

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the
Albrighton & District Civic Society
held on Monday 8th August 2023 at 2pm
at 32 High Street (PW's house)**

Present :

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

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

2. Minutes of Meeting of 3rd July 2023 were agreed.

3. Treasurer's Report. – MP reported that £44 was made from the plant sales at the Fayre and that plenty of renewals and new members were signed up. the bank balance was £2279.96. PW wanted thanks due to John Bulmer and RS for donating the plants recorded.

4. To consider progress in regard to following main issues

a. **2024 Calendar.** DS tabled the proof copy, which all agreed was very good and even better than last year's calendar, now with double the space for notes. There were a couple of small changes to be made and then it will be printed in time for sales at the AGM. The calendar fits into a flat standard C4 envelope.

RS reported that Charlene at the Emporium Car Shop has agreed to sell them on our behalf as last year. DS will ask Emma at the Hardware Shop if they will sell them.

Price will be £5 including the envelope.

ACTION: DS to get the copies from printer. **DS** will hold the stock and manage the outlets keeping them stocked up, collect the money etc. **RS** to make some labels to stick on the display copy at each outlet.

[Post Meeting Note: Hardware Shop agreed and RS gave Charlene and Emma a copy of the article which will be in the Sept Parish magazine which announces the calendar – to keep them in the loop].

b. **New Committee Members.**

Email newsletters to all members and recent members will be sent from chairman@...etc. RS was to meet Shaun again for help.

ACTION: RS will send invitations to the 4th September committee meeting to those people who expressed an interest in joining the committee

[Post Meeting Note: RS met Shaun who will send RS the password and instructions of how to access the chairman@ email on the web-based email system where we are registered - when he is back from holiday.]

c. **Fayre Sat 8th July.**

All seemed to go well with subscriptions and plant sales and interest in the Society.

d. **Arrangements for the Public Meeting & AGM 9th October.**

RS reported that the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (MAAC) has offered to host our meeting this year and to provide a presentation and a guided tour of their headquarters. A visit by DS, RS and MP was made this morning to explore the details. They reported that they received a very warm welcome and that there were several aspects of the HQ which would be of interest to members so it was agreed that the meeting will be there at 7.30pm. Limited parking means that we need to ask members to share car rides there. To deal with security and to avoid overloading the room, entry will be by ticket only. The tickets will be free and available from several outlets.

The number of tickets will be limited so all are encouraged to get their tickets soon.

ACTION: RS will print the tickets and manage the distribution. Tickets will be available after 10th September.

Front Garden Competition

It was agreed that Cups and certificates for winners of the will be presented at the AGM.

ACTION: PW will get the Bulmer Cup engraved, provide a list of names for the Certificates, and invite winners to the AGM and get confirmation if they will attend or not. (so the presentation doesn't have 'empty pauses')

ACTION: RS to make the certificates

School Competition It was agreed that Cups, Shields and certificates for winners will be presented to a representative of each school at the AGM..

ACTION: PW will get the cup and shields engraved, provide a list of names for the Certificates and get confirmation if they will attend or not

ACTION: RS to make the certificates

[Post Meeting Note: Charlene and Emma have agreed to hold AGM tickets for collection by residents. PW will also have some for collection. The details are in the article sent to the parish magazine which will be delivered last days of August].

5. Matters arising

a. PW and RS reported that they had been asked to meet the Chairman (David Williams) and Vice Chairman (Lee Chatburn) of DBPC. DBPC wish to form closer relationships with many village organisations and the meeting was one of several they are undertaking. They previously had informed DB about the meeting. They asked if, at some committee meetings, Dave Willaims could accompany DB (who is the ex-officio member for DBPC) – this was agreed.

6. Any Other Business

a. PI reported news from APC: there will be a relaunch of the Place Plan and they are considering installing electric vehicle chargers with funding from SC possibly either outside the library or near the Red House (needs to be on SC land).

7. Next meeting: - 2pm on Monday 4th September 2023 at 31/32 High Street

Following Meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 2nd October 2023.

Note for your Diary

Public Meeting & AGM is at 7.30pm on

Monday 9th October 2023 at

**Midland Air Ambulance Airbase,
Neachley Lane, Cosford TF11 8UR**

Location: Coming from Albrighton: turn left at the Cosford traffic lights, pass the RAF base entrance, go under the rail bridge at Cosford station, pass the entrance to the RAF Museum, go over the rail bridge and after 20 yards turn left into the Airbase.

All future AGMs are on the second Monday of October