

## Albrighton Parish Council



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Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** of  
Albrighton Parish Council, held on  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**, at **7.00pm** at  
The Red House, High Street, Albrighton, Nr. Wolverhampton. WV7 3LU.

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Beechey, Chatburn, French, Lumby, Medlyn, Noakes, Pledger  
(Chairman), Robinson, Straney, F Watson, Webster and Wilmot.

**Staff:** Ian Cruise-Taylor (Locum Clerk)

There were 2 members of the public present at the meeting

A quorum was present for all decisions made

#### **FC21/067 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The Locum Clerk was introduced

#### **FC21/068 Apologies for Absence**

Council unanimously accepted the apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs Peter Iles and Bob Watson. The resignation of Cllr Chris Roseby was noted

#### **FC21/069 Code of Conduct**

Disclosable Pecuniary and other Interests.

There were no Declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest.

**FC21/070 Public Participation**

The Chair to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes, as per Standing Order 3.d., 3.e., 3.f., and 3.h.

The members of the public did not want to speak to any item on the agenda

Meeting reconvened.

**FC21/071 Presentations by Councillors**

Councillors are invited to provide a personal 2–3minute presentation about themselves. Council unanimously RESOLVED to move this item to the closed session

**FC21/072 Shropshire Councillor**

Cllr Lumby provided an update which included:

- A proposal from Shropshire council for £98m funding to improve bus services across the county
- The Shropshire Council Planning Enforcement team had been augmented and had begun working through the enforcement notifications awaiting action

**FC21/073 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes for the previous meeting (7th October 2021) are unavailable and will be brought to the next available meeting to be received, reviewed and agreed

**FC21/074 Update from the Planning Committee**

The Council received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning Committee; reviewed and noted the decisions made at the Planning Committee meeting on 20th October 2021

**FC21/075 Representation on outside Bodies and Committees**

The Council is to receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Council or other councillors regarding meetings of outside bodies and committees;

**AFLAG Group - (Albrighton Flood Action Group) Cllr Greg Wilmot reported that:**

- the group was happy with improvements at the Garden Centre
- the group planned to research 'quadrant 4' to identify flood risk and resilience issues in the area of Albrighton
- the group was looking for a second representative from the Parish Council

- it had been suggested that a Flood Response hub be established to house signage, sand bags etc., for ease of storage and use

**FC21/076 Christmas Lights – reminder of arrangements**

Cllrs were reminded that the event takes place on 27th November, with a switch on of the lights at 6.00 pm by the Station Commander RAF Cosford. Arrangements have been made for all the lights to come on at 6.00 pm and then be on at 4.30 pm in future days. the Red House Christmas Fair will be open from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

**FC21/077 Update on Councillor Training**

The Council is to receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Personnel Committee regarding the Councillor Training.

No report available

**FC21/078 Remembrance Sunday**

Council was reminded that it was planned to assemble at 10.00 am at the Red House, everyone was welcome. The slabbed area had been cleaned and stabilised in advance to improve safety.

**FC21/079 Correspondence**

To receive items of correspondence.

None to date

**FC21/080 Christmas Closing arrangements**

To consider and agree arrangements for Christmas closing – proposed to close at 12.00 pm on Friday 24th and re-open on at 9.00 am on Tuesday 4th January 2022. It was unanimously RESOLVED to move this item to the closed session

**FC21/081 1st Albrighton Scout Group - looking after planters**

To consider and determine a suitable contribution to Scout funds. Cllr Robinson proposed, Cllr Webster seconded and Council unanimously

RESOLVED that the scouts be granted £500 to enable the purchase of tools and plants

**FC21/082 Date of Next Meeting**

- Full Council Meeting - Thursday 2nd December 2021 - 7.00pm

- Meetings held at the Red House, High Street, Albrighton, Nr. Wolverhampton. WV7 3LU

### **FC21/083 Exclusion of Press and Public**

To resolve: The under Section 100(A) Local Government Act 1972, the press and public to be excluded from the remainder for the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

Council unanimously RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the remaining items

### **FC21/084 Update from the Chairman on Personnel matters**

### **FC21/071 Councillors provided brief introductions**

### **FC21/080 Christmas Closing**

It was agreed that the Locum Clerk would prepare for further discussions with 'outdoor' workers regarding using leave for the closure days, or identifying other arrangements.

The Locum Clerk proposed an hourly pay rate of £20 for two days per week (15 hours) and travel costs reimbursement based on daily train fare of £11.60. It was also proposed that the Locum Clerk would be in place until the Parish Clerk returned to work and for a period to be agreed beyond that point to assist the Parish Clerk until the new Deputy Clerk post is filled. Council unanimously RESOLVED to agree these proposals.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Willmot for his assistance with the Pumpkin Competition. Cllr French to post the pictures on Facebook. the winners had yet to be chosen

The Chairman thanks all councillors for joining the Council at a difficult time.

**The meeting closed at 8:20pm**