

**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday 5th March 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on Thursday 5th March 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, M Medlyn, M Pate, A Robinson, C Roseby.

In attendance: Mr M Ward, Clerk to the Council.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Eight members of the public were present but none wished to comment on agenda items or ask questions.

PRESENTATION 1 – Mr Stuart Clowes of Safeaid Services, Willenhall.

Mr Clowes introduced himself to Councillors and said that he had no commercial interests in attending the meeting. He explained the difference between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest and said that there was a 6% survival chance of a cardiac arrest which rose to 74% if the victim could be shocked through the use of a defibrillator. The device was housed in a cabinet which ran on batteries and accessed via a code known to the ambulance service. Training was not needed and the machine would only shock a patient if it was appropriate. Mr Clowes demonstrated the machine to Councillors and stated that the running costs consisted of replacement pads at £35 every three years and batteries at £120 every five years. The defibrillator needed a quick weekly check and the code for usage would be set by the council.

The cost of a defibrillator is £999 but a grant from the British Heart Foundation reduced the cost to £400 and the cabinet is £500. Various courses were available at various levels from Safeaid connected with emergency training.

The Chair thanked Mr Clowes for his expert explanation and advice.

PRESENTATION 2 – Mr Michael Lewis, County Librarian.

Mr Lewis made a presentation on the proposed transfer of the Albrighton library to Albrighton Parish Council and the relocation of the parish office into the library. Shropshire Council would provide £21,000 pa to cover running costs with an initial 3 year Service Level Agreement with negotiations to extend for a further 3 years discussed in year 2. There would be ongoing training and quarterly meetings regarding the delivery of the service. The Customer Service point would be transferred consisting of a phone, a computer and internet access which would add £3,000 to the budget for 3 years with quarterly meetings to extend

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the agreement. In addition Shropshire Council is in the process of establishing pilot 'Community Connectors', helpful, friendly, knowledgeable people who can link up people with services and activity and grants of £5,000 would be available to each organisation to develop 'Community Connectors' in their area.

The library would not close if the council did not wish to support this proposal and if the library became unviable while in the control of the parish council it would revert back to Shropshire Council. The library staff would transfer to parish council control and TUPE regulations would apply. There would need to be discussions on pension arrangements and any proposed redundancies. There were precedents in Warwickshire, London and Leicester and there would be a legal document drawn up by Shropshire Council in support of the asset transfer. The building would be leased to the council but it would be unable to sell it on and there would be no rent to pay. Business rates would apply and opening hours would need to be reconsidered. The parish council office would be located at the front of the building and the children's section would be relocated at the back.

Mr Lewis felt that the proposed funding arrangements represented a fair financial package although he acknowledged that the proposal was a major step for the council to take and there was no similar precedent in the county. He said that the difference between the current budget for the library and the proposed funding was because of corporate costs which would not apply to the model being proposed. At present the footfall in the library was average but the service would hope to see use of the facility increase when more modern initiatives were taken and available to the public.

Cllr. Pledger thanked Mr Lewis for his presentation and informed him that Councillors would be making a decision on his proposal and deciding on the location of the council office at their next meeting on 19th March.

PRESENTATION 3 – Cllr. Pate.

Cllr. Pate stated that the Management Committee of the Red House had been considering a request from Albrighton Parish Council to discuss terms on a possible relocation of the council office into the Red House. The Committee had agreed terms and Cllr. Pate went through the main features of the proposal.

The council would be offered exclusive use of a first floor room for £200 per month to include the costs of heating and lighting. The Clerk would be given the code number for access to the Red House but access by the smaller front door was also a possibility. The committee was prepared to repaint the room prior to occupation and the council would be allowed to fit window blinds. A separate phone line would be available together with internet access. Cllr. Pate said that a full written agreement would be provided and a three month notice to quit would apply to both parties.

Cllr. Pate made it clear that because of his associations with both Shropshire Council and the Red House he would not be voting when a decision to relocate the parish office was taken on 19th March. Cllr. Medlyn declared a pecuniary interest and said that she would not vote when the decision was taken

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1. APOLOGIES – to receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllrs. S Kirkland (family commitments), S Pate (ill health)

Both apologies were accepted by the council.

2. PLANNING

Planning applications:

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

Applicant: James Hooper

Cllr. Beechey proposed that there should be no objections to the application which was seconded by Cllr. Pate and approved by the council 7 – 0 with 3 abstentions.

Reference: 15/00751/COU (validated: 18/02/2015)

Address: The Cedars Residential Home, Kingswood Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3JH

Proposal: Change of use of part of premises used as domestic accommodation to that of a nursing home.

Applicant: Mr Lee Cox (Nicholson House, Shakespeare Way, Whitchurch Business Park, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1FJ)

Cllr. Harrison proposed that there should be no objections to the application which was seconded by Cllr. Beechey and approved 10 – 0 by the council.

Permission granted:

- **Reference: 13/03521/FUL (validated: 02/09/2013)**
Address: Lea Manor, Holyhead Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3BX
Proposal: Erection of seven dwellings (following demolition of all buildings); creation of two vehicular accesses; parking/turning areas; installation of bio-disc treatment plant; landscaping scheme.
Decision: Grant Permission.

Received and noted.

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- **Reference: 14/04157/FUL (validated: 30/09/2014)**
Address: 18 Cross Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3QT
Proposal: Erection of one (replacement) dwelling (Plot 4) following demolition of existing dwelling; formation of vehicular access.
Decision: Grant Permission.

Received and noted.

- **Reference: 14/05647/TPO (validated: 21/01/2015)**
Address: 4 Manor Gardens, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3RD
Proposal: Crown reduction of 1No Lime Tree and 1No Oak Tree by 2m protected by Shropshire Council (Land at Cross Road, Albrighton) TPO 2010.
Decision: Grant Permission.

Received and noted.

3. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ON 19TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE RED HOUSE.

No agenda items were requested in addition to those identified at the council meeting held on 19th February 2015.

The Clerk was asked to write to the estates department of Marstons Brewery making it clear that no funding for a public toilet was available and the council did not anticipate involvement in discussions on this subject for the foreseeable future.

4. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Albrighton Parish Council Transport Committee meeting Monday 16th March 2015 at 2.00 pm in the council office
- Albrighton Parish Council business meeting Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.
- Albrighton Parish Council Playscheme Committee meeting Monday 30th March 2015 at 3.30 pm in the council office.
- Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.

Signed..... S.M. Pledge Date..... 19th March 2015
Chair