

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the
Albrighton & District Civic Society
held on Monday 4th September 2023 at 2pm
at 32 High Street (PW's house)**

Present :

Peter Woodman – Chairman
Rod Smith - Secretary
Peter Illes
David Beechey (ex-officio Donington-with-Boscobel PC) & David Williams
Observers:
Sharon Downes
David Twist

1. Apologies Mike Pitchford, Patrick Richards, Gaynor Richards, Roger Rudman, Dave Slatcher and Phyl Woodman.

The Chairman welcomed Sharron Downes and David Twist who were interested in our work and considering joining the committee and invited them to join in our discussions. He also welcomed David Willams who was attending with DB as ex-officio for DBPC

2. Minutes of Meeting of 8th August 2023 were agreed.

3. Treasurer's Report. – MP, on holiday, had sent his report via the Secretary. He had paid the printer for the calendars and that now the bank balance was £1500.17.

4. To consider progress in regard to following main issues

a. **ADAG.** PW reported that a further meeting with BH is to be arranged and at that meeting several suggestions/requests by ADAG will be followed up. These include: - a drop-off point at the corner of phase 2 and along the north edge of phase 3 specifically for use by parents bringing/collecting children to/from St Mary's School which will reduce traffic in Shaw Lane, improving drainage of the gutter at the west end of Shaw Lane where surface flooding affects the adjacent house.

PI reported that APC has objected to BH's Planning Application for Phase 4 due to lack of parking.

b. **Village Green Roads.** These were supposed to be repaired at the same time as SC said it would repair the High Street in June/July 2023. PI said APC had no more news. **ACTION: PW** will ask SC Cllr N Lumby for an update.

c. **Repairs to Station Road and cleaning up of the east end.** PI reported that APC had no more news but would ask Cllr NL for an update.

SD asked about work at the end of Loak Road. PI and DB reported that APC were to create a garden to commemorate the coronation of King Charles at that location.

d. **Email newsletters** to all members and recent members. RS reported that Shaun was revising our email account to allow several committee members, particularly the Chairman, to send out from chairman@...etc. This is expected to use Outlook. DW said he would ask his IT work colleagues for advice and would report back. RS asked if he would join DS/MP/RS in help setting this up after Shaun has changed the system

e. **2024 Calendar.** DS had ordered 250 copies of the calendar and MP had paid the printer's invoice. Calendars would be ready shortly and before the AGM on 9th October where they will be on sale. The calendar fits into a flat standard C4 envelope which had also been bought from the printer. RS reported that Charlene at the Emporium Car Shop has agreed to sell them on our behalf as last year. DS reported that Emma at the Hardware Shop will also sell them for us.

Price will be £5 including the envelope.

[Post Meeting Note. PW has asked the Library and Church Centre if they will sell them as last year and they have agreed]

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 price labels to stick on the display copy at each outlet.

5. Matters Arising

a. **Arrangements for the Public Meeting & AGM 9th October at 7.30pm.**

The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (MAAC) will host our meeting this year and provide a presentation and a guided tour of their headquarters.

RS reminded all that 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 the Emporium and Hardware Shop and from PW.

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.

RS will send out the Forms for nominations to the new committee. These must be returned to the Secretary before the strict deadline of 7.30pm Monday 2nd October ie 7 days before the AGM

[Post Meeting Note. PI has offered to accept calls from people without transport who want a lift to the AGM and will try to get them a lift by others]

[Actions Reminder from last month's meeting:

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]

5. **Matters arising**

- a. The committee expressed concern that eyesores need to be addressed.

6. **Any Other Business**

- a. PI reminded the meeting that there will be a revision of the Place Plan and that the Society should consider it.

7. **Next meeting: - 2pm on Monday 2nd October 2023** at 31/32 High Street

Following Meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 6th November 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