ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2015

PRESENT:Cllr. Gary CollierAli TaylorCllr. Beveley CollierGillian MoCllr. Ann ThomasP BrownCllr. Paul SmookerTom LockAndrew Maliphant (Clerk)John WooDistrict Cllr. Jim SimpsonNigel KingNick PoweNick PoweB JamesMay HiggsKath ShepherdVal StinchCliff BollenJohn StingRob GeorgeVerlie Eag

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	Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Cllr. Jennifer Bates and District Cllr. Frankie Evans	
2	Declarations of interest	None	
3	Minutes of the meeting on October 7 th	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly	
4	Planning	 There was considerable discussion about the new housing proposals for Knapp Lane and off Clanna Road. A number of points were made which were relevant to any proposed housing development in the village: The district council's Allocation Plan has no new housing proposed for Alvington There is a danger of creeping development when only a small number of houses are proposed for sites that could take many more houses in the future There are worrying issues of sustainability around sewerage and water pipes in the village, as well as drainage problems as more hard surfacing increases the likelihood of the floods experienced in wet weather More houses means more traffic with access problems to the A48 	

		 The village has few services – no school, doctor's surgery, shops or jobs, and bus services are likely to reduce It was agreed that the parish council would write letters of objection to both proposals, as well as circulating pictures of flooding shared by a resident of Swan Hill. Residents were encouraged to write their own letters of concern, and to consider joining a working group to produce a neighbourhood development plan for the parish 	AM/GC All
5	Playing Field	GC reported on a site visit with a local composting toilet expert who had actually recommended going for a proper toilet with water supply. The cricket club had advised that there used to be a sewer connection to the old pavilion, and it was agreed to pursue this option with Severn Trent while gaining quotes from suitable suppliers. It was noted that there would also be maintenance costs to confirm for the new toilets, as well as a cost for electric and water connections with running costs thereafter. PS opened the discussion about a new play area for younger people by noting that grant schemes tended to want	АМ
		 that grant schemes tended to want applicants to raise 20-30% of the required funds themselves. There were broadly three options for cost: Between £7,500 and £9,000 for new equipment from a playground supplier Around £1,000 for a "fort" built by local residents Smaller sum for planting willows to create natural "wigloos" After discussion it was agreed to go forward with the recommendations and help of the newly-formed committee of local residents. 	PS

		It was also agreed to review the state of the boundary fencing, and to confirm a bench seat purchase at the next parish council meeting. The clerk presented some researched costs for signs advising car parking at owners' own risk, and it was agreed to go forward with this with a budget of £50 and to get a "Smartwater" kit for marking the new goal posts.	PS/GC
6	Community Events & Village Hall	 The minutes of the village hall AGM were presented at the meeting. The main points included: The Hall is used on a regular basis by the Sequence Dance Club, Puppy Training Classes and Alvington Parish Council The Bouncy Castle has continued to contribute to children's party bookings. Overall, bookings continue to be made by a core set of users. Additional bookings are sought, but there are many other similar facilities in the area making it difficult to attract users despite charging lower fees. The Committee is committed to providing a high quality facility and is looking to make improvements to the Hall, which include re-roofing and a more cost effective and lower running cost heating system Although there are potentially sufficient funds available for the re-roofing, it will be desirable to obtain one or more grants that partially or fully fund the cost in order that the Hall maintains a reasonable level of reserve to cover the costs of any unforeseen issues. 	
7	Highways	The clerk presented the Amey customer survey which the council answered for feeding back online	АМ

8	Finance	The following invoices were approved for payment: £50 GPFA, annual membership £27.12 Merlin Waste, dog waste £158.20 Andrew Maliphant, salary £13.48 Andrew Maliphant, expenses The clerk reported that money for the use of the field for dog training had been received from Sue Howard. The resolution of tenders for cutting grass verges was put off until the next meeting as some clarifications were	
		required.	
9	Correspondence for Information	 The clerk reported a number of items of correspondence, including: Advance notice from the District Council of the timetable for setting the parish precept A rough sleeping survey also sent by the District Council News of a grant scheme to help bring empty homes back into occupation County consultation event on public transport funding taking place on November 26th Enquiry from a resident about progress with the wind turbine 	
10	Clerk's Report	After discussion of the quotes received, it was agreed to ask a local website firm whether they would help the parish council with one of the DIY website packages that councillors could then update themselves. JS also offered to ask whether there was an option of making use of the District Council's website and expertise. It was agreed to go ahead with the parish council Facebook page which was proving effective in communicating with local residents.	AM JS PS

11	Councillor's reports and items for future agenda	AT wondered whether there could be another light on the road due to the number of cars using the Globe car park. GC reported a recent spate of break- ins to cars in the village.
12	Public Forum	A local resident advised that the land off Clanna Lane had always been parkland, and felt that we should be custodians of the village for future generations. PS suggested that other villagers be asked when met to join in a neighbourhood development plan process to help protect Alvington from inappropriate development.
13	Date of next meeting	The next parish council meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday 9 th December from 7.30 pm, when the agenda will include: Playing field toilets Seat / picnic table Cutting grass verges Parish precept and budget Neighbourhood development plan

Signed:.....Chairman.

Date:....