

Albrighton Parish Council



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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Albrighton Parish Council held on **2nd June 2021 at 7.30pm** at **The Red House,** High Street, Albrighton, Nr. Wolverhampton. WV7 3LU

Present: Councillors: Beechey, Illes, Lumby, Medlyn, Pledger, Robinson and Straney

Staff: C Turner (Locum Clerk)

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

A quorum was present when decisions were made. Names present must be recorded.

FC21 / 001	Chairs Welcome and Introduction of the Locum Clerk The Chairman welcomed all those Councillors present to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The Chairman introduced the Locum Clerk and the Locum Clerk provided a verbal update on her background and experience. The Councillors were given the opportunity to ask the Locum Clerk questions. The Chairman and Councillors welcomed the Locum Clerk to Albrighton Parish Council and thanked her for joining the Parish Council.
FC21 / 002	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence, all Councillors were present at the meeting.
FC21 / 003	Code of Conduct <u>Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests</u> Councillors were reminded of their obligation to declare their pecuniary and other interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting, which is not included in the register of interest held at the Parish Offices.
FC21 / 004	Public Participation The Chairman adjourned the meeting. There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting was reconvened.

<p>FC21 / 005</p>	<p>Shropshire Councillor</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillor Lumby as the Shropshire Councillor and informed the Council that as part of the Full Council Meeting there would be an agenda item where the Shropshire Councillor would be able to provide an update on the case work and projects involved in and there would also be an opportunity for the Parish Councillors to ask the Shropshire Councillor questions.</p> <p>Councillor Lumby informed the Council that he was very please to have been elected as Shropshire Councillor and to be working with Albrighton Parish Council. It was informed that Councillor Lumby was both a Shropshire Councillor and a Parish Councillor with Albrighton Parish Council, was unopposed.</p> <p>Councillor Lumby informed the Council that this was the first time he had been a Shropshire Councillor and had completed an induction on the 11th May 2021 and attended the AGM at Theatre Severn. Councillor Lumby informed the Council of the change in political make up of Shropshire Council and the new leader had been elected, Councillor Lesley Pickton. The Leader had informed at the AGM that the priorities for Shropshire included the road/pot hole issue and to improve the communication throughout Shropshire Council.</p> <p>Councillor Lumby informed the Council that he was retired and so was committed to both Councils, and with Shropshire Council was part of the Audit Committee, the Strategic Licence Committee, Southern Planning Committee, West Mercia Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee and the West Midlands Police Crime Commissioners Panel.</p> <p>Councillor Beechey raised a comment that there had been a decline in engagement and a disconnect with officers, this may have been due to the reduction in the number of officers and that there was 2 SALC forums a year where an elected member would be welcome to attend.</p> <p>Councillor Illes raised a comment that the response from officers to queries had been missing, the Red House had received a Queens Award for volunteering with the support of Shropshire Council and would like a thank you sent back to Shropshire Council for this help and support.</p> <p>Councillor Medlyn raised a comment that the Committee at the Red House had been serving this community for the last 20 years and supported the Red House immensely.</p> <p>Councillor Medlyn raised a comment that there had been a number of issues within the village of the last 2 weeks that were of concern and calls raised with the Police, a car had turned over and a number of ASB/Graffiti had been reported. It was recognised that crime rates were flat in the village but there had been concerns raised by members of the public about these issues and concerns over individuals known to residents who had recently been released from prison, with a concern that these individuals may cause problems in the village. The Clerk informed the Council that she would contact the local policing team and raise these concerns.</p> <p>Councillor Beechey raised a comment that the spread of Cabinet Members at Shropshire Council had not been a fair representation of the whole County, a concern that some areas were not represented and asked if this had changed.</p> <p>Councillor Lumby confirmed that the Cabinet had changed.</p> <p>Councillor Pledger, Chairman, raised a comment regarding the graffiti, thanked the Red House on behalf of the Parish Council for all the work they do in supporting the community and asked the Clerk to send a letter of congratulations and thanks to the Chair of the Committee on behalf of Albrighton Parish Council.</p>
<p>FC21 / 006</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Council to review and agree the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th May 2021, which had previously been circulated.</p>

