

Albrighton Parish Council



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

Community Focus on Environment

Part of the services managed and delivered by Albrighton Parish Council is the work carried out in the community in your environment.

The Parish Council own and manage small pockets of community land, as well as making sure the local area is as litter free as possible and; our trees and grass areas are well maintained.



This service is completed by Terry and Paul. You will see them most days in your community completing their daily tasks.

Terry is the Parish Council's Village Warden and you will find him most days looking after the Parish Council owned land including the village green, trees, War Memorial or at the Nature Reserve, play areas or just out and about making sure the parish area is looking good and well looked after. Terry is very proud of the work he does in your community and is always happy to talk to residents about any concerns they may have with the Parish Council owned land or alternatively you can contact the Parish Office to discuss.

Paul is the Parish Council's Litter Warden and you will see him walking various routes around the village collecting the litter and making sure the area is well looked after. Paul has worked for the Parish Council for a number of years and is happy for you to let him know of any areas that may need litter picking. When you see him out and about in your community say hello or just let know of any areas and Paul will be happy to put them on his list to litter pick.



The work that both Terry and Paul do is aimed to compliment the contracted work completed by Shropshire Council as the unitary authority.

The Parish Council is also very proud of those residents from the community who are also looking after their own residential areas. So, thank you to all those residents and residents' groups.

Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of a Councillor in the later part of 2021, there is now a vacancy for a Councillor at Albrighton Parish Council.

This vacancy is being dealt with as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 (LGA1972) – section 87 requirements and in accordance with rule 5 of the 2006 rules.

A notice of the Casual Vacancy was agreed with Shropshire Council Electoral Services and a public notice has been displayed for the requested fourteen days to fill the vacancy. The rule allows ten electors from the parish in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to the vacancy. The fourteen-day period ended on the 10th December 2021.

Electoral Services at Shropshire Council did not receive a request to hold an election during the period, therefore the Parish Council will be seeking to fill this vacancy and co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

Candidates must be qualified to stand for election. The Local Government Act 1972, Section 79, sets out the qualifications for standing as a candidate and the grounds for disqualification of a candidate.

On the day of nomination and the day of poll (including co-option process), you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least **one** of the following four qualifications:

a) Your name must appear on the register of local government electors for the parish/community at the time of your nomination and throughout your term of office should you be elected.

b) You have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish/community during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area. You do not have to have paid employment to qualify, as long as your main or only place of work is in the parish/community area. For example, Councillors who's main or only job is being a councillor would be able to use this qualification, if their council office is within the parish/community.

d) You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

You may be disqualified as a candidate if:

- You are employed by the parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish/community council (including joint boards or committees).
- You have been declared bankrupt in the last five years and has not repaid your debts.
- You have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to at least three months imprisonment (including any suspended sentence) within the previous five years.
- You are disqualified due to corrupt practices under the Representation of the People Act 1983 or the Audit Commission Act.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor at Albrighton Parish Council please contact the Clerk, Clare Turner, at the parish council office who will provide you with information on the co-option policy and procedure, including the timeline agreed for the co-option; or alternatively all information can be found on the Parish Council's website and/or noticeboards.