

Albrighton Parish Council



Albrighton Parish Council work for and on behalf of the community of Albrighton.

Albrighton Flyer Update

It is with regret to inform the community that the Albrighton Flyer will cease to operate as of 12noon on 21st April 2023. At Albrighton Parish Council's full council meeting on 6th April 2023, Councillors voted to cancel the lease of the Flyer following the retirement of our dedicated Flyer Driver.

We are however, pleased to notify that the Melville Club have recently purchased a minibus which they intend to use for transport for elderly residents of our community.



On behalf of Albrighton Parish Council and its Councillors, we would like to wish Ken a happy and well-deserved retirement. Thank you for your hard work and dedication with helping and supporting members of our community during your years of service.

Albrighton War Memorial



The Albrighton War Memorial Committee is making steady progress in developing the project and specification for the renovation works for our wonderful War Memorial.

The specification is one of the important elements for the project to ensure that the works being completed are correct. This piece of work requires lots of input from specialist restorers and the Council and Committee want to get this right.

Thank you to Benbow Brothers who were contracted by Albrighton Parish Council for the felling of the trees at the site of the War Memorial. We would also like to thank Mr & Mrs Poole for allowing access to the rear of their garden for this work to be carried out.

Tree report for the Albrighton War Memorial

The main concern regarding the existing trees at the War Memorial is that they do not do damage to the Memorial, particularly once it has been renovated. After the high cost of conserving this important feature of the village it would be very upsetting if falling material from the surrounding trees, or should the trees fall, cause damage.

In general terms the stability of the Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and the Common Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) on the top of the back boundary is probably slightly better than it appears, as the roots have probably penetrated the cracks in the sandstone outcrop. However, since the last inspection it does look as if there has been far more erosion below the root system and this puts their stability in more doubt. Hence, they may last years without breaking away from the small amount of topsoil that they exist in or may be only months even if they are penetrating the fissures in the sandstone rock. The main problem is the uncertainty that this gives and the concern for future damage.

The same is true regarding the large Sycamore on the right-hand side. In this case the root-plate is secure. However, the height of the crown makes it vulnerable to high winds and there is no real way of telling just how stable it might be over time. Or, more likely whether large limbs may fall.

Pollarding all three trees to reduce windsail and therefore reduce the chances of damage to the Memorial was considered. However, there are on-going maintenance operations with associated costs in the following years after pollarding. Unfortunately, re-pollarding at height to reduce future problems is expensive and difficult.

By felling the Horse Chestnut and the Beech but leaving a large stump, in effect the two trees would be coppiced, and coppice shoots could be allowed to grow from the base. Such shoots are then easily managed with hand tools and could still form a boundary line. However, as the coppice shoots develop, the root-plates could become unstable now the extra erosion has occurred. The sycamore, unfortunately, would be better felled completely and not allowed to re-grow? Or, if allowed to regrow, the new shoots would need to be maintained very regularly. By doing this the problem of possible future damage would be eliminated. Therefore, to eliminate the worry of expensive damage to the Memorial in the future, very regrettably the only recommendation is to fell all three trees.

Bob Watson, Tree Warden



Community Partnerships

Albrighton Parish Council not only work with organisations and businesses, but they also work with voluntary groups to engage in community partnerships. One of these community partnerships is with the Albrighton Craft Group.

Albrighton Craft Group not only provide wonderful and decorative displays of their crafts throughout the village and parish area, but they also now hold a monthly community group for FREE the third Wednesday of the month. This group is to help teach anyone to knit or crochet or help people advance their skills.

Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council have purchased a number of memorabilia and granted towards activities to celebrate the Coronation of His Royal Majesty, King Charles III which will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023.

We have purchased streetlight signs to mark the celebration, which have been focused in the centre of the village, on the High Street leading up to Newport Road and Kingswood Road, and part way down Station Road and Cross Road. Thank you to our Village Warden, Kevin, who has kindly displayed these on the lampposts in the village. We are kindly asking the public to please not tamper, graffiti or take any of these signs.



The Parish Council have purchased 700 memorabilia Coronation Mugs for local school children. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be presenting these mugs to local school children who attended Albrighton Primary & Infants, St Mary's CofE School and St Mary's Nursery during the month of May 2023.

We have also granted financial support of £900.00 to the Red House for the Coronation Tea Party for elderly residents of Albrighton. The Coronation Tea Party is by invitation only, please contact the Red House for more information.

We hope that all those who have chosen to celebrate the Coronation have a joyous weekend and look forward to seeing the community come together in however you choose to celebrate.

Chairman of the Council's Update - Councillor Adrian Robinson

Nearly a year has passed since I was elected as Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council by my fellow Councillors. In my term I have worked closely with local groups and organisations, particularly with my main focus being on Albrighton Foodbank during the Cost-of-Living Crisis. It has been a fantastic year working alongside my Councillors and Albrighton Parish Council staff members to deliver services for and on behalf of our community and I would like to thank those who have worked alongside me.

Our Flyer Driver, Ken, will be taking a well-deserved retirement at the end of April. On behalf of the Councillors, I would like to wish him a happy retirement and look forward to hearing what he gets up to now he has free time on his hands.

Unfortunately, we as a Council have made the decision to cancel the lease of the Flyer minibus, however, the Melville Club have recently purchased a minibus which they are intending to use for transport for elderly members of our community.

Our new Clerk is settling well into her new role and getting to know those in the community, if you have any issues which you wish to raise please contact the Albrighton Parish Council Office via phone on 01902 375455, email clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk or pop into the Parish Council Office, which is situated in the Library Building.

Albrighton Parish Council will be holding the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7.00pm. This is a meeting for local electors of the Parish and not a meeting of the Council. Anyone may attend and registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote during the meeting. Several guest speakers have already been invited to attend. If there are any topics registered electors would like to discuss at this meeting, please submit your items to the Council Office by Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 12noon, so that Councillors are aware of any topics to best answer your questions.

Our Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Red House. During this meeting Councillors will elect their Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year, reform committees and approve Council Policies. All members of the public are welcome to attend Committee meetings and Council meetings, however, during Confidential Sessions, members of the public will be asked to leave. Agendas are published on our website www.albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk and in the noticeboard in the village (next to the Red House) and the noticeboard in the library.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7.00pm

The Red House, High Street, Albrighton, Nr.
Wolverhampton. WV7 3LU.



The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all the local government electors of the Parish.

It is not a meeting of the Parish Council.

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The Parish Council has invited a number of guest speakers to update and report on their activities during the past year and on their future plans.

Please contact Albrighton Parish Council for more information on:
01902 375455 or email clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Adrian Robinson
Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council