## ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015

PRESENT: Cllr. Gary Collier Cllr. Beveley Collier Cllr. Paul Smooker Cllr. Jennifer Bates Andrew Maliphant (Clerk) District Cllr. Frankie Evans Ali Taylor Gillian Morse-Evans P Brown Verlie Eagles M Harris Rob George Laraine George V Johnson Chris Shill

	Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Cllr. Ann Thomas and County Cllr. Patrick Molyneux	
2	Declarations of interest	None	
3	Minutes of the meeting on November 4 <sup>th</sup>	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly	
4	Planning	GC presented three current planning applications and it was agreed to make no objections.	
		After discussion it was agreed to go forward with a neighbourhood development plan for the whole parish, and the clerk was asked to write to the District Council accordingly.	АМ
5	Playing Field	The clerk presented information from Severn Trent about the process of applying for a new connection to the sewer system. After discussion the following actions were agreed:	
		<ul> <li>To ask a local contractor to check the direction of pipes from the nearest manhole cover</li> <li>To ask the District Council if</li> </ul>	GC AM
		<ul><li>they retained any plans of the old pavilion built before 1966</li><li>To draft a specification for new</li></ul>	AM
		toilets to send out to tender, as a contractor will need to be appointed in order to complete the Severn Trent application	

		<ul> <li>After discussion about new equipment for the field, the following actions were agreed:</li> <li>To purchase a new picnic table with seating</li> <li>To respond to the quote from Smartwater by asking for two less signs with the order</li> <li>To go forward with the recommendation from a committee of local residents for a £1,000 budget for a self-build new play area</li> </ul>	PS AM
6	Highways	PS gave feedback from the recent A48 meeting, which had heard that accident statistics had reduced. PS had asked about cleaning of highway signs, and been told this happened on a "reactive basis". County Highways were planning to upgrade the Lydney level crossing in 2017/18. County Highways officer Brian Watkins had had a meeting with the relevant drainage team about the Clanna Lane connection with the A48 and the bottom of Swan Hill, and an action plan would be drawn up for 2016/17. On another matter, Brian had acknowledged the need for more hedgerow cutting and footpath cleaning at Swan Hill, but advised that the car parking on the side of the road at the bottom of the hill was not illegal. PS added that the Road Safety Partnership had launched a campaign "Thinking Of Others", and had also recommended raising the awareness of drivers by making an area looked more "lived in", such as more people using footpaths by the A48. It was considered that local residents complaining to County Highways about the paths would be helpful.	
7	Finance	The following invoices were approved for payment:	

			1
		<ul> <li>£27.12 Merlin Waste, dog waste</li> <li>£19.80, PATA (UK), payroll costs</li> <li>£5.60, HMRC, PAYE</li> <li>£158.00 Andrew Maliphant, November salary</li> <li>£7.00 Andrew Maliphant, expenses</li> <li>£158.20 Andrew Maliphant, expenses</li> <li>£158.20 Andrew Maliphant, expenses</li> <li>£159.00, RSJ Timber Buildings, picnic table</li> <li>The circulated draft budget for 2016/17</li> <li>was approved, keeping the parish precept at the same level per household as 2015/16.</li> <li>After reviewing the tenders for cutting highway verges on the A48, it was agreed to appoint Centigen to the work for one year in the first instance.</li> </ul>	
8	Correspondence for Information	<ul> <li>The clerk reported a number of items of correspondence, including:</li> <li>The Council Council are carrying out a website user survey</li> <li>The District Council are beginning an anti-litter campaign on January 13<sup>th</sup></li> <li>The parish councils' national body NALC had circulated guidance on procurement and work on rights of way</li> <li>The District Council had circulated more details of their 2020 Vision plan for shared services with other councils</li> </ul>	
9	Clerk's Report	After discussion it was agreed to go forward with the website proposal from AR Website Design, with councillors asked to consider what topic pages would be needed. The current website host would be advised accordingly, and asked to help keep the same website address.	AII AM

		<ul> <li>FE advised that £500 defibrillator grants were still available from the District Council, but needed to be match funded. It was agreed to go ahead with checking the details:</li> <li>Ask the Globe about attaching the defibrillator to the outside of the pub</li> <li>Check the potential for using the telephone box</li> <li>Ask the ambulance service about running costs</li> </ul>	GC AM AM
10	Councillor's reports and items for future agenda	None	
11	Public Forum	It was agreed to ask the District Council about current planning appeals.	GC
12	Date of next meeting	<ul> <li>The next parish council meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>February from 7.30 pm, when the agenda will include: <ul> <li>Playing field toilets</li> <li>Defibrillator for the village</li> <li>Timetable for neighbourhood development plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Signed:.....Chairman.

Date:....