## **ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2016

PRESENT: Cllr. Gary Collier Cllr. Ann Thomas

Cllr. Beveley Collier Cllr. Paul Smooker Cllr. Dan Price

Andrew Maliphant (Clerk)

ATTENDING: Gillian Morse-Evans Verlie Eagles

Ali Taylor Margaret Harris Alan Luke Alec Davis John Stinchcombe P Brown

Viv Harris Val Stinchcombe

	Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from District Cllr. Frankie Evans	
2	Declarations of interest	None	
3	Minutes of the meeting on May 11th	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly	
4	Planning	There was nothing new to report on outstanding planning matters, and no objections were raised to a tree felling proposal on Clanna Park.	
		GC announced a target date of Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October for the first public event around the neighbourhood development plan, to report on the work done so far. Thanks to Mrs Eagles some old maps of the parish had been found which would form part of the display. Everyone in the parish was encouraged to come along to find out about the plan process and to have their say.	
5	Highways	The clerk had followed up with County Highways the request for vehicle monitoring in the village, and expected a response the next day to confirm the actual dates of the survey.	
6	Playing Field	GC reported that following recent concerns about the degree of grass cutting on the playing field, Alvington & Woolaston Cricket Club had bought a gang mower. The clerk gave a	

		rationale for the parish council to purchase the mower from the club for insurance and security purposes, in return for an agreement that the club would mow the field until the end of the 2020 season - by which time the savings in paying a contractor would have offset the purchase cost.  After discussion it was agreed to purchase the gang mower for £1,420,	
		subject to agreement with the club, and to ask the current contractors whether they might consider terminating the current contract a year early.	АМ
		Following further discussion about the facilities on the field, it was agreed to research the practicality of buying a stand-alone festival-type toilet. It was also agreed to research the cost of a new public toilet block, and to check whether the land grant for the playing	DP
		field precluded such a development.	AM
7	Community Events & Village Hall	PS volunteered to become the parish council's representative on the village hall committee, which was gratefully accepted.	
8	Finance	(a) The circulated grant awarding policy for the parish council was agreed.	
		(b) The following invoices were approved for payment:	
		£522 Hancock Building Services, vermin prevention in playing field containers £79.80 PlaySafety Ltd, play area annual safety inspection £27.12 Merlin Waste, dog waste £55 Shirley Fowler, internal audit £200.90 Andrew Maliphant, salary £56 Gary Collier, green bin licences for St Andrews churchyard	

9	Correspondence for	<ul> <li>(c) The governance statement in the Annual Return for 2015/16 was reviewed and approved unanimously</li> <li>(d) The accounting statements in the Annual Return for 2015/16 were reviewed and approved unanimously</li> <li>(e) Following agreement at the May meeting to spend the £1,800 Active Together grant on equipment from NI Climbing Frames, the clerk reported that such had been purchased for £1,083, which was approved.</li> </ul>	
9	Correspondence for Information	<ul> <li>The clerk reported three items of correspondence:</li> <li>Annual letter from County Highways about winter road maintenance</li> <li>"Are You Ready" booklet promoted by the District Council in advance of any emergencies</li> <li>Annual safety report on the play area</li> </ul>	
10	Clerk's Report	The clerk reported that all actions from the previous meeting had been completed, with grant bids for toilet facilities still in hand.	
11	Councillor's reports and items for future agenda	None	
12	Public Forum	Questions were raised about better broadband speed in the village, and whether Two Rivers Housing would be renting out any more garages.	
13	Date of next meeting	The next parish council meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July from 7.30 pm	

Signed:Chairman.	Date:
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