



## **Albrighton Parish Council**

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## **Minutes of meeting**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Council meeting room.

#### **Present**

Cllrs. P Harrison (Chairman), S Kirkland (Vice Chair), D Beechey, C Hassall, L Howat, P Illes, S Pledger, A Robinson, A Straney, P Woodman.

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

#### **1. Apologies**

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Members are asked to give their apologies direct to the Clerk

Cllrs. P Griffin (work commitments), M Pate (another meeting), K Pledger (illness), C Roseby (work commitments).

Not in attendance: Cllr. M Medlyn

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.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. Public Participation**

- A) 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.

No members of the public were in attendance.

#### **4. PLANNING:**

##### **Grant Permission:**

Reference: 16/05722/FUL (validated: 19/12/2016)

Address: David Austin Roses, Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3HB

Proposal: Erection of kitchen extension and toilets

Decision: Grant Permission

Received and noted.

Reference: 16/05584/FUL (validated: 09/12/2016)

Address: Proposed Dwelling North Of 11, Grange Road, Albrighton, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling

Decision: Grant permission

Received and noted.

#### **5. Urgent item 1: To confirm the decision to acquire a new Parish Flyer vehicle on a leased basis from Furrows, Telford.**

Following the decision of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council to support the purchase of a new Albrighton Flyer via a leasing arrangement to confirm the decision by Albrighton Parish Council and approve the placing of an order.

Cllr. Illes reported that he had attended a meeting of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council and presented a paper regarding the replacement of the Albrighton Flyer vehicle with costs for purchasing and leasing compared. The council also discussed the proposal to extend the service to the Shifnal area and members agreed to examine any future proposals.

Cllr. Pledger recorded her thanks and those of the Council for Cllr. Illes' hard work over a considerable period of time.

**Cllr. Illes proposed that following extensive investigations Albrighton Parish Council should obtain a new Albrighton Flyer vehicle on a leasing basis on charges provided by Furrows in Telford. Cllr. Beechey seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed by Council.**

#### **6. Urgent item 2: To discuss the length of yellow lines on the south side of**

### **Station Road and their suitability in current circumstances.**

Item brought by Cllr. Woodman regarding the suitability of the yellow lines in Station Road which were painted during 2012 following an investigation by Shropshire Council.

Cllr. Woodman said that the yellow lines in Station Road were excessive and were not needed and Brooklands Road residents have had their sight lines impaired when exiting the road. Members were told that the local Highways Engineer, Alice Dilly, was in agreement with this view but needed the support of the Parish Council before she could take the initiative with this matter. Cllr. Pledger pointed out that Shropshire Council had originally been responsible for the present layout and Cllr. Robinson confirmed the difficulties for residents of Brooklands Road arising from parked cars and increased traffic in the area. Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of various models and the need to maximise safety for pedestrians, motorists and other road users.

**Cllr. Harrison proposed that Alice Dilly should be invited to a council meeting to discuss some of the issues raised during the debate and which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and unanimously agreed by Council.**

Cllr. Beechey said that it was important that Donington with Boscobel Parish Council was given the opportunity to contribute to the discussion as one side of Station Road fell within the Donington boundary.

### **7. Urgent item 3: To finalise the order for new planters and a maintenance agreement covering three years.**

To finalise the positioning of new planters in the village and allocation of funds over the 2016/19 period.

Cllr. Pledger informed members that the planters already agreed at an earlier meeting had been ordered and there was still £1,500 in the 2017/18 budget that could be used to order further planters which would save on delivery and could be included in a three-year maintenance agreement. A list of possible sites had been produced which was discussed by members and amended.

**Cllr. Pledger proposed ordering another six planters from the 2017/18 budget but Cllr. Straney questioned the expenditure that had been quoted and earlier minutes were consulted in order to clarify previous decisions. Cllr. Illes seconded the proposal which was agreed by Council 7 – 3.**

**Cllr. Pledger proposed that all of the planters should be supported by a three-year maintenance contract which was seconded by Cllr. Robinson and agreed by Council 5 – 4 with 1 abstention.**

### **8. Urgent item 4: To consider the installation of new historical/background Information to be fixed to the wall of the Spar/post office.**

To consider a proposal for new historical and information plaques to be installed on the side Wall of the Spar/post office for information to visitors and residents.

