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Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** of Albrighton Parish Council, held on **Thursday 7th of March 2024 at 7.00pm**

The Red House, Albrighton, Nr Wolverhampton WV7 3QH

Councillors Present: Beechey, Benson, Gold, Harrison, Lumby, Meyrick, Noakes, Pledger, Robinson, Straney, Wild and Wilmot.

FCM24/35 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman thanked all councillors and (24) members of the public for attending the meeting. He continued to state that the Council was aware of the reason for the public attendance, was relating to the 'Intended development' from Boningale Homes, he added where you may wish to raise concerns within the public session the Council will not be discussing this further as is not stated as an agenda item today.

FCM24/36 Apologies for Absence

To receive, consider and accept, as appropriate, any apologies for absence in accordance with the terms of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillors who cannot attend the meeting are requested to tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting.

Apologies were received from the following councillors: Illes, Webster and Medlyn.

FCM24/37 Code of Conduct

Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests.

Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting, and which is not included in the register of interests. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

None disclosed.

Dispensations.

To consider and approve any requests for dispensations.

None received.

FCM24/38 Public Participation

The Chair to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes, as per Standing Order 3.d., 3.e., 3.f., and 3.h.

If any member of the press or public wish to raise any issues, queries or questions at the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk by 12noon on Wednesday 6th of March midday, where you request will be noted, tabled at the meeting and you will be asked to provide your comments by the Chairman.

Public session proposed to be opened.

Agreed All

There were 24 members of the public who attended this meeting.

Mr Whalley- raised his concerns regarding speeding along Bowling Green Lane. He stated this was a dangerous due to the speed of traffic, amount of traffic and lighting. He had raised concerns previously with Cllr Lumby as Shropshire Councillor. Mr Whalley proposed in his opinion the sensible solution would be to reduce the speed limit from 60MPH to something far safer. Concerns noted.

Mrs Littleton – wished to ask for support from the Parish Council for the expansion of St Marys Nursery. They had been made aware that Capital funding was available from SC, therefore having no impact on Parish Council funds. Noted.

Mr Lakin – Spoke on behalf of residents of the village regarding the announcement from Boningale Homes re an intended new development of 800 homes, secondary school, and community facilities. The residents felt strongly that if this was allowed to go ahead the village would change un-recognisably. He advised that a petition had been raised and currently this had 313 signatures. He was asking what the Parish Council 'stand' was on the development and if the group had support from the Parish Council.

Standing orders were suspended.

Proposed Cllr Robinson, **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed 11 Abstain 1**

A statement was made in response from the Chair of the Council advising that the Parish Council had no warning to this publication and until further information is gathered or a planning application is submitted nothing could be done. It was stated that a further meeting had been requested, by the Chair of which the developers had agreed to facilitate with a Q & A session, this would be an open community meeting, no date yet confirmed. A meeting is also to be scheduled with the Parish Councillors, date to be confirmed.

Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The SNT provided a full report of crime within the village and surrounding area. In the month of February there had been 31 incidents reported. Report will be circulated to all members.

The Chair thanked all members of the public for attending and advised the public session would now close. He advised that they were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting, however no participation would be allowed. All except 2 members of the public left. These both duly left following discussions which were noted as agenda items.

Proposed to reinstate standing orders and close the public session.

Proposed Cllr Robinson, **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed All**.

FCM24/39 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Minutes received and reviewed. These had previously been circulated to all members and agreed.

Proposed Cllr Beechey **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed** 9 **Abstain** 3

FCM24/40 Shropshire Councillor

Shropshire Councillor, Nigel Lumby gave an overview of information regarding Shropshire Council.

Concerns raised by speeding down Bowling Green Lane. It was stated he had attended a meeting and was advised that this needed to be added to the Place Plan and brought back to Full Council for a vote and then taken back to SC for a speed reduction safety issue.

Action – Add to April FCM agenda.

