



Albrighton & District Civic Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the held Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 5.30pm

TO BE AGREED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Present: Dave Williams Secretary
Suzanne Jarvis Treasurer

Committee Peter Illes, Mike Pitchford, Rod Smith, Peter Woodman.

Apologies. Chairman David Slatcher, Mike Bolton, David Beechey.

Minutes of the previous meeting of 06/02/2024. No Corrections, approved.

Chairman's Report. Differed to April 2024

Treasurer's Report. Mike Pitchford and Suzanne Jarvis continue the handover and this will be completed within the week. The bank account has been transferred correctly.

Business - progress of the following issues.

- **Calendars.** no sales since last meeting.
- **Parking issues.** Tina Hodgkins the landlady of the Crown with the support and backing of Albrighton Parking Action Group (APAG), the Civic Society, the Parish Council and the local County Councillors successfully convinced the owners Marston's to remove the parking charges in the car park. Thanks to Mike Bolton for his work on behalf of the society.
- **Parking issues.** Yellow lines along station road Windsor Road to station approach is not supported and it should be extended down to the bridge on the grounds that the residents of the adjacent properties find parked cars make it difficult and often dangerous. Mike Bolton is to take this matter is back to APAG with our support for extending the restrictions.
- **Repairs by Shropshire Council.** Mr Downes Shropshire Council Highways came last week. The problems with the trees along the shopping parade at the eastern end of the High Street. Whilst the resolution of the parish was that we replace them with different trees, that has potential issues. He would recommend all the trees removed and resurface. To be replaced with some street furniture. All members are requested to consider the options and recommendations will be discussed before submitting to Shropshire Council.
- **Repairs by Shropshire Council.** Shropshire Council are receptive to our suggestions to upgrade the main paths from Garridge Close to all the High St to make it accessible to wheelchairs. Other local paths would also be looked at. The Society supports this action
- **Bowling Green Lane traffic issue** No Update at this time

Planning Applications.

- **Neach Hill development.** Donington Parish Council have registered an objection on the grounds the number of houses is excessive for the existing infrastructure and that is its overdevelopment in Greenbelt, but do not object to the refurbishment and rebuilding of the grade 2 properties It was noted that there was not enough information in the proposals for the concerns regarding transport and environmental impact. The Civic society oppose this development
- **Albrighton Development.** The society wish to note the potential development in Albrighton is not an application at this stage – The Society will study the proposals and follow up through ADAG.

Any New Business – none

Society schemes.

- **Award for significant contribution.** No new names added to the list
- **School scheme.** No update on the 2025 scheme.
- **Front gardens, hanging baskets and window box competition** – Poster and details complete and will be publicised this week as well as inclusion on Social Media. Suzanne Jarvis and David Williams to expedite this.

Reports on meetings

- **Village Fair** Rod Smith is completing the program. Civic Society awards presentation not confirmed at this stage. The Society Stall is going to be booked by Suzanne Jarvis hopefully in the same location as previous years.
- **Parish council.** DBPC - disabled access new gates in the nature reserve, rebuilding the surrounds of St Cuthbert's well area and extra paths in line with disabled access. The society supports this project.
- **Flood action group.** Priority is now the fire station part of the brook where it goes down to the sewerage plant. The problem is under the Newport road. Note that everywhere in that area is a floodplain, and is designed to flood. The sewerage works cannot flood as this would cause a catastrophic environmental incident., The society supports the work of AFLAG.

Any other business – none

Meetings

Future Committee meeting dates: -

2nd April - Day after Easter Monday

7th May

4th June

2nd July

6th August

3rd September

1th October

14th October 7.30pm Monday **Public Meeting & AGM** at the Red House

5th November

3rd December