



Albrighton Parish Council

Monthly Newsletter

June 2024

Budget and Precept 2024/25

The Parish Council is empowered to incur expenditure in the execution of its duties and work for and on behalf of the Parish. The expenditure can include employment of staff, running of community facilities, buildings, and parish property; including maintenance and improvement and those statutory powers which the Parish Council agree to deliver. There is also a power to incur expenses for the benefit of the parish area for all or some of its residents.

The Parish Council receives the funds for expenditure via the means of precept; the precept is the money the Parish Council receives via Shropshire Council, who are the Council responsible for collecting Local Government taxes, through Council Tax.

It was unanimously agreed by Councillors at the meeting to set the budget and precept for Albrighton Parish Council with an increase of 8.5% to the precept for the financial year 2024/25, which is the national average of precept increases. The extra funding will cover general inflation for all services, whilst allowing further funds to go into monies for grant applications to support our community groups.

Albrighton Parish Council will continue to deliver its services and work for and on behalf of the community. To find out more about the services and facilities that the Parish Council provide, please visit our website. www.albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk

War Memorial

On 10th April 2024 the Albrighton War Memorial was carefully removed ready for the next stages of the Restoration Project. We are hopeful this process will take 12-14 weeks to complete. Our thanks go to the War Memorial Working Group who have worked hard to see this come to fruition, in often challenging times.

We are pleased to announce that our Grant Application from the War Memorial's Trust has been accepted for funding of up to £20,000 for this project. We are delighted that with the generous help of resident's donations, Albrighton Parish Council's precept pledge, Donington with Boscobel Parish Council precept pledge and other organisations who have generously donated to this project, that we are now able to proceed with the restoration work. More information can be found on our website about these works.



Shropshire Local Plan

Shropshire Council are running a further consultation for the Local Plan on Additional Material Prepared in Response to the Planning Inspectors Interim Findings.

This consultation will run from 25 April 2024 until 11 June 2024. Any response must be submitted and received by Shropshire Council by 5pm on 11 June 2024. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-shropshire-local-plan/>

D-Day 80th Anniversary

Thursday 6th June 2024 commemorates the 80 year anniversary of the D-Day landings. Albrighton Parish Council will be lighting a lantern at 9.15pm outside the Red House in celebrations of the 'light of peace'. All residents and members of the community are welcome to attend. Additionally, Albrighton Parish Council have purchased a D-Day flag to be flown outside the Red House in the lead up to the 6th June.



Community Priority Questionnaire

Albrighton Parish Council have launched a new community questionnaire open to all residents, traders, and other members of the community. Councillors will be delivering hard copies of the questionnaire to households over the coming months. Please feel free to complete and return the attached copy of this newsletter. An online version is available:

<https://forms.gle/zm1DcPnAD79ejDa26>

Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2024/25

At the Annual Council meeting held on 9th May 2024, Councillor Noakes was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2024/25 by his fellow Councillors and Councillor Meyrick was elected as Vice-Chairman for 2024/25. We are looking forward to working with both Councillors Noakes and Meyrick for this coming year.



Chairman, Cllr Colin Noakes



Vice-Chair, Cllr David Meyrick

Statement from the Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council, Colin Noakes

It is a privilege to announce that I have been elected as the next Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council (APC). I am looking forward to leading the Council over the next year, with hard-working Councillors and dedicated staff.

During my term I'm hoping that APC can have better public engagement with residents and will be using not only this magazine, but also social media and the Council's notice boards to communicate APC's latest news. APC are currently circulating a questionnaire which asks residents what their priorities are for the Village. If you haven't received one yet they are available from the library and online. Please let us know the issues that matter to you, so that Councillors can make more informed decisions.

Albrighton has some big issues on the horizon with two large housing developments being proposed. At the time of writing, we are awaiting to be notified of a formal planning application. If this is received, the Council will hold a public planning meeting to discuss the proposals. I am a qualified town planner by trade and am therefore driven to ensure, wherever possible, any new development in the Village will be to the benefit of the residents of Albrighton.

As a Council we have an important year ahead with the proposed changes to the Parish boundaries. If approved, this will see the amalgamation of Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Councils. We will be working closely with our fellow Councillors in neighbouring Parishes to make this as smooth a transition as possible.

We have some forthcoming events; the 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. APC will be joining councils across the country to commemorate this historic event. A commemorative flag will be flown on the flagpole by the Red House. We will also be lighting a lantern at 9.15pm on the 6th June outside the Red House, in celebration of the 'light of peace' this is a nationwide coordinated event and we would love to see as many residents as possible attending. The Council are also organising a picnic in the woods for local school children on the 5th June 2024 to commemorate D-Day.

The War Memorial has now been taken away to be repaired and should be back in place soon, fully restored. This has not been a straightforward process and a steep learning curve for the project's working group. A big thank you to all those involved, who have stuck with the task and had to jump through many hoops to make this happen. There is a ceremony planned for the reinauguration of the monument, probably sometime in September 2024. The exact date will be advertised when it is known.

In other news, the King Charles Coronation Garden, which is situated at the end of Worthington Drive, is coming along nicely. This is a rewilding project. The works have been carried out with the help of local school children who have assisted in building 'bug hotels' and planting wildflower seeds. Thank you to all Councillors and APC staff involved and a special thank you to Bob Watson and Lucy Courtman for giving their time and expertise to the project. Although it's not quite finished yet, if you haven't seen it, please go and have a look.

APC are having a new CCTV system installed in the Village. This is a considerable upgrade to the old system, with improved coverage etc. and should assist in making the Village a safe place to live and work.

The old BT phone box close to the Harp has been purchased by APC – thank you to Councillor Wilmot for making this happen. A donated defibrillator in a locked cabinet is going to be installed, thanks to donations from customers and staff from The Harp Public House.

Colin Noakes

Chairman Albrighton Parish Council



This questionnaire is open to all residents, traders and other members of the community of Albrighton. APC will use the information from all the returned questionnaires to help establish its priorities for funding and action where it is so empowered and financed.

Please mark with an 'X' in the box how important each issue is below with 1 being 'not really important' and 5 being 'very important'

# Issue	1	2	3	4	5
1 Improved transport for people unable to use public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Initiatives to reduce local crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Drainage and flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Improved Council governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Improved support for elderly and disabled residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Improved village amenities (such as the Library)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Improved parking availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Improved support for children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Improved support (such as through the Albrighton Fayre) for local traders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Improved communication between the Council and the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Improved roads, footpaths and infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Improved quality of the environment and green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Community events and gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Protection of the character of the local environment from new development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If there is any other issue that you think the Council should prioritise, please describe it below:

What's on at Albrighton Library

Information, advice, and support

Shropshire Council and their partners attend Albrighton Library every third Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 12:30pm. This is a free information, advice, and support session. You can expect help and support with:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing Support- Children's Health and Wellbeing- Dementia Support- Financial Advice- Healthy Living Advice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Home Fire Safety- Domestic Abuse Support- Drug & alcohol Support- Getting Older |
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Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join Lauren 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:30am for stories, songs and lots of fun! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds, but older siblings are welcome to come along during half term. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!

From Bumps to Babies

2nd Wednesday of the month 11am, starting Wednesday 10th April 2024. Have a quiet cup of tea, be directed to targeted support where needed and find comfortable conversation with others.

Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group & Blood Pressure Monitoring

Join Age UK 4th Wednesday of the month – 2-4pm for people aged 60+. For more information, please call 01743 233 123 or email enquires@ageukstw.org.uk