SC had now set and confirmed their budget for the next financial year. It was stated that major savings are required, this would mean cuts to local provisions those that were mentioned were

Charging for green waste bins

Two recycling centres were to close, confirmation of which yet to be decided

Q & A session to Cllr Lumby then took place.

FCM24/41 Millfield – Boningale Homes Financial Assessment

It was requested that councillors volunteer to participate in a working group to look at a financial assessment for potentially adopting only the small football area and small play equipment park of the POS part of the development.

Those volunteers were, Cllrs Benson, Noakes, Harrison, Straney, Wilmot and Pledger. Date to be agreed and coordinated of 1st meeting.

FCM24/42 Events Committee

It was requested that a date to be sought to discuss how this would proceed.

FCM24/43 Update from the Clerk.

Confirmation of what areas POS Bonigale Homes referred in previous communication. BH had been asked to attend the FCM to advise fully on what exactly they referred to in previous correspondence and why it had been stated that on Phase 4 there was no additional car parking spaces when previously the council had been led to believe they would facilitate this request. They stated they had prior commitments.

February banking reconciliation had been completed and currently sitting at 85.8% of 23/24 budget spent. All information would be shared fully at the next Finance committee meeting.

Confirmation was required to move May FCM from the 2nd to the 9th due to a booking within the Red House which could not facilitate other public in the building.

Proposed Cllr Robinson **Seconded** Cllr Noakes **Agreed** All

Action – Office amend date for FCM May 2024.

The Albrighton Scouts group had requested evening visits to the library so badges could be facilitated and a general awareness. One of the librarians was happy to facilitate this.

FCM24/44 General update from Finance / Grants committee

The Chair of the Finance committee shared and proposed items discussed at the committee meeting in February.

Proposal to accept the quote from Archers for £1793.65 to supply and fit a alarm system to the Parish Library/ Office building.

Proposed Cllr Noakes **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed** 11 **Abstain** 1

Action office – Proceed with purchase.

Proposal to accept the bronze package of the ICO 3-year contract for protection over GDPR.

Proposed Cllr Noakes **Seconded** Cllr Robinson **Agreed** All

Action office – Proceed with purchase.

Proposal to accept an ad-hoc cleaner to cover when the directly employed is off on holiday/sick.

Proposed Cllr Noakes **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed** All

It was stated that monies from the general reserves of £49,100. Had now been moved into the current account to cover all additional none allocated spending which had taken place in the current financial year.

CCTV update – It had been confirmed that the highways team would be coordinating the electrical part of the equipment within the next three weeks, once completed Yellow Hat Security would be able to complete the replacement of all the equipment from which the order has been placed.

Grants –

There had been one application received from Albrighton Cricket Club which had been deferred and returned for them relook at the application re costs of equipment requested.

FCM24/45 Updated Polices

The Social Media, Freedom of Information and Model Publication Scheme policies had been accepted by the Finance committee and proposed to be accepted at FCM, however some councillors raised that these had not previously been circulated and therefore were not prepared to accept and vote. It was agreed that this item would be deferred, circulated to all and brought back to FCM April

Action – Office to circulate to all and brought back to FCM agenda April.

FCM24/28 Update from the Planning Committee

Chair of Planning Committee stated a planning meeting was held to discuss two items.

- 1- 2 Patsull Road , extension. The committee had discussed and agreed to object. Decision since received from SC to Grant permission.
- 2- 15 Redford Drive, Outline planning application, the committee agreed to add a neutral comment to this application. Decision since received from SC to Grant permission.

No further information was shared, some councillors requested a training session around planning, so their knowledge was increased.

Cllr Lumby requested he now left the meeting due to personal reasons. Agreed by the Chairman.

Action – Office to share training from SALC re planning.

FCM24/46 Update from the General-Purpose Meeting

Vice-chair of the General-Purpose Meeting gave an update of general things discussed.

There had been two positive outcomes that fed into the report. A positive meeting with Graham Downes from SC and a positive result re parking within the village as Marstons Brewery had now agreed to remove all parking charges from the Crown Pub carpark. Cllr Meyrick wished to personally thank all those councillors and members of the community for their hard work and support with this. There were 3 proposal requests from this meeting.

