

Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Plan

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A Parish Plan for Albrighton and Donington (including RAF Cosford)

Introduction

Parish Plans

Parish Plans are part of the Vital Villages Initiative administered for The Government by The Countryside Agency. A good Parish Plan should set out a vision for how the community wants to develop and outline a plan of action to help the community achieve this vision. The planning process requires the community to collect evidence of need through local consultations. This evidence can be used to demonstrate need to funders and decision-makers who can help to make a difference in the community. It can help in influencing community planning policy and the allocation of scarce resources towards those projects and services that deserve priority support and attention.



Albrighton and Donington area description

Albrighton is a large village with an area that stretches beyond the boundaries of the traditional Albrighton Parish. According to the 2001 Census the total population of the two wards that make up the village of Albrighton, including Donington Parish, is estimated to be over 8,100. The Village is located in the West Midlands Green Belt immediately to the east of a large and expanding Royal Air Force station at Cosford (now encompassing the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering) which provides all aviation based technical training for all three armed services, catering for up to 5,000 personnel, including their families, many of whom use village facilities. RAF Cosford itself lies within the adjoining Parish of Donington with Boscobel that also includes part of residential housing added to Albrighton Village in the past fifty years. The two Parish Councils enjoy a good and productive relationship with the Royal Air Force.

Background to the Parish Plan

Building on the good relationship between the two Parish Councils and the Royal Air Force, it was decided in February 2002, to apply for funding from the Countryside Agency for the production of a Parish Plan as part of the Vital Villages Initiative.

As a result of further consultation, two grant programmes have been made available to the two local Parishes by The Countryside Agency, Parish Plan grants of £5,000 and Parish Transport grants of £20,000. Further community grants of up to £25,000 were also approved but had to be cancelled when a building that was to have been renovated was found to be structurally unsound and had to be demolished. Each grant requires a contribution to be made from the community in cash and / or time given volunteering.

The Countryside Agency awarded grants jointly to both Parish Councils and the plan process was launched at the Albrighton Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April 2002.

Parish Plan Development

It was decided that the Parish Plan should be seen as a community project and not be dominated by either or both Parish Councils. A Steering Group of volunteers was selected to take the project forward. The steering group met on 5th June and a further public meeting (15th July) attended by thirty-two residents designed the consultation process.

The Steering Group, which met again on 29th July and at regular intervals since then, considered the various surveys and studies produced in the past six years. It was also noted that considerable partnership activity had begun locally in the recent past and the learning, understanding and awareness achieved through this sharing of resources would contribute positively to Parish Plan development.

Over £60,000 in Council Tax collected by the Parish Councils can also be used to attract additional investment to the neighbourhood.

Local Consultation

As a number of surveys and consultations have been carried out in recent years, it was decided to compare the results of these surveys to contributions made by 59 local community and voluntary organisations and to surveys directed towards school students and their teachers in the locality. A full list of the surveys and consultations used to inform this document can be found on Pages 23-4. It was also agreed that a form of “Action Planning” should be facilitated, and a large map of the locality was displayed in the Library so that residents could express their views on “post-it” notes attached to the “parish” area map. Over 400 contributions were made to this Active Plan consultation.

Consequently, a hundred contributions were given at the Library, hundreds more through the local schools including those from secondary school students who travel to Idsall School. Older people have contributed through the local clubs and societies that they attend regularly. The outcomes from these diverse sources are similar in that they clearly identify the wishes and aspirations of the community.

These outcomes will inform policy and decision-making locally, at District and County Council Community Planning levels.

Public Parish Plan meetings, chaired alternately by Revd. Roger Balkwill and David Beechey, were held on 14th October, 11th November and 13th January 2003 to progress activity

A summary of the surveys and findings

A report about what has been done was given on 10th April 2003 to update the wider community, all residents and business owners were invited to attend and sixty local people debated the contents of the briefing. Information is also available in the Library. If any residents are particularly interested in conservation, traffic, transport and other topics, they are encouraged to join a volunteer working party. Whilst it is acknowledged that people do lead busy lives and not everyone can be expected to do huge amounts of work, the active ongoing participation, interest and expertise of those interested in helping out is welcomed by the Parish Councils and the steering group.

The various questionnaire-based surveys have identified the concerns of the community about issues such as:

- The Environment
- Traffic, Transport and parking problems
- Leisure and play facilities for all sections within the community (Older people, young children, teenagers and people with disabilities)
- Community facilities such as Village Halls and Playing Fields
- Policing and Community Safety Issues

The responses to the parish questionnaires and surveys has been analysed and summarised in this report.

