: 27/02/2015)**

**Address: 7 Harriots Hayes Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV8 1RQ**

**Proposal: Erection of single and two-storey side extension and erection of single garage (revised scheme)**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 15/00722/FUL (validated: 16/02/2015)**

**Address: 19 Grange Park, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3EN**

**Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 for the erection of an extension to an existing garage/play room**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

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**Reference: 15/00290/FUL (validated: 22/01/2015)**

**Address: Beggars Roost , Cross Road, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3QT**

**Proposal: Erection of a first floor side extension above existing garage**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 15/01059/LBC (validated: 09/03/2015)**

**Address: 59 High Street, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3JQ**

**Proposal: Works to facilitate the addition of a conservation roof light for escape purposes affecting a Grade II Listed Building (amendment to previously approved 13/01655/LBC)**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 15/01172/FUL (validated: 13/03/2015)**

**Address: 35 Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3HL**

**Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension; including insertion of rooflights.**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 15/01439/FUL (validated: 01/04/2015)**

**Address: Development Land East Of Shaw Lane, Off Kingswood Road, Albrighton, Shropshire**

**Proposal: Installation of drainage infrastructure to facilitate delivery of approved outline application ref: BR/APP/OUT/08/0907**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 15/01113/FUL (validated: 08/04/2015)**

**Address: 61 High Street, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3JG**

**Proposal: Conversion and alterations to existing garage to create annexe accommodation**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Refuse permission:**

**Reference: 15/01134/TPO (validated: 11/03/2015)**

**Address: 22 Shaw Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3DT**

**Proposal: To fell 1no Yew protected by Shropshire Council (Land to the south of Station Road) TPO 2010**

**Decision: Refuse**

Received and noted.

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**3. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**

Councillors asked that the following items be included on the agenda for the business meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June:

- The state of the roads in the village;
- The appearance of Banga buses from Wolverhampton;
- The problems with the millennium clock and future policy with regard to ownership and maintenance.

**4. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Albrighton Parish Council business meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.
- Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed.....  
Chair

S.M. Pledger

Date

18/6/15