1- Proposal for a 50MPH speed limit coming from the A41,

Proposed Cllr Meyrick **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed** 10 **Abstain** 1

2- Proposal for double yellow lines from the bridge on Station Road to Shaw Lane.

Proposed Cllr Meyrick **Seconded** Cllr Straney **Agreed** 9 **Against** 2

3- Proposal for 1hr parking bays along Station Road

Proposed Cllr Meyrick **Seconded** Cllr Wild **Agreed** 10 **Against** 1

FCM24/47 Update from Working Groups

War Memorial – Cllr Robinson shared the chairman’s report of the War Memorial which had been received on the 8th March. All seems to now be proceeding in the background. Further information will be shared as the work progresses.

Coronation Gardens

Cllr Pledger gave an update of the current position.

An Oak tree had been planted as a memorial tree as previously agreed by council, however the family had requested that the ashes of the deceased were also scattered, this had been stated that this could not be granted as the garden was not for the purpose of memorial but for the purpose of children playing and visiting and residents to pick and share fruit from trees once established. A vote was held to confirm that any requests for ashes to be scattered would not be agreed,

Proposed Cllr Pledger **Seconded** Cllr Robinson **Agreed** 10 **Abstain** 1

Car Parking – Cllr Meyrick

Cllr Meyrick gave a detailed outcome of the parking restrictions which had been lifted.

Highways Visit – Graham Downes

Cllr’s Meyrick and Illes had met with Graham Downes from SC to discuss various issues around the village. This had been deemed as a positive visit and much information had been gathered from, bicycle rack’s location, wooden bollards, yellow lines on station road. Attached report details all information. It was confirmed that Station road was due to be resurfaced and lines repainted within the next financial year, date was yet to be confirmed but was sensed to be sooner than later.

Action – Office circulate GD email outcomes.

FCM24/48 Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr Robinson read out the circulated information from Cllr Illes which was requesting CIL money to repair some of the footpaths. Information noted and agreed to defer until April FCM.

Action – Office add to FCM agenda for April

FCM24/49 St Mary’s Nursery

To discuss that the council supports the nursery applying for capital funding from SC as raised in the public session. The nursery is located within the village and this would enable more children to be able to attend the facilities.

Proposed to support application for capital funding.

Proposed Cllr Robinson **Seconded** Cllr Noakes **Agreed** All

FCM24/50 Fayre Day Stall

It was asked if Council would be wishing to have a stall this year at the Summer Fair. A discussion took place confirming that last year's stall had helped raise the profile of the council. Once again, a bring a bottle / raffle would be facilitated and councillors would be asked to nominate some of their time to 'manning' of the stall.

Proposed Cllr Robinson **Seconded** Cllr Wilmot **Agreed** All

FCM24/51 Annual Parish Meeting

A discussion took place to confirm the date as the 25th of April 2024. It was agreed that an invitation to Shropshire Councillor, Star Housing, Police to be invited along with any other people who may wish to share information.

Proposed Cllr Robinson **Seconded** Cllr Pledger **Agreed** All

FCM24/52 Correspondence.

Letter received addressed to Cllr Gold requesting that the council look to place adult gym equipment at the park, it was stated that is already logged on Albrighton place plan.

Action Office – reply to correspondence.

FCM24/53 Agenda items for next meeting

- Coronation Gardens – planting of fruit trees
- Update from Events Meeting
- Millfield / Boningale Homes financial assessment update
- Bowling Green Lane -Speeding
- Phone Box- Defibrillator
- Boningale Homes – pending development.

FCM24/54 Date of Next Meetings

- Full Council Meeting – Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.00pm
- General Purpose Meeting – Thursday 21st March 2024 at 6.00pm
- Finance, HR and Grants Meeting - Thursday 28th March 2024 at 6.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm – Apologies given by Cllr Straney in advance for April meeting.