ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2016

Cllr. Gary Collier PRESENT: Cllr. Ann Thomas

Cllr. Beveley Collier Cllr. Paul Smooker Andrew Maliphant (Clerk)

ATTENDING: Verlie Eagles Dan Price

Laraine George

Margaret Harris Alec Davis

	Item	Notes	Action
1	Election of the Chairman and Vice- Chairman for 2016/7	Gary Collier was elected as chairman for 2016/7 – proposed AT, seconded BC, all in favour. Paul Smooker was elected as vice-	
		chairman for 2016/7 – proposed AT, seconded BC, all in favour	
2	Annual Meeting agenda items from standing orders	(i) GC delivered to the clerk his signed acceptance of office as chairman	
		(ii) The minutes of the meeting on April 6 th were agreed as true record (iii) No functions were delegate	a
		to other bodies or individual (iv) No changes were proposed to the recently revised terms	
		of reference of the playing field committee. The circulated terms of reference for the neighbourhood	e
		development plan steering group were agreed, with a change of meeting time to 1.30 on the third Monday of	
		each month (v) PS agreed to contact the named members of the	
		playing field committee to confirm they would continue to attend (vi) It was agreed there were no	
		new committees required at present (vii) The standing orders and	
		financial regulations agreed in 2014 were confirmed	

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(viii)	The clerk reported that work	
	on highways verges as	
	agreed with County	
	Highways was under way	
(ix)	PS was confirmed as the	
	parish council's	
	representative on the A48	
	committee	
(x)	The inventory of land and	
	assets circulated by the clerk	
	was approved with the	
	addition of the garden seat,	
	trim trail and new parish	
	laptop computer.	
(xi)	The current arrangements for	
()	insurance cover were	
	reviewed and it was agreed	
	to confirm cover for the trim	
	trail and against damage to	AM
	any other equipment	
(xii)	The council's membership of	
()	GAPTC and GPFA was	
	confirmed	
(xiii)	No changes were proposed	
()	to the recently reviewed	
	complaints procedure	
(xiv)	It was confirmed that in the	
(/	event of receiving requests	
	under the Freedom of	
	Information and Data	
	Protection Acts, advice	
	would be sought from the	
	District Council	
(xv)	The policy of councillors	
(/	speaking to the media rather	
	than the clerk was	
	confirmed, with individual	
	councillors being careful to	
	advise the chairman	
	beforehand, remembering	
	that policy statements could	
	only be made once agreed	
	by the full council	
(xvi)	It was agreed that meetings	
()	of the parish council during	
	2016/17 would take place at	
	7.30 pm in the village hall on	
	the first Wednesday of each	
	month, with no meetings in	
	August or January	AM
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3	Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from District Cllr. Frankie Evans	
4	Declarations of interest	None	
5	Planning	There was nothing new to report, though the council were advised that an archaeological survey in the fields off Clanna Lane suggested a revised housing application was in the pipeline	
6	Playing Field	It was agreed to spend the Active Together grant on a double 6 ft climbing frame available from NI Climbing Frames. The clerk reported three quotes for setting the frame posts in concrete, and it was agreed to accept the cheapest quote from Hancock Building Services. PS added that a number of volunteers were expected to help put the climbing frame together, and the clerk was asked to double-check the insurance for volunteers. GC reported on the first stage of the toilets project, saying he would be meeting on site with the cricket club to confirm which equipment no longer needed to be stored, and arrange for it to be moved to allow for improvements preventing vermin from gaining access to the containers. The clerk had researched options for temporary toilets for discussion with the dog training club, while PS volunteered to draft a Lottery bid for the main project. Following previous email exchanges, the clerk brought forward correspondence regarding the donation of a seat to the playing field in memory of local resident John Volney. The decision to gratefully accept the seat was confirmed, asking only that the parish council be involved in choosing the exact site.	AM PS

7	Finance	The clerk reported that, in line with past decisions, the sum of £499.98 had	
		been paid to Imagitec Ltd for the new parish laptop computer from the recent	
		transparency grant, signed off by himself and the parish chairman	
		following the last meeting.	
		The following current invoices were approved for payment:	
		£222 Richard Morgan, grass cutting at the parish churchyard £146.88 Glebe Contractors, grass cutting on the playing field £24 Centigen, grass verge cutting £27.12 Merlin Waste, dog waste £180.39 Andrew Maliphant, salary	
		The parish clerk temporarily left the meeting while the council considered a pay increase based on his recent achievement of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).	
8	Correspondence for Information	The clerk reported a request from Forest Routes for a copy of the parish council's grants policy, and it was agreed to have this as an agenda item at the next meeting.	АМ
9	Clerk's Report	The clerk presented a circulated paper on the general power of competence. After discussion it was resolved that the parish council meet the criteria for this power as four-fifths of the members were elected the previous May, and the clerk now holds a sector-specific qualification (CiLCA).	
		Two local residents who had expressed interest in filling the parish councillor vacancy had been asked to send or present a short letter of application, but only Dan Price had complied, and he was co-opted unanimously.	
		The clerk noted that the agreed traffic monitoring for the benefit of the	

		neighbourhood development plan needed to take place in June at a time of no road closures on the A48. The county traffic monitoring service would be asked to set up one monitor on the A48 opposite the Knapp Lane exit onto Swan Hill, and the other on Clanna Lane between the Globe and Garlands Road due to the tendency of some cars to cut across the Globe car park.	
10	Councillor's reports and items for future agenda	AT reported an issue with flooding of the road outside the entrance to Clanna Park, and it was agreed to raise the matter with County Highways.	АМ
11	Public Forum	 It was confirmed that County Highways were responsible for the state of the pavements on Garlands Road Due to the poor mobile phone signal in Alvington (from any provider), the clerk was asked to write to Mark Harper MP to see if anything could be done by way of improvement A resident reported a car was regularly speeding up Garlands Road, and was advised that the number plate and time of activity could be reported to the police via the parish council 	AM
12	Date of next meeting	The next parish council meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday 1 st June from 7.30 pm	

Signed:	Chairman.	Date:	