This Parish Plan will provide useful evidence to support requests for action from public authorities including the County, District and Parish Councils, West Mercia Constabulary and their officers. It will also support applications for funding and policy change or to provide background evidence of need for specific planning proposals.

Three main areas of priority were identified and residents voted to proceed to develop a Parish Plan for Albrighton and Donington (including RAF Cosford). Priorities centred upon:

- Children’s and Young People’s Play, Leisure, Sporting and Out of School Facilities within the parish boundaries;
- Motor Vehicle related actions including speed calming, car parking and respect for pedestrian safety;
- Environment issues including the improvement of Green Space, Dog Fouling, Litter and Road Surfacing:

All the issues and suggestions collected have significant relationships to Local Government decision-making, the use of taxpayers’ money, Community Safety Policy and developing Bridgnorth District-wide Community Plan actions. Evidence also confirmed that the details of activity generated by other district-wide community partnerships, like The Community Rural Transport Partnership, also needed to be more effectively shared and understood by the residents in local parishes so that money invested is well used.

Using the information gathered for the Village Design Statement

The Village Design Statement previously produced by the local community has now been accepted by the local Planning Authority as supplementary planning guidance. This document sets out to influence the future development of the area. The preparation of this document also involved community consultation and the identification of key issues. It was felt that the data collected to inform this document was also relevant to and could inform the preparation of the Parish Plan. The most numerous and significant requests recorded whilst preparing the Village Design Statement were:

- Investing in the further enhancement of Albrighton Village Centre
- Maintaining access to and improving Library services
- Improving the condition of roads and pavements
- Attracting small retail shops and increasing diversity of business
- Litter collection and disposal from public areas near takeaway cafés
- Management of Village Centre traffic
- Reduction of Heavy Goods Vehicles in the Village

Most important areas for action were seen as:

- Increasing the off-street car parking capacity.
- Encouraging improvements in and the promotion of public transport including community transport for people unable to access timetabled services.
- Introducing a maximum 7.5 ton weight limit for all Heavy Goods Vehicles.
- The preservation and enhancement of the landscape and wildlife habitat.

Identifying the key issues

Reporting on the outcomes of the surveys

The public meeting to consult on submissions made up to October 2002 and decide upon an outline of the process being followed to create a parish plan for Albrighton and Donington (including RAF Cosford) was held at 7pm on 14th October 2002 in The Old School Hall, Albrighton with more than 50 people in attendance. David Beechey gave a short history of discussions within the Parish Council and outlined the tasks already undertaken to arrive at this point in the planning. The locality Parish Magazine published a full account of this meeting and positive feedback has been received.

The views of 59 Community and Voluntary Organisations, Primary and Secondary School Students, Local Adult Residents, Business Proprietors and Local Government have been collected and are represented in the final report. The outcomes are similar to conclusions made by previous Village Plans, Community Surveys and information collected by local elected representatives. Only the results of a survey of a hundred local businesses was disappointing, with as few as four businesses responding to a simple questionnaire seeking views on what could be done to support local businesses.

Key Issues and Areas of Interest

The issues and areas of interest that were covered by community responses included:

- Health & Community Care
- Public Services e.g. Police, Fire and Ambulance
- Retail Services e.g. shops, post office etc.
- Village Hall & Community facilities
- Transport & Highways
- Green space & Countryside including signage & wildlife areas
- Amenities e.g. evening classes & IT training
- Leisure & Recreation including young people
- Housing e.g. affordability & supply, Including sheltered housing
- Environment & Conservation
- Tourism
- Land use & Planning
- Policing & Community Safety Issues

These issues, together with the use of the updated Village Design Statement as a Development Planning brief, has resulted in the development of an Action Plan in the form of a schedule of target dates and goals. In detail the issues can be categorised as follows:

Health & Community Care - Primary Health Care Services:

Participants in the Albrighton Medical Practice Patient Reference Group are welcoming improvements to local health services. Increasing the number of doctors available will reduce waiting times and address access issues. The review of working practices within the NHS means that nurses will be able to provide more direct care services to patients, including management of chronic disease. The Medical Practice is also considering how to improve the buildings used and car parking arrangements. One possibility under consideration is a move of the surgery premises to a new site on the southern side of the village which would be more accessible to the majority of elderly residents and, at the same time, alleviate existing parking problems near to the existing location in Shaw Lane