	<p>The Councillors discussed the minutes.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Medlyn, Seconded by Councillor Robinson Abstained by Councillor Straney, who was not in attendance at the meeting RESOLVED that the Council reviewed and agreed the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th May 2021 as a true and accurate record.</p>
FC21 / 007	<p>Review of Parish Council Meeting Dates and Times</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Council to review and agree the meeting dates and times previously circulated for Albrighton Parish Council.</p> <p>The Council had a discussion regarding the proposed meeting dates and times.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Straney, Seconded by Councillor Beechey Unanimously agreed by all Councillors RESOLVED that the Council reviewed and agree the meeting dates and set the meeting to start at 7.00pm.</p>
FC21 / 008	<p>Update on the Green Sleeves Planning</p> <p>The Council received a verbal update from the Locum Clerk regarding the request received from the architect for the Green Sleeves site. It was confirmed that planning has been granted for this build by the planning authority, Shropshire Council.</p> <p>The Council discussed the request for the agreement request for a wayleave and deed of easement for services to the property.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Straney, Seconded by Councillor Medlyn Unanimously agreed by all Councillors RESOLVED that the Council agree for the wayleave and deed of easement for services to be connect to the new build at the Green Sleeves site via Albrighton Parish Council land with any solicitors / legal fees for this to be paid by the builders/owners of the build to ensure the Council is not out of pocket.</p>
FC21 / 009	<p>Grant Application</p> <p>The Chairman updated the Council with regard to the agenda item for a grant application from Saint Mary Madgalene Church, Albrighton, and informed the agenda item would be deferred to a future Council meeting to allow the Locum Clerk to review this request and any payments made in this financial year.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Pledger, Seconded by Councillor Straney Unanimously agreed by all Councillors RESOLVED that the Council agree for the agenda item to be deferred to a future Council meeting to allow the Locum Clerk to review this grant request and any payments made in this financial year.</p>
FC21 / 010	<p>Update on Pot Holes</p> <p>The Chairman raised grave concerns with the Council regarding the large quantity and depth of pot holes within the Parish boundary, with the worst ones being on Station Road and the increase in the number with the parish.</p> <p>Councillor Lumby, Shropshire Councillor, informed that the Cross Roads work required had been agreed in 2019 but as yet the work had not been completed. Councillor Lumby informed the Council that he was chasing this and had requested an update. Councillor Lumby confirmed that he would be sending an urgent email to Shropshire Highways and would provide an update for Albrighton Parish Council at the next meeting. Councillor Lumby informed that he was aware that Shropshire Council Highways do not reply to enquiries and he had been informed that this was going to be addressed by the Leader.</p>

	<p>It was discussed that the method used to patch is not effective, with only lasting a short while and a review was needed by Shropshire Council on their method and need for remedial work.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council Highways on behalf of Albrighton Parish Council to ask for an update regarding the pot holes and the timeline for work on these.</p>
FC21 / 011	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Council that the Scouts had emailed the Clerk with regard to placing a no parking sign on the gates to the Scout Hut as there had been a number of incidents where the gates had been blocked by people using the doctores. The Scouts had requested that double yellow lines were placed outside this area.</p> <p>The Councillors held a discussion regarding the issue raised and possible solutions but any changes would need to be completed by the Highways Authority, Shropshire Council.</p>
FC21 / 012	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>To resolve: That under Section 100(a) Local government Act 1972, the press and public to be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Pledger, Seconded by Councillor Robinson Unanimously agreed by all Councillors</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council agree the exclusion of press and public on the grounds that the following items of business involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.</p>
FC21 / 013	<p>Staffing Update</p> <p>The Committee received a verbal update on the report provided by the Locum Clerk with regard to the Parish Councils staffing.</p>
FC21 / 014	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>- Full Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st July 2021 at 7.00pm</p>

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed:
Chairman of the Committee

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