

# Albrighton Parish Council



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

The Parish Council want to introduce and welcome Joanne Oliver 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.

Jo has worked previously as a Civil Servant for 37 years and is known to Council's, however, has an extensive background in HR & Management and business meetings.

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 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 2022/23, which was set in the financial year 2021/2022, there is an allocation of £24,000.00. The Parish Council have a grant application form and any applications received are reviewed at the Grants Committee meeting, and they then take the recommendation to Full Council on the decision of the grant application.

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

- Albrighton Cricket Club granted £3,000.00 towards a new mower
- Hope House Shropshire granted £500.00 towards work carried out in the community
- Albrighton Fayre granted £1000.00 towards the running of the annual fayre
- Red House granted £900.00 towards the OAP Jubilee Party
- Red House granted £1,500.00 towards the Summer Playscheme

- St Mary Magdalene Church granted £1,500.00 towards maintenance of the Church Yard
- Citizens Advice granted £4,000.00 towards the service provided to the community
- Shropshire Council/Donington Nature Reserve granted £2,000.00 towards the maintenance of the Nature Reserve
- Red House granted £750.00 towards the over 70's Christmas Party Lunch and Entertainment
- Albrighton Fayre granted £750.00 towards the cost of Stilt Walkers for the Christmas Extravaganza
- Albrighton & District Swimming Club granted £4,782.90 towards new filters for the swimming pool
- RAF Cosford Squadron 2497 granted £500.00 towards the ATC Simulator

(Information was correct at time of print)

## 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.

The next Albrighton War Memorial Working Group Meeting will be held on **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023** at 5:30pm in the Albrighton Parish Council Meeting Room, Library Building, Station Road, Albrighton near Wolverhampton WV7 3QH. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## *Learn to Knit or Crochet*

*with Albrighton Craft Group*

**Every third Wednesday of the month**

**From 2pm to 4pm**

**Starting 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

Learn to crochet or knit with Albrighton Craft Group  
From beginner to intermediate – no matter what your skills!

Tea & Coffee and biscuits will be available

Location: Albrighton Library, Station Road, Albrighton nr Wolverhampton WV7 3QH

## 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.

### Warm Space at Library Meeting Room

The warm space at The Parish Office and Library meeting room has been open for a few months now and we are starting to see some regulars using the service. Albrighton Parish Council are very proud to be supporting our local community during a time where people are concerned about the rising costs of living and fuel bills. All residents of Albrighton are welcome to use the Warm Space regardless of your circumstances. This service will continue throughout the winter months, so please make use of the space, you don't need to be a member of the library to use it.



The Parish Office and Library meeting room for the Warm Space is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and on a Saturday morning 10.00am to 12noon.

This warm space is working in partnership with Shropshire Libraries and Albrighton Parish Council have pledged £500.00 towards the set-up costs for this initiative. Thank you to Donington with Boscobel Parish Council who have also pledged money towards this vital project for our community.

There is free tea, coffee, and cuppa soup available and a selection of games and activities for those who wish to join in. There will be a community jigsaw puzzle available to complete by everyone and a daily crossword. Also available will be a selection of newspapers and magazines.

If you are worried about transport, don't forget the Albrighton Flyer is available Tuesday to Friday, telephone 07543869754.

### Shropshire Local Mobile

Shropshire Council will be back with Shropshire Local on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023, they will be available to assist you in accessing Council Services and answer any questions you may have. They will be located on the Crown Car Park, High Street from 10am to 2pm.

#### Services they can help you with:

- Blue Badges
- Bus Pass Applications
- Concessionary Travel
- Reporting Highways Issues and Faults
- Waste & Recycling Issues



### Chairman of the Council's Update - Councillor Adrian Robinson

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish a warm welcome to the new Clerk to the Council, Joanne Oliver. Jo has recently joined Albrighton Parish Council and is getting to know her new role, staff members and is currently working on updating the Council policies.

In the interim of the Parish Council having no Clerk in post, the Office Administrator, Olivia, has been taking on additional responsibilities within the Council Office to help the Council in continuing its day-to-day services, as well as ensuring Council meetings and Committee meetings went ahead, with all agendas and minutes published in a timely manner. I would like to thank Olivia on behalf of the Council for her continued help and support during these months.

Albrighton Parish Council will be holding their Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 12noon, so that Councillors are aware of any topics to best answer your questions.

# Annual Parish Meeting

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Anyone may attend and registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote during the meeting.**

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](mailto:clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council