Public Services and Community Safety:

The area has been identified as a “hot-spot” for burglary from residential and non-residential premises, believed to be acquisitive crime associated with drug misuse. A series of street robberies (purse snatching) was also recorded during the preparation of the Plan; this contributes to the general feeling that crime is a problem. Use of CCTV cameras in the locality would assist in improving detection rates. An active Crime Prevention Panel has undertaken local initiatives including a Rural Watch scheme, a local property marking initiative, the fitting of security gates to a local garage compound and the fitting of security devices to the homes of elderly and vulnerable residents. This Group should be actively encouraged.



One particular problem area that has been subject of regular expressions of concern is an alleyway between the High Street and Bush Close which is dark and intimidating at night time and where damage has been caused to adjacent properties. This problem could be alleviated by the installation of a light half way along the alley.

West Mercia Constabulary has acknowledged that the recruitment of a Beat Manager for the area is a priority, an officer was appointed to this post in 2003.

The residents believe that improvements requested to local policing are based on clear evidence of need provided by the results of the community safety audit and police crime figures.

Residents requested that this Parish Plan benchmarks the time elapsed waiting for problems identified to be addressed, particularly those issues which call for tighter law enforcement. The potential for further expansion of activities at RAF Cosford is something that the local community has little control over. The local co-ordination of local volunteering action including Neighbourhood Watch and Litter Patrols is something they can implement themselves.

Retail Services and Economic Development:

In view of the existing pressure on local infrastructure, residents are sensitive to the future expansion of the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering and the likelihood that the population could significantly increase over the next twenty years as the College accommodates the needs of all three armed services.

The locality will benefit significantly from the establishment of more local jobs, undertaken by local people, delivering local community and public services. Although the benefits of RAF Cosford in supporting local businesses, schools and local organisations is much appreciated there is concern about the adverse effects of the growing demand for hot food take-away establishments, generated to a large extent by the growing number of young service trainees, and this needs to be controlled by planning policy.

Youth and Community Amenities and Active Citizenship among Young People:

The demolition of the Clockmills Youth Centre has increased the need to provide an all-weather focal meeting place for young adults and teenagers. The location of this should be discussed with local youth

The availability of qualified and part-qualified youth leaders for Youth Work initiatives in the parish is a matter of concern bearing in mind the pressures to deploy available workers in Telford, Shifnal, Bridgnorth and Wolverhampton. The Parish Councils and other interested parties will discuss these issues with County Youth Officers.

Improved sports facilities in the area are a priority concern. The Bridgnorth District Council Sports Strategy acknowledges a need for a two badminton court sports hall in the Village and its Open Spaces Strategy acknowledges a shortage of public open space in the area. These matters need to be addressed on a multi-agency basis

Summer Play schemes and investment in the weekly Village Clubs for young teenagers in both Parishes are encouraged.

Indoor computer-based learning, sports and outdoor recreation facilities for all children's age groups (particularly in the evenings and at weekends) was given high priority by all age groups responding.

Housing Need:

Pressure to rollback the greenbelt to allow residential housing development is being experienced. The draft Bridgnorth District Council Local Plan anticipates 75 - 80 housing units being built within the next ten years and allocation of space for further future development has also been included. 40% of housing built should be defined as "affordable housing" for local people.

Traffic and Transport:

Speed restrictions of 20mph in areas around schools are recommended and the issue of heavy goods vehicle traffic through the village needs to be addressed. The Highway Authority should consider measures to alleviate this problem in conjunction from the neighbouring authority in Staffordshire.

A laser speed detection device has been purchased by Albrighton Parish Council for use in the Bridgnorth District area but competing operational requirements have restricted its use by police officers. The Police should be requested to consider authorising the controlled civilian use of the speed-gun recording offenders at agreed locations (e.g. Cross Road, School Patrol Crossing). The parish would benefit from the regular availability of a "traffic warden" issuing fixed penalty fines for obstruction of pavements and highways.



Following the Annual Parish Meeting in 2003 a group of residents from Cross Road and its feeder roads established the Cross Road Traffic Group to liaise with the Highway Authority over the development of acceptable traffic calming measures in Cross Road which had been identified in previous traffic surveys as an area of particularly high traffic speeds.

