

**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room,

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

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

In the absence of the Chairman of Council Cllr. Kirkland chaired the meeting.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Two members of the public were present who wished to raise concerns regarding planning application 16/04356/FUL. They felt that the new suggested housing would overlook their property in the Limes, undermine their security, take light from their estate and the removal of asbestos in the garages in Ashgrove was a health threat. They would have been less concerned if the new housing had been single storey but if it was to be conventional housing they would need a high fence building between them and the present garages. The proposed development had caused them and their neighbours considerable stress.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Cllrs. P Harrison (family event), Cllr. Pate (family bereavement), S Pledger (holiday), A Robinson (work commitments).

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.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. PLANNING:**

**Planning applications:**

**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**

**Applicant: Mr Carl Peddie**

Cllr. Woodman stated that this was an application for lawful development and there were no details available to the council for them to form an opinion as to its suitability. The council declined to form a view on this matter.

**Reference: 16/04356/FUL (validated: 27/09/2016)**

**Address: Garage Court to the south of, Ash Grove, Albrighton, Shropshire**

**Proposal: Demolition of existing garage court and erection of 3no. two bedroom affordable houses with associated parking and amenity space and 18no. additional parking spaces.**

**Applicant: Mr Jason O'Donoghue (The Spruce Building, Sitka Drive, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6LG)**

Cllr. Woodman stated that he had been in touch with one of the planning team at Shropshire Council and he felt that overall the proposed development was beneficial to the area. There was discussion as to the wisdom of seeking opinions from the planners when the council was being asked for its own opinion and Cllr. Hassall felt that it was ill advised and should not be repeated. Cllr Woodman disagreed stating that it was perfectly reasonable for a Councillor to consult the planners as experts so as to formulate an advised report to enable the council to reach its decision.

Members discussed the issue of whether the building of houses rather than bungalows invalidated the application and of the impact on close neighbours living in The Limes, particularly as the new properties would overlook bedrooms.

**Cllr. Woodman proposed that the application should be supported by the council but the issues that had been raised by the public and in discussion in council should be relayed to the planning authority. Cllr. Griffin seconded the motion which was tied 3-3 with one abstention. Cllr. Kirkland gave her casting vote in support of the application.**

**Reference: 16/04296/VAR106 (validated: 22/09/2016)**

**Address: Lea Manor, Holyhead Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3BX**

**Proposal: Variation of Section 106 for planning application number 13/03521/FUL to reduce the level of affordable housing contribution**

**Applicant: Mr A S Sangha (C/o 1 Old Weston Road, Bishopswood, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST19 9AG)**

Cllr. Beechey had looked into this application and could find no justifiable reason why the section 106 payment should be reduced or removed.

**Cllr. Beechey proposed that the application should be rejected which was seconded by Cllr. Roseby and unanimously approved by council.**

**Reference: 16/04357/FUL (validated 27/09/16)**

**Address: Garage Court Off, Pitchford Road, Albrighton, Shropshire.**

**Proposal: Demolition of existing garage court and erection of 2no. affordable two bedroom bungalows with associated parking and amenity space and 6no. additional parking spaces**

**Applicant: Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing**

Cllr. Woodman said that the garages at Pitchford Road were wooden and in a very poor state. Cllr. Beechey added that the existing householders had also suffered some recent break-ins and the proposed development would add to their security.

**Cllr. Woodman proposed that the council should give their support to the application which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and agreed by council 5 – 1 with 1 abstention.**

**Reference: 16/04575/FUL (validated: 18/10/2016)**

**Address: 3 Lea Farm Barns, Patshull Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3FB**

**Proposal: Erection of detached two bay garage**

**Applicant: Mrs M Treble (3 Lea Farm Barns, Patshull Road, Albrighton, WV7 3FB)**

**Cllr. Beechey said that he could find little to object to with regard to this application and that the council should give it its support. Cllr. Illes seconded the motion which was carried 6 – 0 with 1 abstention.**

**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**

**Applicant: Mrs Brown**

**Cllr. Beechey stated that the tree in question was an excellent example, of the species which enhanced the High street. However, it was dying and it seemed that there was little option but to remove it.**

**Cllr. Beechey proposed that the council should support the application to fell the tree which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and unanimously agreed by council.**

**Grant permission:**

**Reference: 16/02870/FUL (validated: 28/07/2016)**

**Address: 47 Elm Road, Albrighton, WV7 3LL**

**Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension, enlargement of front bay window and associated works**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 16/02988/FUL (validated: 23/08/2016)**

**Address: 16 Loak Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3HT**

**Proposal: Erection of detached single storey garage**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

**Reference: 16/02614/FUL (validated: 20/06/2016)**

**Address: 39 Station Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3QE**

**Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side and rear extensions and attached garage following demolition of existing outbuildings, removal of modern bay windows and replacement with casement windows, alterations to existing drive and boundary wall.**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 16/03845/LBC (validated: 26/08/2016)**

**Address: The Lodge, Cosford Grange, Cosford, Albrighton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9JB**

**Proposal: Internal alterations to include removal of internal walls to form openings; sealing an existing opening and stud work to form doorway**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 16/03447/LBC (validated: 04/08/2016)**

**Address: Station Road UB, Station Road, Albrighton, Shropshire**

**Proposal: Installation of new bridge deck and alterations to parapets (to existing road bridge)**

**Decision: Grant Permission**

Received and noted.

**4. TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL REGARDING THE COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID.**

Members considered the email received from Mr Steve Law of Shropshire Council seeking the views of the council on the possible listing of the Sports and Social Club in Loak Road, Albrighton as an asset of community value. Members felt that the club met all of the criteria mentioned in the report and it was undoubtedly an organisation that was active and valued by many members of the community.

**Cllr. Kirkland proposed that the council should give its support to the application to be listed as an asset of community value which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and unanimously agreed by council.**

**5. TO RESPOND TO THE NOTIFICATION FROM BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF THEIR PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THREE TELEPHONE BOXES IN THE ALBRIGHTON AREA.**

Members noted that one telephone box in Shackerley Lane was within the boundary of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council and therefore not their legitimate concern. The other two were both being used and the one in the High Street was clearly catering for a need with 140 calls within the last twelve months. The convenience of phone boxes also impacted on emergency use and helping those residents with mobility problems.

**Cllr. Woodman proposed that the telephone boxes in Bowling Green Lane and the High Street should not be removed which was seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed by council 6 – 0 with 1 abstention.**

**6. TO DECIDE ON A DATE FOR THE DECEMBER PLANNING MEETING.**

Cllr. Kirkland informed members that the next planning meeting coincided with the Albrighton Traders' Christmas Extravaganza and members agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November in order that councillors could give their support to this important annual event.

**7. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.**

No additional items for the business meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November were identified.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**For action:**

- **Martin Sutton – recommendation for the treatment of a damaged tree by the bus stop in Albrighton High Street.**

Councillors considered the two options presented by the County Arboriculturalist regarding the damaged plane tree next to the bus shelter in the High Street relating to either its removal or for further pollarding. They noted that the state of the tree was described as ‘appalling’ and the fact that it was unlikely to ever prosper.

**Cllr. Illes proposed that the tree should be removed and replaced by a ‘cockspur’ type hawthorn as recommended by Mr Sutton which was seconded by Cllr. Woodman and unanimously agreed by council.**

#### **9. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **Albrighton Parish Council business meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.**
- **Library Committee meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 10.00 am in the council meeting room.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting to be arranged**
- **Albrighton Parish Council Christmas dinner 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Shrewsbury Arms.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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