

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the
Albrighton & District Civic Society
held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 2pm
at 32 High Street (PW's house)**

Present :

Peter Woodman – Chairman
Rod Smith - Secretary
Mike Pitchford - Treasurer
Peter Illes
Dave Slatcher
Phyl Woodman

1. Apologies Patrick Richards, Gaynor Richards, Roger Rudman, David Beechey (ex-officio Donington-with-Boscobel PC)

2. Minutes of Meeting of 9th January 2023 agreed except for the following revision to item 6. AOB c). PI that reported that APC would meet SC on site to discuss various features on Station Rd which had been at issue over recent years in the hope that SC would take these into account. While flooding at the end of Station Rd was an issue the matters for the meeting were only highway related. PI saw getting Graham Downes to visit and talk to us as a welcome development and would not want to swamp him with people and issues, preferring small steps developing relationships and enhancing our influencing capability.

Notwithstanding these views, PI will seek to get him to revisit the trees/pavement situation around the estate agent shops which has gone on for far too long.”

3. Treasurer's Report. – MP reported the bank balance was £2245.19

4. To consider progress in regard to following main issues

a. SC Planning Application “Notifyee” status for all four parishes..

ACTION: PW will now also register on line for Applications in Boningale and Tong.

b. Calendar. PW reported that the calendars had sold well. #The remaining few will continue to be sold by the Emporium (Charlene had said that she expected sales to continue for a little while), the Library and the Church Centre. PW will liaise with each. MP reported that sales had exceeded costs and the surplus had increased our funds .

c. New Committee Members.

ACTION: RS to contact Shaun to see if he could help set up an email to all members who had provided their email address. MP said this was much more than half of the membership

d. Land East of Shaw Lane and Boningale Homes Development –phase 3.

PW reported that ADAG had held a first meeting and that it was intended to ask BH to a second meeting.

e. Front Garden Competition. **ACTION: RS** would draft an announcement for the parish magazine. Judging would be in second half of June and the team would tour all four villages and choose the best entries for finalisation by John Bulmer. It was agreed not to require entries but the announcement would say “*there is no need to formally enter but to make sure the judges don't miss your efforts please let us know your name and address by ...*”

It agreed that we would seek sponsorship from the local gardening businesses **ACTION: PW to speak to D Austen, MP to Alb Garden Centre and RR to Kingswood Garden Centre [Post Meeting Note. RR would also ask Boningale Nurseries].**

They would ask if a prize, such as a voucher, could be given and that our announcements and advertising would acknowledge all sponsors by name. We would also provide posters to each sponsor and they may like to add their own alongside to encourage purchases and aid their sales.

5. Matters arising

a. Resurfacing High St (June/July 2023). PI noted APC's request to SC that repairs to the village green access roads are carried out at the same time. PW and RS to meet Cllr Bob Watson and Cllr Nigel Lumby on site on 8th February.

b. Station Rd. PI reported that APC met Graham Downes (SC) on site to discuss various road repair work to be carried out. PI will provide a copy of the drawing provided by SC (see copy circulated to all on 9th February and the comments in the associated email. **ACTION:** PI will ask the question to SC regarding the "green cloud symbol")

6. Any Other Business

a. Pedestrian Access Ramp. RS reported that upon receipt of the Ramp Team's announcement to all parties and supporters (including the Press which had carried lots of stories over the last 9 years) that DfT had refused the Dispensation the Shropshire Star and Bridgnorth Journal had come to interview PW, DB and RS. Articles were published in SS on 28/01 and in the BJ a few days later.

7. Next meeting:- 2pm on Monday 6th March 2023 at 31/32 High Street

Following Meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 3rd April 2023.

Note for your next year's Diary

Public Meeting & AGM is at 7.30pm on
Monday 10th October 2023
at the Red House

All future AGMs are on the second Monday of October