This liaison has proved to be a classic example of good consultation practice and has resulted in revised proposals which are currently being evaluated and developed. However the Group was established to address a particular problem and a well established Road Safety Group also exists which regularly liases with the Highway Authority and Police on road safety issues in Albrighton and its surrounding communities.

The impact and management of traffic will be key in preserving community safety, and with wise planning, pedestrian islands, managed traffic movement and on-street parking restrictions will assert the importance of personal pedestrian safety over the intrusion of motor vehicles.

The provision of off-street car parking spaces will be a necessity in the event that further expansion of the number of dwellings or visitors to the village are to be successfully managed.



Publicity information about the Parish Flyer Transport Service is needed to add to the recently erected Transport Information Notice Board to assist in encouraging people to use the vehicle purchased through a Parish Transport Grant.

Provision of Information

The provision of information to residents in the parish was not highlighted as an issue during the preparation of the Plan. The lack of Broadband Internet telecommunications infrastructure did not feature in responses analysed but, thanks to major support from RAF Cosford, the trigger number of 500 expressions of interest in broadband has now been passed and it is anticipated that this facility will be available following the necessary upgrade of the local telephone exchange.

Nature Reserve Development

The expertise displayed during the creation of the nature reserve to the north of Albrighton is significant and should be applauded. The activity of this group can inform the wider community and equip others to conserve their own areas of habitat for a variety

of flora, fauna and wildlife. Consideration is now being given to the extension of this amenity on the south side of Newport Road.

Drainage Issues

In response to concerns expressed by local residents following flooding and the deposit of raw sewage on their properties, regular meetings have been held between representatives of Severn Trent Water Ltd, the County, District and Parish Councils and the Environment Agencies. As a result, the two Parish Councils conducted a survey of local residents to establish the extent and precise nature of the problems while Severn Trent carried out a hydraulic study of the area. The information gathered in these initiatives has resulted in a capital bid being submitted for works to be carried out to alleviate the problem. An assessment is also being made of the feasibility of dredging the Donington Pool and improving the flow from the feeder stream to prevent backing up of flood water in the drainage outfalls.

Summary of Consultation findings

Please see Pages 23-24 for a full list of sources.

Children's and Young People's Play, Leisure, Sporting and Out of School Facilities within the parish boundaries;

A demand for play areas and leisure activities for young children and separately teenagers was significant, not just to the younger people consulted. They too identified the environment as needing particular attention

Motor Vehicle related actions including speed calming, car parking and respect for pedestrian safety;

Half of adults responding prioritised traffic, parking and street maintenance for action as soon as possible.

Environment issues including the improvement of Green Space, Dog Fouling, Litter and Road Surfacing:

Litter and Leisure issues were highlighted by adults as areas that needed co-ordinated attention in order to gain improvements.

Environment and Community Partnership Development:

The importance of continuous ongoing consultation with and support from local Statutory Authorities ranging from the District & County Councils, Police Service, National Health Service among others is a key issue in developing many areas of the action plan. It is therefore crucial that once the draft plan is produced these bodies are encouraged to respond to the issues raised within it.

Action Planning

Completing an analysis of the survey results has enabled the steering group to produce an Action Plan. This document will serve as a timetable for the steering group and the Parish Council and will be circulated to all those bodies identified within it as a reminder of where their contributions are sought in achieving the vision identified by the community.

The Action Plan can also be used as a stand alone document for circulation around the Parishes to update the community on the progress of the Parish Plan.



Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Plan – Action Plan

Action/ Task (Low cost or local action)	How it will be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Promotion of Parish Plan findings	Organize an event with information about community activities as a local consultation opportunity and distribute copies of action plan to all households	High	2004	Parish Councils	Venue and refreshment costs. Invite and encourage stakeholders and public services active in the locality to attend
Enhancing the local landscape and build environment	Print and distribute copies of Village Design Statement to interested agencies and make available to members of the public	High	Immediate	Bridgnorth District Council has adopted the Village Design Statement as supplementary planning guidance	Printing of Village Design Statement funded by Bridgnorth District Council
Speed Control	Negotiate regular use of the mobile speed gun, including use by local volunteers and use of speed visor in Cross Road and elsewhere	High	Potential to commence very shortly	Road Safety Group to continue to campaign and work with Beat Manager	Methods have proved effective at locations in Herefordshire and elsewhere
Community Safety Issues: Street lighting	Provide illumination in alleyway which is intimidating for pedestrians at night and where damage has been caused to adjacent properties	High	Autumn 2004	Albrighton Parish Council	Budget provision has been made for 2004/2005. Application to be made to Bridgnorth District Council for a Community Safety Grant

