

Albrighton Parish Council



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

The Parish Council want to introduce and welcome Clare Turner who has joined Albrighton as Clerk to the Council.

The role of Clerk is appointed by the Parish Council, they have a legal responsibility to appoint an individual for the proper discharge of its functions and must ensure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of its financial affairs.

(LGA 1972, s. 112). This role is also referred to as the Proper Officer for the discharge of its statutory requirements and purposes.



Although in the main the role is an administrative function within the Parish Council, it does hold a great deal of responsibility to ensure that the Council as a whole conducts its business properly and legal, the Clerk provides independent, objective and professional advice and support. The Clerk for Albrighton also has responsibility for the Parish Office, the parish employees, the building, the services it delivers, the parish assets as well as for the finances.

Other responsibilities the Clerk has include the duty of summoning and attending the meetings of the council, keeping the council minutes including the Parish Meeting, taking charge of the council books and deeds and documents and giving copies or extracts from these to any person entitled, keeping the accounts of the council and complete the audit as required.



Clare has a number of years experience working in local government and Town & Parish Councils. She is from Wellington having attended schools and college in the Telford area. Clare plays golf and her spare time is taken up with enjoying family time with her ten nieces and nephews!

The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm, where enquiries and questions are welcomed from members of the public by the Clerk and staff. Please feel free to pop in and raise any issues you may have.

Community Focus on Grants

Grants are provided by Albrighton Parish Council, monies are allocated within the precept and budget for Albrighton Parish Council. This budget is set aside by the Parish Council to assist the local organisations, charities and community groups with grants for the benefit of the community.

In this year's budget year 2021 / 2022, which was set in the financial year 2020/2021, there is an allocation of £10,000.00. The Parish Council have a grant application form and any applications received are reviewed at the Grants Committee meeting where a recommendation to Full Council on the individual grant applications is made.

The Parish Council are very proud to have been able to support the following organisations during this year:

- St Mary's Magdelene Church granted £2,000.00 to assist with the annual maintenance of the church yard
- Red House granted £1,200.00 for summer activities in 2021
- Albrighton Craft Group granted £100.00 for monies to purchase refreshments for the McMillan Coffee morning held at the Library and Parish Office
- Citizens Advice granted £3,710.00 for support to an outreach advice service for Albrighton residents at the doctor's surgery.
- Albrighton Scouts granted £500.00 for planting the flower planters in the village and support the scouts to obtain a gardener activity badge
- Albrighton Scouts granted £1,500.00 for urgent repairs to the ceiling at the scout hut
- The Red House granted £500.00 for support at the Christmas Victorian Fayre for children's gifts when visiting Santa
- Donnington and Albrighton Local Nature Reserve granted £500.00 for the repairs and maintenance at the Nature Reserve
- The Red House granted £350.00 for the Older Persons Christmas Lunch

(Information was correct at time of print)



The Albrighton Scouts working hard to plant the planters in the village and also obtain their Gardener Activity Badge. Thank you to everyone on behalf of Albrighton for making the planters looking good and well kept.



For anyone who wants to make contact with the Albrighton Scouts please make contact via email Albrighton80@gmail.com
Contact: Richard Wild

Precept and Budget for 2022/23

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 the 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, the council responsible for collecting local government taxes, through Council Tax.

Those Councillors who are members of the Finance Committee have been working with the Clerk and have completed a piece of work to review the expenditure for this year (2021/22) and prepare a draft budget and precept for year 2022/23.

At the Full Council meeting held on the 13th January 2022 those Councillors present at the meeting received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk regarding the draft budget for 2022/23 and the precept for 2022/23.

It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors at the meeting to set the budget and precept for Albrighton Parish Council with no increase to the residents of Albrighton.

Albrighton Parish Council will have a slightly raised precept of £174,362.34, an increase of £10,562. This increase is due to the rise in the Council Tax Base (information provided by Shropshire Council) but the precept per household remains the same - the Band D Properties remain at £107.45 per household.

Albrighton Parish Council will continue to deliver its services and work for and on behalf of the community, including;

- Parish Council staff and office
- Albrighton Flyer and staff
- Support of the Community through Grants
- Village Planters
- War Memorial
- Supporting the Local Nature Reserve
- Litter Picking the local community and school routes
- Maintenance of the Parish owned land and community areas
- Albrighton Library and staff
- Defibrillator in the Community
- Support the Albrighton Fayre
- Footway Street Lighting
- Supporting the local churchyard
- Christmas Lights for the village

Albrighton Parish Council will continue to work with its Partners, Community Partners, Groups and residents.

Albrighton Parish Council will be planning to deliver the following new initiatives, projects and work for and on behalf of the community, including;

- New Library Community Engagement to delivery Rhyme Time once a month
- Approbation in 2022, working in Partnership with Donington with Boscobel Parish Council and Community Partners
- Addressing Climate Change and impacts within the National Climate Emergency agenda
- Improvements to the Library Garden
- Improvements to the infrastructure in the Library Building
- Project - War Memorial infrastructure and stabilisation
- Projector unit for use by the Library, Parish Office and community
- Support of the Citizens Advice for use by the Community

Albrighton Parish Council will also be exploring the following;

- Reviewing its contracts and any possible reduction in costs with suppliers
- Reviewing its services and any possible increase in income streams



Albrighton War Memorial and Project

The community of Albrighton has a very unique and special war memorial within the village. The Parish Council and its partners are working on a project to renovate the memorial for the parish and community to treasure for future generations.

Albrighton War Memorial stands on Newport Road within a conservation area. The memorial is a Grade II listed memorial, is a two-metre high timber calvary with the figure of Christ carved from Olive wood. This is an unusual memorial; it is in contrast to the usual pitched roofs seen on calvary memorials.

A project for the War Memorial is not something new for the parish council but this year the War Memorial Working Group has been working very closely with partners, community groups and grant

providers to successfully bring this project closer to completion. At this stage it is estimated that the project will cost between £35,000 to £50,000 and could take up to a further year to complete.

As with any project of this importance and significance historical value there are many layers of work the War Memorial Working Group has to complete to ensure the memorial is being treated with the respect and specialist expertise required. Part of the responsibility of the War Memorial Working Group is to raise some of the funding for this project, the Parish Council has set aside some funding for this project and will also be seeking grant funding from national organisations as well as donations locally.

ANNAUL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting held for the residents and community of the parish area. This meeting is where the Chairman of the Council provides an update on the previous year, and update on the proposed plans for next year and where the Clerk provides an update on financial matters. There are a number of guest speakers who have been invited to update the community on their organisation and their partnership with the Albrighton.

This year's meeting is being held as follows:

Thursday 28th April 2022
at 7.00pm
The Redhouse, Albrighton, Nr Wolverhampton WV7 3LU

Please note: The guest speakers are yet to be confirmed.