



<u>Committee and Date</u> Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee  19 May 2010
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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBRIGHTON AREA LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2010 AT TONG PARISH HALL, HUBBAL LANE, TONG.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Malcolm Pate  
Stuart West

**Parish Councils**

Paul Lusk – Albrighton Parish Council  
David Murray – Tong Parish Council  
Fred Shelley – Donington with Boscobel Parish Council  
Bob Tummons – Boningale 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

There were approximately 30 people present at the meeting.

**41. Welcome and Introductions**

41.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**ACTION**

**42. Apologies for absence**

42.1 There were no apologies for absence.

42.2 The Chairman said that it had been hoped that an Officer from the Housing Service would have been able to attend the meeting to explain Choice Based Lettings. Unfortunately, due to illness they are unable to attend. The chairman added that copies of the frequently asked questions leaflet relating to Choice Based Lettings had been provided together with copies of the Shropshire Homepoint Scheme Booklet. He added that the item will be carried over to a future meeting of the Committee.

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**43. Declarations of Interest**

43.1 Fred Shelly declared a personal interest in the grant application regarding CCTV as a member of the Crime Prevention Panel. Fred Shelley and Malcolm Pate declared prejudicial interests in the application relating to The Red House, Albrighton as members of the Management Committee.

**44. Notes**

44.1 A member of the public said that he had asked a question at the last meeting regarding the quality standard of street furniture and in particular what the Highways Authority is required to provide and that this had not been recorded.

44.1 Subject to 44.1 above, the notes of the meeting held on 10 February 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**45 Comments, Questions and Suggestions from meeting held on 10 February 2010**

45.1 The contents of the Comments, Questions and Suggestions form were noted. (See also minutes 47.1 to 47.3 below).

**46 Funding Applications and Revised Criteria**

46.1 The report was received and considered and decided as follows:

RESOLVED:

(a) That the revised criteria attached as appendix 1 to the report be approved.

(b)

1. Albrighton High Street CCTV Improvements & Upgrade (19/10) - Additional information received - Grant awarded £3,500.00

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		<b>ACTION</b>
2.	Albrighton Fayre (21/10) - Grant awarded £250.00	MM
3.	Den Building Floors Replacement (23/10) - Grant awarded £1,000.00. Subject to provision of last 2 years accounts, an offer of £1 for £1 grant up to a total of £2,000 be made in order to help them reach their target.	MM
4.	Albrighton Shop Watch Radio-Link Scheme - Grant awarded £250.00	MM
5.	Friends of Albrighton Library - Grant awarded £100.00.	MM
6.	Red House Project Phase 1 (08/10) - No grant awarded more information required.	MM
7.	Jam Night (16/10) - Application withdrawn.	MM
8.	Legion Youth Fishing (13/10) - No grant awarded - Applicants suggested to reapply next year.	MM
<b>47</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>	
47.1	Mr Rod Smith who had made a presentation at the last meeting of the committee regarding the missing stretch of footpath in Elm Road, Albrighton expressed his concern that no reference to this item was included in the feedback sheet. In addition he wanted to know what response had been to the committees' request.	
47.2	The Chairman said that the proposal had been referred to Tom McCabe for consideration, but that it may be difficult to divert funds from elsewhere to carry out the additional work.	
47.3	It was AGREED that this item would be included on the list of Comments, Questions and Suggestions arising from this meeting and that Tom McCabe and Hugh Dannett would be requested to respond.	ACD/MM
47.4	A resident of Tong Norton said that although there are now a reduced speed limit in Ofoxe Road, that some traffic still appears to be travelling at 50mph.	
47.5	Another resident commented about the number of road signs that were located on the stretch of road from The Bell Public House along the A41 in the direction of its junction with the M54. He said that these signs were not speed limit signs but felt there were too many in an area of outstanding beauty and that if there were any that were unnecessary that they should be removed.	Tom McCabe