Action / Task (Low cost or local action)	How it will be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Off-street car parking	Identify and prepare sufficient additional parking spaces at identified site(s). Negotiations underway with owner of site near village centre	High	Within six months	Albrighton Parish Council in conjunction with Bridgnorth District Council to identify and secure suitable site(s)	Land lease, landscaping and markings, signage etc. Funding to be provided by Bridgnorth District Council with possible contribution from Albrighton Parish Council
Litter	Extend groundsman's duties to include litter collection. Monitor District Council street cleansing service. Request DCAE Cosford to assist in collecting litter along Newport Road	High	Already commenced	Albrighton Parish Council, Bridgnorth District Council and support from DCAE Cosford	Volunteers available from DCAE Cosford. Parish Council budget provision for extension of Groundsman's duties
Review the needs of people with Physical Disabilities	Identify a cross-section of community members who live with a physical disability	High	2004/2005	Shropshire County Council, Bridgnorth District Council, Shropshire Disability Consortium, Community Council of Shropshire, Shropshire Primary Care Trust	Funding for research into identification of specific community needs

Action/ Task (Strategic Action)	How it will be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Community Safety Issues Address residents' concerns	Recruit new Beat Manager, Liaise with local community groups. Develop local initiatives to address crime and disorder problems. Consider appointment of Parish Officer	High	2004/2006	Police Service, Parish Councils and Crime Prevention Panel	Funding available. Police to recruit new Beat Manager for Albrighton and Shifnal. Local Parish Councils to consider budget provision for shared PARISH Officer
Youth Work Development	Seek opportunities to increase the availability of youth leaders in the area. Consider opportunities for improving existing and developing new youth facilities. Consider the feasibility of creating a skate-boarding facility	High	Progress should be possible within six months	Shropshire County Youth Service, Albrighton and Donington Parish Councils, Shropshire Youth Association, Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Community Foundation and Shropshire Connexions	Volunteer training and supervision. County Youth Service resources are not known. County Council should provide cover for occasional absence of existing youth leaders. Connexions and Transforming Youth Work Development Grant may be encouraged to invest locally. Potential for funding from Community Safety Partnership.

Action / Task (Strategic Action)	How will it be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Traffic Calming	Traffic calming incorporating mini-roundabouts in Cross Road. Installation of speed visor point in Cross Road. Consider traffic calming in Newport Road	High	2004/2005 Speed visor point already installed	Shropshire County Council	Revised proposals agreed by Cross Road Traffic Group, Albrighton Parish Council, Albrighton and District Road Safety Group and Shropshire County Council. Subject to funding available in 2004/2005.
Flooding/Sewerage problems, confirmed by identified incidents and survey to establish extent	Capital bid by Severn Trent Water Ltd for scheme to alleviate flooding problems and discharge of foul sewage into Nature Reserve stream	High	2005/2006	Severn Trent Water Ltd., Shropshire County Council, Bridgnorth District Council and Environment Agency	Further funding required to address problem storm water backing up through outfalls and need to divert excess water to point below Donington Pool. Need for the various agencies to agree sharing of funding
Improving Green Spaces	Existing Volunteers to plan further improvements to the natural environment. Consider possible extension of Local Nature Reserve footpath into Clockmills and alongside the stream together with the creation of a community orchard	Medium	2004/2005	Parish Councils to pursue possibilities with District Council, Severn Trent Water Ltd and Defence Estates	Albrighton Parish Council to seek co-operation of selected landowners and partnership with Bridgnorth District Council. Various charitable/community grants could be sought

Action / Task (Strategic Action)	How will it be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Action to deter dog fouling	Improved publicity and distribution of poop scoops in open space areas	Medium	2004/2005	Bridgnorth District Council	Bridgnorth District Council existing resources
Promotion of affordable housing development	Ongoing action to identify parcels of land suitable for development (see also reference to outdoor play areas)	Medium	2005/2006	Parish Councils, Bridgnorth District Council, Shropshire Rural Housing Association	Need to identify suitable land which is available at low cost
Outdoor play areas	Review of available and potential future outdoor play areas including consideration in conjunction with affordable housing scheme. Upgrade and enhance facilities at Albert Road/Abney Avenue	Medium	2005/2006	Shropshire Rural Housing Association. Parish Councils to consider other potential opportunities	Provision would need to be made in future budgets and grants sought from Bridgnorth District Council. Scheme incorporating affordable housing will depend on approval from Planning and Highway Authorities
Heavy Lorries	Campaign for a maximum 7.5 ton weight limit for HGVs. Continue lobbying for Highway Authority to take action	Medium	2005/2006	Highway Authority	Road re-alignment at A41/A464 junction will require involvement of Staffordshire County Council

