

<p style="text-align: center;">ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 1st October 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House</p>
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Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.

PRESENT: Cllrs. S Pledger (Chair), P Griffin, S Kirkland, P Illes, A Robinson, A Straney, P Woodman.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllrs. D Beechey (holiday), C Hassall (holiday) M Pate (social engagement), S Pate (social engagement), C Roseby (work commitments).

Each apology was accepted by Council.

2. PLANNING:

Planning applications:

Reference: 15/03695/TPO (Validated: 26/08/2015)

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

Proposal: To prune 1 Yew tree protected by Shropshire Council (Land to the south of Station Road) TPO 2010

Applicant: Mrs Gaynor Richards (Tamar, 22 Shaw Lane Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire WV7 3DT)

Cllr. Illes proposed that the application should be approved which was seconded by Cllr. Kirkland and unanimously agreed by Council.

Reference: 15/03696/TPO (validated 26/08/2015)

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

Proposal: Works to one Oak tree protected by Shropshire Council (Land to the south of Station Road) TPO 2010

Applicant: Mrs Gaynor Richards (Tamar, 22 Shaw Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton Shropshire WV7 3DT)

Cllr. Woodman proposed that because of insufficient information it was not possible to reach a reasonable conclusion regarding this application which should be referred to the county tree officer. The motion was seconded by Cllr. Kirkland and unanimously agreed by Council.

Reference: 15/03740/FUL (validated 28/08/2015)

Address: 19 Church Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire WV7 3LE

Proposal: Erection of 1st floor extension, conversion of garage and associated works

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Price

Cllr. Robinson proposed that the application should be approved which was seconded by Cllr. Woodman and unanimously agreed by Council.

Reference: 15/03754/FUL (validated: 03/09/2015)

Address: Hopewell, High Street, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3LA

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to side and rear elevation

Applicant: Mr I Jolly

Cllr. Robinson proposed that the application should be approved which was seconded by Cllr. Kirkland and unanimously agreed by Council.

Grant permission:

Reference: 15/02398/FUL (validated 02/06/2015)

Address: Corcovada, Holyhead Road, Cosford, Shifnal TF11 9HZ

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

Decision: Grant permission

Received and noted.

Reference: 15/03496/TCA

Address: The Crown, High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton Shropshire WV7 3JA

Proposal: To crown lift 1 x Silver Birch tree to approx. 4m within Albrighton Conservation Area

Decision: No objection

Received and noted.

Reference: 15/03694/TCA (validated: 26/08/2015)

Address: White Lodge, Newport Road, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3EH

Proposal: To fell 1no. Holly and 1 no. Chestnut tree within the Donington and Albrighton conservation area

Decision: No Objection

Received and noted.

Reference: 15/03656/TPO (validated: 24/08/2015)

Address: 1A Redford Drive, Albrighton, Shropshire, WV7 3DE

Proposal: Crown reduction (20%) and crown thinning (5%) of 2 Lime trees protected by Shropshire Council (Land to the south of Station Road) TPO 2010

Decision: No Objection

Received and noted.

3. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING PARTY REPORT, deferred from the meeting on 17th September 2015:

Cllr. Illes went through his report highlighting new regulations which were to be applied by Shropshire Council, a grant of £800 that had been received from the RAF Cosford Local Initiative Fund and that the Albrighton Traders would provide a Christmas tree. He said that only one person had shown any interest in erecting and dismantling the lights and that person was Mr G Whittaker of Albright Electrics. Cllr. Illes proposed that Mr Whittaker should be given the work which was seconded by Cllr. Woodman and agreed 6 – 1 by Council.

Because of the new regulations Cllr. Illes suggested that this year the display should centre on the Red House but Cllr. Griffin felt that would be a mistake and Cllr. Woodman agreed that there should be lights down the High Street somehow. Cllr. Robinson suggested that the lights could make use of the trees rather than the lamp posts and Cllr. Illes was happy to proceed with some kind of compromise if that was the wish of Council. Members agreed to grant Cllr. Illes and his working group the freedom to proceed as long as the project stayed within budget. Council agreed that the switch on of the lights should be on the evening of the Traders' extravaganza, perhaps involving local schools, and a fund raising raffle would be organised for charity by the Council. Members also agreed to book the ground floor of the Red House on behalf of the extravaganza to increase fundraising opportunities.

4. UPDATE FROM THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE:

Cllr. Pledger read out a brief report from the Chair of the Transport Committee, Cllr. Harrison, that Mr K West had signed the new contract of employment and accompanying documents and would be entered on to the Albrighton Parish Council payroll from 1st October 2015. Mr Harris would be asked to sign his contract when he returned from holiday.

Cllr. Pledger asked for comments regarding the issues of the MOT certificates which appeared to be in order despite comments to the contrary at the previous meeting. Cllr. Woodman suggested that any such discussion should be delayed until Cllr. M Pate was present and members agreed to raise the matter at a meeting in November.

5. UPDATE ON THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DATA TO THE WEBSITE MANAGER:

The Clerk outlined the difficulties he was finding with regard to the time needed to supply information to the website manager which meant that the Council faced a long period when it would have no web site at all as it was not good practice to have an active site that was incomplete. Cllr. Illes proposed that the Clerk should be allowed to work an extra day each week until the web site was properly prepared which was seconded by Cllr. Robinson and unanimously agreed by Council.

Cllr. Pledger stated that a meeting of the Personnel Committee would be needed shortly to consider this and other issues relating to Council staffing.

6. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE NATURE RESERVE REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FLOW OF WATER, deferred from the meeting on 17th September:

Councillors considered Cllr. Hickman's request for a donation to the nature reserve funding to help with water management. Cllr. Woodman proposed that the Council should contribute £500 which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and unanimously agreed by Council.

7. TO REQUEST COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THE CHAIR TO INVESTIGATE GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES:

Cllr. Pledger asked for Council's approval for her to investigate possible grant funding for local initiatives. Cllr Woodman proposed that such permission should be granted which was seconded by Cllr. Robinson and unanimously agreed by Council.

8. TO UPDATE MEMBERS REGARDING THE CIVIC SOCIETY AGM ON 12TH OCTOBER AND REQUEST FORMAL COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE MEETING:

Cllr. Woodman spoke to his paper previously submitted to Councillors and stressed that the Civic Society AGM was a chance for the community to discuss a number of important issues and Councillors were encouraged to attend, even though they could not speak for the Council which as yet had no policy on the items concerned and could only contribute as individuals. Cllr. M Pate had agreed to be the independent Chair.

Cllr. Griffin provided extra details with regard to his letter concerning possible local initiatives funded by Belectric and agreed that the Clerk should forward a copy of the letter to all Councillors on 5th October and place the item on the business meeting to be held on 19th November.

9. ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ON 15TH OCTOBER 2015.

The following items were agreed for the agenda of the Council business meeting to be held on 15th October:

- Feedback on the rota for highway monitoring;
- The Albrighton Playscheme;
- Declarations of Interest:
- The swimming pool at Albrighton Primary School;
- The Albrighton library;

Cllrs. A Robinson and S Pledger gave their apologies for the meeting.

10. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Albrighton Parish Council business meeting Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting Thursday 5th November 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Red House.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Signed.....Date.....
Chair