<p>47.6 Several people asked that for future meetings they be sent paper copies of the agenda and reports in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that this be arranged and that the attendance list circulated at each meeting be amended to ask those attending if they wish to receive an agenda for the following meeting.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> ACD</p>
<p>47.7 Further information was given regarding a question that was asked at the previous meeting concerning gates to properties in Ashgrove that back onto Garridge Close, Albrighton. Many of the occupants of those properties had installed gates so that they could gain access onto Garridge Close. In response, the Chairman said that there may be a question of right of access over the land that could prevent the continuation of this use.</p>	<p>MM</p>
<p>47.8 A question was raised about parking in Ashgrove, Albrighton the questioner said that the road was in an awful condition. It had been suggested that that an area of land could be cleared and used as a parking area but that there were some underground pipes that would not be able to support the weight of the parked vehicles. It was agreed that this issue should be taken up with the appropriate Highways Officer.</p>	
<p>47.9 An issue was raised about the general lack of public parking in Albrighton. He said that he had prepared a paper on the problems and that he would e-mail it to Andrea McWilliams (Community Regeneration Officer) so that it can be forwarded to Hugh Dannett.</p>	
<p>47.10 An issue was raised at a previous meeting regarding the approval of a planning application relating to The Hollies and a questioner asked why an amended application had been approved. Stuart West (Chairman of the Southern Planning Committee) said that the application related to the design of the proposal and did not impact on the access to the site, which was the questioners' main concern. Another person said that work was commenced on New Years day and that the area was flattened. Stuart West added that action could only be taken against the owner if protected trees had been removed and that he would look into what had occurred. Other comments were made about the use of the lay-by by buses. He agreed that he would look into this and report back to the committee.</p>	<p>Stuart West</p>
<p><b>48 Partners and Communities Together (PACT)</b></p>	
<p>48.1 PC Rod Salt and Sgt Richard Bailey were in attendance and PC Salt gave an update on Policing issues in the area.</p>	
<p>48.2 PC Salt said that regular meetings are being held on 29 March, 26 April and 24 May at 9.30am to 11.30am at the Wesley Hall.</p>	
<p>48.3 PC Salt said that priority had been given to the issue of speeding and that checks had taken place on High Street, Cross Road and</p>	

Newport Road by the Fire Station. He said that about 60 speeding tickets had been issued.

48.4 PC Salt reminded the meeting that anyone who has an issue they want to report can do so by telephone at Albrighton and Shifnal Police Stations or by e-mail or by putting a note through the letterbox at the Police Station.

**ACTION**

48.5 PC Salt said that a number of people had been arrested in connection with burglaries in the area and as a result the number of occurrences had reduced.

48.6 In response to a question, PC Salt said that he had placed warning tickets on cars parked in Ashgrove that were causing an obstruction to the footpath. He added that vehicles were causing an obstruction and he could have issued them all with a ticket but as he is aware of the concerns in the area he did not take that action.

48.7 PC Salt reminded the meeting that it is Parkright who have power to issue parking tickets and not the Police.

#### **49 Skateboard Park, Albrighton**

49.1 The Chairman welcomed and introduced Martin Stephens (Joint Head of Service, Shropshire Youth) and Kath Wherton (Senior Practitioner) to the meeting.

49.2 Martin Stephens said that there were several issues raised at the last meeting concerning the use of the skateboard park. He summarised them as being, access, cleaning, anti-social behaviour and conduct of use.

49.3 He said that he visited the skateboard park immediately after the last meeting and on another occasion. He said that Kath Wherton had also visited. Martin Stephens said that there was a small amount of litter but not very much. He said that he found the people very polite and placed the litter on the bin provided.

49.4 Several comments regarding the usage of the skateboard park were made and how it is managed and locked up. Martin Stephens said that he would speak to the management committee to address the issues and concerns raised.

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#### **50 Items for consideration at future meetings**

50.1 It was AGREED that the following items be considered for future meetings:

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1. Choice Based Lettings
2. Health Provision in the area including hospitals. This item to also include information relating to the consultation currently underway regarding medical records and prescriptions issues