Action / Task (Strategic Action)	How it will be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Education and Leisure Partnership Shared use of leisure facilities at Albrighton County Junior School	Investigate the potential for additional investment including the securing of the future of the existing swimming pool	Medium	Potential to commence shortly	Parish Councils to seek partnership with School, Bridgnorth District Council and other stakeholders	Refer to comments below relating to Indoor Sports Facilities
Vehicle Management	Management of motor vehicle traffic and on-street parking by authorized officers. Bollards to be installed in Station Road to prevent parking on footway	Medium	Dependent on action to review traffic regulations. Bollard installation could be imminent	Bridgnorth District Council and Shropshire County Council	Subject to County wide arrangements to review traffic regulations
Retail business co-ordination	Encourage small retailers to work more closely together. Encourage the formation of a Street Traders Association Link System	Medium	Potential to re-form in 2005/2006	Parish Council to continue to encourage stakeholders' meeting	Previous experience of patchy participation by local businesses and poor response to business survey suggests that local traders do not value such an initiative.
Library Service	Review access, security and opening times Investigate potential for a Learn Direct facility and After School Club	Low/ Medium	Potential in the medium term	Local input in implementation of the County-wide review of services	Learn Direct facilities require supervision by a trained person. Setting up this service is less expensive than ongoing supervision costs

Action / Task (Strategic Action)	How it will be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Indoor Sports Facilities	Assessment of demand for sports facilities. Help with development of business plan to secure funding for provision of sports facilities including changing rooms for sports teams. Tender for expressions of interest from consultants	Low/ Medium	Dependent on external factors, e.g. timing of housing development at Cross Road	\forms part of Bridgnorth District Sport and Leisure Strategy. Support will also be necessary from LEA and local schools for facility on school site and from Parish Council	Indications are that capital may be available from Bridgnorth District Council to invest in suitable priority projects. Other resources could be available from Lottery sports funds and contribution from developer of site adjacent to schools in Newhouse Lane for housing
Improve access to medical services	Move existing surgery to a site in the southern part of Albrighton that is more accessible to the majority of elderly and infirm residents.	Low/ Medium	2006/2007	Medical Practice to pursue relocation. Other agencies involved are Bridgnorth District Council and the Shropshire County Primary Care Trust	Bridgnorth District Council to consider planning issues relating to the potential move of the surgery. Capital funding is the responsibility of the Shropshire County Primary Care Trust

Action / Task (Strategic Action)	How it will be done	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
Improve public and community transport	Lobby public transport operators to achieve improved service including better integration to improve connections with services to Brimingham International Airport and London. Improve 'Parish Flyer' service, including extended use of the service	Low/ Medium	2006/ 2007	Albrighton and Donington Parish Councils, Countryside Agency and Bridgnorth District Rural Transport Partnership	Identify funding opportunities for replacement and upgrade of mini-bus

Recommendations arising from the Parish Plan

The financial support available, particularly from The Countryside Agency has been described to residents and the stages of the project from the creation of an action plan and ways of implementation was outlined during the formative process of action planning.

In the production of this Parish Plan, the basic idea behind Parish Plans was recalled and a forward strategy has been formulated in the resulting Action Plan. Included in this is the design of further questionnaires that can be distributed to “hard to hear” communities of interest and community organisations and residents groups representing socially isolated residents. This strategy takes into account that it is often the fact that the most marginalised people have the most sensible and realistic outlook on future planning and design.

The main recommendations for action involve:

- Co-ordinated volunteering action to improve local amenities and landscape.
- Management of motor vehicle traffic and parking by authorised officers.
- Authorised civilian use of the Speed Gun.
- Strengthening of Neighbourhood Watch initiatives.
- Employment of a ‘Litter Warden’ and litter patrols at target venues to reinforce the use of available bins.
- Review of existing available outdoor play equipment, sandpits and picnic areas.
- Resources to provide secure changing facilities for sports activity at chosen locations.
- Improved and more flexible public and community transport.
- Investigation of the potential for shared use of community and sports amenities at Birchfield School.
- More visible policing including the recruitment of an effective Beat Manager.

