

**ALBRIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
7<sup>TH</sup> April 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room**

Minutes of the Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15 pm in the council meeting room.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. S Pledger (Chairman), C Hassall (Vice Chair), D Beechey, P Griffin, P Harrison, S Kirkland, M Medlyn, M Pate, S Pate, K Pledger, A Robinson, C Roseby, A Straney, P Woodman.

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Five members of the public were present and two spoke about their concerns regarding planning application 16/01223/FUL. Neither wanted the present building to be extended adjacent to the road and one member raised concerns about the likely increase in traffic caused by an enlarged store.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. P Illes (holiday).

Cllr. Illes' apologies were accepted by the 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: 16/00939/FUL (validated: 07/03/2016)**

**Address: 65 High Street, Albrighton, Shropshire WV7 3JA**

**Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Change of use from A1 to A3**

**Applicant: Mr Philip Taylor (56 Chandley Wharf, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV34 5AT)**

Cllr. Harrison reported to council and proposed that there should be no objection to planning application 16/00939/FUL. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. M Pate and agreed by council 12 – 0 with 1 abstention.

**Reference: 16/01011/FUL**

**Address: 4 White Ladies Court, Albrighton, Shropshire WV7 3EL**

**Proposal: Erection of a single storey front and side extension**

**Applicant: Mrs Jackie Woodward**

Cllr. Harrison reported to council and proposed that there should be no objection to planning application 16/01011/FUL. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Woodman and agreed by council 12 – 0 with 1 abstention.

**Reference: 16/01119/FUL (validated: 14/03/2016)**

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

**Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to side and rear elevation (re-submission of 15/03754/FUL)**

**Applicant: Mr I Jolly**

Cllr. Harrison reported to council and proposed that there should be no objection to planning application 16.01119/FUL. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Roseby and unanimously agreed by council.

**Reference: 16/01223/FUL (validated: 24/03/2016)**

**Address: 79 – 81 High Street, Albrighton, Shropshire WV7 3JA**

**Proposal: Erection of two storey front extension providing larger retail space at ground floor and extended residential at first floor**

**Applicant: Mr J Gohil (Cosford Garage, A41 Newport Road, Albrighton, Shropshire WV7 3NA)**

Cllr. Beechey made a written and verbal report on planning application 16/01223/FUL. He raised concerns about the proposed loss of open space between the Methodist Church and the current Spar shop which would mean the removal of two trees. He was also concerned about the need for increased deliveries to an enlarged retail outlet which would have to be made from the High Street as there was no access for lorries round the rear of the building.

Cllr. Woodman disagreed with Cllr. Beechey and stated that the trees in question were very poor specimens and the proposed new frontage would be an asset to the village rather than detracting from its appeal.

Cllr. Hassall voiced concerns over the likely increase in heavy traffic to the store and increased signage. If the post office was rehoused in the new building there could be an additional post box on the pavement. Cllrs. Griffin, M Pate and Medlyn all stated their concern over the likely extra heavy traffic in the area and the possible extra risk to peoples' safety. Cllr. K Pledger pointed out that the pavement in the area of the proposed extension was narrow which would exacerbate the safety risks. Cllr. Kirkland pointed out that the

increased opening hours would extend the services of a new post office which would be an advantage to the public.

At the end of the debate Cllr. Beechey proposed that the council should raise objections to planning application 16/01223/FUL with Shropshire Council which was seconded by Cllr. Medlyn and agreed by council 10 – 3 with 1 abstention. Cllr. Woodman asked to be named regarding his support for the application.

**Reference: 16/01314/TPO (validated: 29/03/2016)**

**Address: 36 Grange Park, Albrighton, Wolverhampton Shropshire WV7 3EN**

**Proposal: Works to relieve loading stress on limbs of a mature Wellingtonia protected by Shropshire Council (Land at and to the west of Church Lane, Albrighton) TPO 2010**

**Applicant: Mr Porter**

Cllr, Beechey reported to council and proposed that there should be no objection to planning application 16/01314/TPO. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. M Pate and unanimously agreed by council.

**Grant Permission:**

**Reference: 16/00552/TCA (validated: 09/02/2016)**

**Address: 13 Whiteladies Court, Albrighton, Shropshire WV7 3EL**

**Proposal: Works to one Scott's Pine tree to undertake 20% overall reduction and a 5% thin and crown clean within Donington and Albrighton Conservation Area**

**Decision: No objection**

Received and noted.