Cllr. Pledger said that she had been in discussion with members of the Historical Society regarding the installation of some plaques outlining the history of Albrighton which could be fixed on the wall of the Spar shop. The owner had already given his agreement to the suggestion. Permission was sought for a research project into this possibility which could lead to a grant application.

**Cllr. Illes proposed that approval for a fact-finding exercise should be granted which would be brought back to Council for further consideration. Cllr Kirkland seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed by Council.**

Cllr. Woodman added that while he supported the proposal he was unsure of the suggested location but this could be discussed by the working group.

### **9. Urgent item 5: To decide whether to express an Initial Expression of Interest in an asset transfer of the Abney Avenue Village Park.**

The Abney Avenue Village Park is on the Community Asset Transfer Register. The Council has until 31<sup>st</sup> March to express an Initial Expression of Interest.

The Clerk provided details of the process whereby a Council can make an Initial Expression of Interest for the takeover of a site or facility which was on the Community Asset Transfer Register. The Abney Avenue Village Park was on the register and the Council had until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to express an interest. Cllr. Beechey supported the suggestion that the park should be taken over by the Council and pointed out that it had been run by the Council successfully for many years until the park was taken over by Shropshire Council a few years previously.

**Cllr. Kirkland proposed that Albrighton Parish Council should make an Initial Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council for the taking back of the Abney Avenue Village Park which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and agreed by Council 9 – 0 with 1 abstention.**

### **10. Urgent item 6: To decide whether the Council wishes to comment on the partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan and the 'Call for Sites' notification.**

The deadline for commenting on the partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan and the 'call for sites' notification is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The Clerk pointed out to members that the Council had considered the two documents concerning the Shropshire Local Plan and the 'Call for Sites' before but had not, to date, made any formal response. The deadline for receiving responses was 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Cllr. Beechey said that he felt that the Council should make a response before the deadline and it should emphasise that further housing should be on the Kingswood Road site only. He also felt that the Albrighton Place Plan should also be updated when the review came around in the autumn. Cllr. Beechey was also concerned about the receipt of CIL money which had not gone smoothly in some other areas that had had housing schemes completed. Cllr. Woodman agreed and said that concerns about increased traffic in the village should also be part of any response. Council agreed that Cllrs. Beechey, Pledger and Woodman would meet as soon as possible to produce a response which could be considered at the business meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **11. Items for the Albrighton Parish Council Business meeting to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Items are invited for inclusion in the next business meeting's agenda

Members asked that the issue of dog fouling should be put on the agenda of the next meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## **12. Correspondence for information**

### **12.1** St. Mary's CE Primary School letter of thanks for Crucial Crew support

Received and noted.

### **12.2** RAF Cosford and West Bromwich Albion Easter Programme

Received and noted.

### **12.4** SALC information bulletin 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Received and noted.

## **13. Correspondence for action**

### **13.1** Request by Tong Parish Council for financial help with the refurbishment of Tong Parish Hall

There was no support from members for financial help with the refurbishment of Tong Parish Hall given that the local Parish Council was in receipt of funding from the V festival.

### **13.2** To consider a draft SLA with Shropshire Council for library/council office services

The Clerk explained that a SLA was available with Shropshire Council for the management and maintenance of the library/Council office building infrastructure, rather than using a range of independent businesses for each item. Cllr. Pledger felt that this was a good idea but Cllr. Hassall stated that before any decision was made figures from two other companies should be added to the quote from Shropshire Council

**Cllr. Hassall proposed that the costs from Shropshire Council and two other appropriate companies should be compared before a decision about future maintenance of the building was taken which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and unanimously agreed by Council.**

### **13.3** To consider applying for the Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2017/18

**Cllr. Pledger proposed that Albrighton Parish Council should apply for the maximum amount from the Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2017/18 which was seconded by Cllr. Straney and unanimously agreed by the Council.**

## **14. Dates and times of future meetings**

**14.1** Albrighton Parish Council business meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Council meeting room

**14.2** Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Council meeting room

Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37 pm

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