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Albrighton Area Local Joint
Committee

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AND COSFORD AREA
LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 8
OCTOBER 2009 AT THE RED HOUSE, ALBRIGHTON**

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Committee Members Present:
Shropshire Council

Malcolm Pate
Stuart West

Parish Councils

David Murray – Tong Parish Council
Paul Lusk – Albrighton Parish Council
Peter Hurlstone (Substitute) – Donington With Boscobel Parish Council

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Mike Morris, Lead Officer
George Edwards, Support Officer
Andrea McWilliams, Community Regeneration Officer
Adrian Dean, Senior Committee Officer

West Mercia Police:

PC Rod Salt
Sgt Richard Bailey

There were approximately 17 members of the public present at the meeting.

14. Welcome and Introductions

14.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

15. Apologies for absence

15.1 Apologies for absence were received from Fred Shelley (Donington with Boscobel Parish Council) (Substitute: Peter Hurlstone) and Bob Tummons (Boningale Parish Council).

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16. Minutes

16.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2009 were signed by the Chairman.

17. Declarations of Interest

17.1 There were no declarations of interest.

18. Public Question Time

18.1 No public questions were received.

19. Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

19.1 PC Rod Salt, West Mercia Police, said that surgeries were being held from 10am to 12 noon on both Tuesday 27 October and Thursday 26 November at Wesley Hall. He said that surgeries were also being held from 9am to 1pm at the Police Station on 21 October and 24 November 2009. He also gave advice regarding preventative measures that can be taken to combat crime.

19.2 The Chairman suggested that PC Salt might write an article for the next issue of the Parish Magazine covering some of the crime prevention issues raised and highlighting the dates of the forthcoming surgeries.

20. Confirmation of name of Local Joint Committee

21.1 **RESOLVED:** that the name of the committee be Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee

21. Waste Collection/Household Recycling Centre

21.1 The committee received presentations from John Wallen, Project Development Manager, Shropshire Waste Partnership on Household Recycling Centre Permit Review and Plastic Bottle Recycling Services.

21.2 Recycling Centre Permit Review

21.3 John Wallen outlined the main issues and concerns that had resulted in changes being made to the type of vehicle and trailer that can be used to take waste to the recycling centres. Donald McPhail from Veolia was also present and assisted with answering questions raised.

21.4 Various questions were asked by members and the public concerning fly tipping which was seen as being on the increase in the area. John Wallen responded by saying that fly tipping on public land had not increased and that they would be removed within 24 hours of having been reported. He said that instances of fly tipping on private

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land were not recorded.

21.5 It was generally felt that there had been an increase in fly tipping on private land and that this was a particular problem in the area. John Wallen said that his responsibility was with publicly owned land but that Environmental Health may have a role with privately owned land. He said that this point would be clarified.

21.6 In reply to a question from Peter Leigh about why cardboard was not collected for recycling, John Wallen said that it could be placed with garden waste for composting.

21.7 Plastic Bottle Recycling Services

21.8 John Wallen outlined the Council's intention to commence the kerbside collection of plastic bottles for recycling for all properties by 2011. He said that much depended on the vehicles being used and when they were due to be replaced.

21.9 Various questions were raised by members and the public including the use of plastic packaging, the delay in implementing the kerbside collection service, the types of plastic that can be recycled, households being advised about plastic reduction and the use to which recycled plastic it be put.

21.10 John Wallen said that leaflets are available which suggest various ways in which to reduce the use of plastic, including reusing supermarket carrier bags and using paper bags. Donald McPhail said that Veolia had also targeted schools with posters and what he described as 'pester power'. Where children are made aware of a way of recycling and pester their parents into joining in.

21.11 Beryl Shelton asked about the water filter on her water jug and whether this could be recycled. It was suggested that some stores will recycle these and that further advice would be made available about this.

21.12 The Chairman said that 3 skips were previously provided for the collection of recycling and that they were so well used that they often overflowed.

21.13 John Wallen said that for Veolia to have been able to deal with this problem, they would have been collecting perhaps 3 or 4 as many times in Albrighton.

21.14 A further question was raised as to why other locations in the former Bridgnorth District Council area with lower populations than Albrighton had been allocated a skip service when there was a clear demand for a skip.