Implementation, Monitoring and the Evaluation of Progress

The Parish Councils of Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel have adopted this Parish Plan as policy and have undertaken to oversee the implementation of the Action Plan.

The Parish Councils will endeavour to encourage all those Statutory, Private and Voluntary Sector bodies identified in the plan as being instrumental in its delivery to work on those actions outlined and to continue to work in partnership for the benefit of the community.

The Parish Councils have identified the Albrighton Parish Clerk, David Beechey, together with the Parish Plan Steering Group, as the main point of contact and as the primary figure in monitoring the progress of the Action Plan.

The Progress of the Action Plan will be reviewed and monitored at Parish Council meetings on a regular basis.

Closing Statement

This Parish Plan provides a position statement about the perceived adequacy of community facilities and activities as well as a strategy for the future.

The vision and list of targets for local action in this community need to be linked to positive measures to achieve and maintain equality of opportunity and a comfortable living environment, making the village attractive to residents and visitors whilst also stimulating the local economy.

Sources, Reports and Surveys:

The following documents are available for reference:-

Action Planning Event records
Albrighton Infant School, Students Survey
Albrighton Transport Survey - December 2000 from 656 Residents
Albrighton Village Design Statement (published in 2004)
Albrighton Leisure and Recreation survey
Bridgnorth District Housing Survey
Bridgnorth District Community Safety Audit
Bridgnorth District Sports Strategy Survey
Bridgnorth District Local Plan Consultation
Clockmills Project - Albrighton Report
Community Safety Audit
Crime and Disorder Report - Albrighton Parish Plan
Donington Parish, Nature Reserve Development Plan
Survey conducted by Parish Councils for Severn Trent Water Ltd to determine the extent and effects of recent flooding and sewerage problems)
East Shropshire Regeneration Partnership
Housing Needs Survey - John Herington Associates
Local Plan Consultation on Housing and Greenbelt Development
Making the Best of Our Neighbourhoods - A Survey of Albrighton 264 Residents was completed by Peter Bradley MP. In April 2002.
Parish Plan Questionnaire responses
Schools Surveys - St Mary's CE Primary School & Albrighton Infants
Survey of local young people by James Archer, County Youth Worker
Transport and RAF Surveys - RAF Cosford Report
Youth Survey by PC Brian LeCroix, West Mercia Constabulary

Contributions from pupils at Albrighton Infant's School

Make the playground bigger with a sand area, bigger climbing frame, more swings and extra equipment (could it be like Telford Town Park?)

A paddling pool at the playground

A roundabout at the playground

A toddlers' play area

A bigger children's area in the Library with access for children to the computers

A children's area in the pub - like "Wacky Warehouse"

Picnic tables near to Donington Pool

Stop people from fishing in the daytime so that children can feed the ducks

Slow traffic down in the village

More litter bins to help reduce litter

A children's farm

A covering for the swimming pool so that more children can be taken swimming

A big indoor pool with a curly slide

A wood so that children can climb trees

Bird tables to attract birds

A Nursery at the Infant's School

A fountain or waterfall

A bowling alley

A motor cycle or quad bike club

A BMX track

A skate boarding park

NOTE: A number of children expressed wishes for swings, climbing frames, a slide and a nature area which suggests that they were unaware that such facilities already exist

MEMBERS OF PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

- Revd. Roger Balkwill - Vicar of Albrighton with a particular interest in youth Matters
- David Beechey - Clerk to Albrighton, member of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council and of Bridgnorth District Council, Governor of St. Mary's C of E Primary School, member of Albrighton Medical Practice Patients Reference Group and Albrighton Group for the Elderly
- Mrs Val Connacher - Chairman of Churches Together in Albrighton
- Mrs Diana Crawford - Member of Albrighton Crime Prevention Panel And Neighborhood Watch Support Group
- Roy Evans - Member of Albrighton Crime Prevention Panel
- Dr David Harding - Representative from Boningale Community
- S/Ldr Vic Kinnin - Community Relations Officer at RAF Cosford, Chairman of Donington with Boscobel Parish Council, member of Albrighton Crime Prevention Panel, member of Albrighton and District Footpaths Group, Vice Chairman of Albrighton Village Hall Management Committee
- Jonathan Nelson - Member of Albrighton Parish Council and Governor of St Mary's C of E Primary School



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