**Reference: 16/00950/TPO (validated: 01/03/2016)**

**Address: Ferndell, Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Shropshire, WV7 3HN**

**Proposal: To crown thin 1 x Scots Pine protected by Shropshire Council (Land at and to the West of Church Lane, Albrighton) TPO 2010**

**Decision: No Objection.**

Received and noted.

**Refuse Permission:**

**Reference: 16/00214/OUT (validated: 27/01/2016)**

**Address: Proposed Dwelling East Of Danesmoor, Cross Road, Albrighton, Shropshire**

**Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1 no. bungalow (to include access)**

**Decision: Refuse**

Received and noted.

**4. TO CONSIDER THE SALE OF FOUR WOODEN CHAIRS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS IN THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICE.**

Members noted that the four wooden chairs in question were a gift to the council along with a larger chair and wooden table. Cllr. M Pate proposed that because the chairs were a gift to the council they should be retained for council use which was seconded by Cllr. Robinson and unanimously agreed by council.

**5. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR LIABILITY FOR THE GARDEN SHED AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THE GARDENS OF HOUSES IN ST. CUTHBERTS CRESCENT FOR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE REMOVAL OF A DEAD OAK TREE ON COUNCIL LAND.**

The clerk informed members that the representative of Heartwood had assessed the implications of removing the dead tree from council land and he was concerned about the risk to garden property over the boundary fence. Shropshire Council had given their approval for the removal of the tree but Heartwood wanted the council to take on the responsibility for the risk of accidental damage caused by falling debris during the tree's removal.

The clerk was asked to consult the council's insurers regarding this issue and obtain three quotations for the tree's removal.

**6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ON 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM.**

Members asked that the following items should be placed on the agenda of the council's business meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April:

- The purchase of planters by the parish council;
- Rumours of a travellers site on the A41;
- The Chairman's annual report;
- The parking area in front of the TSB bank.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**For information:**

- **National Counties Playing Fields Association – local planning for play, recreation and sport.**

The clerk was asked to inform local sports groups of this development.

**For action.**

- **Cllr. Malcolm Pate – email regarding the opening of the refurbished Albrighton Library.**

Cllr. M Pate suggested that it would be appropriate for Cllr. West from Shropshire Council to open the refurbished library on 18<sup>th</sup> April as he was the portfolio holder for Shropshire Council and the money for the refurbishment had been made available from Shropshire Council for the alterations. Cllrs. Straney and Robinson were both of the view that the library was now an Albrighton Parish Council facility and the Chair of Council should be involved. Members agreed that Mr Mark Pritchard MP should be invited together with Cllr. West and Cllr. K Pledger proposed that while Mr Pritchard should be invited the Chair of Council should be the one who cuts the tape. Cllr. Straney seconded the motion and there was further discussion regarding protocol in formal proceedings. Cllr. M Pate proposed an amendment to the motion that both Mr Mark Pritchard and the Chair of Council should open the library which was seconded by Cllr. Medlyn but the council voted 5 – 7 for the amendment which was lost. Council proceeded to vote on the substantive motion that the Chair of Council should cut the tape at the opening ceremony which was carried 8 – 5. Cllr. S Pledger abstained from voting throughout this agenda item.

- **Julia Baron – Care and Share, supporting people with dementia.**

Cllr. Beechey explained that there is a proposal to develop a scheme for dementia patients in Albrighton but there was a need to underwrite the costs of £1950 and the parish council might wish to consider making up any shortfall in the initial funding. Cllr. Griffin suggested that the CCG should underwrite the costs and it would be wrong to set a precedent. Cllr. S Pledger proposed that Cllr. Beechey should write to the Albrighton Patients' Group who had funding available for schemes of this kind which was seconded by Cllr. M Pate and unanimously agreed by council.

#### **8. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- **Albrighton Parish Council business meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Council Meeting Room.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.15 pm in St. Mary's Church Hall, Albrighton.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council planning meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 after the Annual Parish Meeting in St. Mary's Church Hall, Albrighton.**
- **Albrighton Parish Council business meeting and AGM Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 pm in the Council Meeting Room.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

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