21.15 It was **AGREED** that the committee would ask the Shropshire Waste Partnership and Veolia to re-consider locating a skip from one of the

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smaller areas to the Albrighton area.

22. Local Development Framework - Consultation

- 22.1 The committee received a presentation from Helen Howie, Principal Policy Officer Housing concerning the Local Development Framework (LDF) consultation. She explained that although the consultation period had now ended that any comments received in the next few days would be considered. She said that the LDF replaces the Bridgnorth District Local Plan and Structure Plan and will cover the whole of Shropshire. She also said that another consultation exercise would be undertaken on the Core Strategy and that this will cover the period up to 2026.

- 22.2 In response to a question from the Chairman, Helen Howie said that there were no proposals to change the Green Belt boundaries around the Albrighton area.

- 22.3 Helen Howie said that the Regional Spatial Strategy had been published last week and that this suggested that around 2000 additional homes would be required in the region for defence personnel. About 1000 of these would be required in the Cosford area. She added that the Local Plan included land in Cosford that was removed from the Green Belt, but was safeguarded and protected from development.

- 22.4 The Chairman added that there was some doubt about whether the 'super garrison' at Cosford would actually materialise and felt that some flexibility was required. Helen Howie added that uncertainty is an issue and would be dealt with at site allocation time. She said that consultation on site allocations will take place during March 2010.

- 22.5 A further question was asked about whether the Council had consulted with the neighbouring South Staffordshire District Council regarding the LDF. Helen Howie said that she thought that they would have done but she would have to check this point

- 22.6 David Beechey argued that Albrighton should be described as a Key Centre rather than a Local Centre as Albrighton has many attributes nearby such as Weston Park, Boscobel House and Cosford Museum. He said that no additional infrastructure had been added such as leisure facilities or car parking. He said that Cosford residents use all the facilities in the area such as pubs and shops.

- 22.7 Ron Kidson said that Shropshire is a very varied County with very some high tech businesses and very rural areas. He said that flexibility was key. He also said that sustainability is referred to in the document but that it does not include a definition of what the term means. He also said that Bridgnorth District Council applied the Green Belt policy very rigidly and that this had destroyed a couple of pubs and other businesses.

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23. Funding Arrangements and Applications**ACTION****23.1 RESOLVED:**

- (a) That a community chest with a budget of £2,000 be set up to provide grants of up to £250 and subject to the criteria set out in the report.
- (b) That the remaining sum of £19,000 be allocated for larger grant scheme for projects over £250 and subject to the criteria set out in the report.
- (c) That the additional criteria as set out at Appendix 3 of this report be approved to enable applications for grant funding to be considered by Members of this Committee following an initial assessment by Officers and in accordance with the Financial Procedure Notes governing Local Joint Committees.
- (d) That a grant of £971.46 be awarded to Albrighton Youth Drop-In Centre.

24. Discussion of Items For Future Meetings/Public questions

- 24.1 Bob Hickson said that a second planning application had been submitted for a development at The Hollies, Cross Road, Albrighton. He said that this new application The Hollies *may* be retained whereas the original application said it *will* be retained. He was concerned that the changes proposed would be slipped through as a minor amendment. Peter Illes said that neighbours ought to write in with their comments and objections **MM**
- 24.2 Stuart West said that he is Chairman of the Planning Committee and that the application would be considered by the Committee on 3 November 2009.
- 24.3 David Beechey asked what had happened to the resurfacing works to Bushfield Estate. He said that because of the drainage works that were being undertaken that he understood that the resurfacing would be phased over the next 4 years. The Chairman agreed that this would be looked into. **MM**
- 24.4 Peter Illes asked whether there was a policy for the conservation area that covered street furniture. He was particularly concerned about street lighting columns that vary in colour from grey to black. **MM**
- 24.5 A further issue raised was regarding the 891 and 461 bus services. There appeared to be some confusion as to the route these services are taking. The Chairman agreed that this would be taken up with the bus operator **MM**
- 24.6 Peter Hurlstone also asked about the resurfacing of the M54 slip roads at it junction with the A41. He said that some work had been **MM**

