

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the  
Albrighton & District Civic Society  
held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 2pm  
at 32 High Street (PW's house)**

Present :

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

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

**2. Minutes of Meeting** of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were agreed.

**3. Treasurer's Report.** – MP reported that the bank balance was £2135.96

**4. To consider progress in regard to following main issues**

a. Land East of Shaw Lane and Boningale Homes Development .

PW reported that ADAG will meet BH again to learn what BH had considered concerning the various points raised by ADAG.

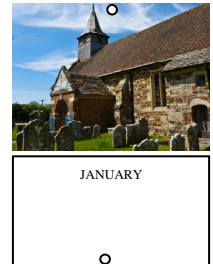
b. 2024 Calendar. RS had gathered together and tabled many photos and the best 12 were chosen and each month allocated.

**ACTION:**

**RS** would add these 12 to a WORD document and will suggest titles and will circulate it for final comments by the committee. Once that is done RS will add the WORD document and as many as possible of these 12 photos in jpeg to the pen drive for DS.

**DS** will then ask printer to

- i) check that the calendar, this year with spiral binding along the long edge, if it will fit in standard C4 envelopes. (Last year we found it cheaper to source the C4 envelopes rather than buy from the printer).
- ii) to produce draft proof for the committee to review prior to printing
- iii) front page to be landscape with the Welcome to Albrighton road sign (portrait size) as on last years calendar and the text to be similar to last year and the same “yellow and blue” colours as last year’s front page



c. New Committee Members.

Email newsletters are awaiting a solution to uploading the excel list of email addresses to the bcc line of Outlook. **ACTION: RS** has contacted Shaun and expects to meet him this week for the following queries

- i) arrange for the Chairman (or another committee member) to also be able to access and manage the website/email account
- ii) arrange for emails received by [chairman@....](mailto:chairman@....) to be copied to DS
- iii) as Shaun is very busy with work is he able to continue as webmaster

d. Front Garden Competition. John Bulmer led the judging team, which will also included professional gardener Craig Paxton (FromTheGroundUp) and PW and PhylW, who went round the district last Thursday and chose the winners.

**ACTION: PW** to send names of winners to **RS** to make the certificates. This year, we will present the prizes at the stall on Fayre Day at 3.45pm - **PW** will ask all winners to attend at 3.45pm.

e. Village Green Roads. PI did not attend but advised RS that there is no news on when SC will repair the High St (and the village green roads). PW reported that Shropshire Cllr Nigel Lumby had sought information from Graham Downs SC but he was still not responding.

f. Station Rd Work by SC. PI had advised that there was no news from SC.

g. Fayre Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**ACTION:** Gazebo provided by PW, Tables and posters and the folders by RS, Tables, chairs, tea urn, members register and box of change by MP.

RS will collect plants from John Bulmer.

h. School Awards Competition. All entries had been received and the standard was high this year. PW, PhylW, RS and MP had displayed them in the library this morning.

Award of the cup and shields (with their certificates) to be at Fayre Day 8<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. Individual certificates will be handed to the schools for awarding to each pupil next term.

**ACTION:** PW to send to RS the names of pupils for making the certificates

## **5. Matters arising**

a. MP pointed out that one of the main aims of the Society was the appearance of the village and in his opinion and many others including posts on the local Facebook page there were several areas that needed tidying up, particularly the planters, the 'David Austin' rose bed outside the Red House and the general area outside the Red House. MP had spoken to Peter Illes in his capacity of Parish Councillor who in turn had emailed the chairman and clerk of the Council to 'volunteer' that ADCS would tidy up the planters, MP would organise doing four of them and PW the one outside the former TSB bank.

## **6. Any Other Business**

a. RS reported that he had been contacted by Marian Low on Woodland Clise who was unhappy that 15 Windsor Road has just erected a fence between its rear garden and Windsor Road with the "rear face" of the fence at the road side when normal procedure is to have the front, ie better face, facing outwards. She had contacted SC who said they were only interested in fence height.

RS tabled photos of the fence.

The committee understood the issue and agreed that RS should suggest to Mrs Low that she speak to neighbours of the property to see if they were of the same view and that if so they should then speak directly with the owner of the house to see if a resolution was possible.

**7. Next meeting:- 2pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023** at 31/32 High Street

Following Meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## ***Note for your Diary***

Public Meeting & AGM is at 7.30pm on

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at the Red House

All future AGMs are on the second Monday of October