

Alvington News

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NDP Steering Group update.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is making very good progress. The theme Past, Present and Future; Past and Present are now complete! This now leaves Future!

The next task is to work on the policies and to prepare a draft document; then working towards an open day for consultation during March 2018. A summary of the first consultation event can be seen on pages two and three of this newsletter.

A large portion of the work is done, but there is more work to do!

If anyone would like to become a member of the steering group, volunteer to help with the open day or deliver news letters and flyers, **you would be made most welcome.**

Please contact Alan Haslam, his details are on page four, Parish Council and NDP Chairman.

Parish Council News.

There have been a number of changes to the Parish Council recently. Many thanks to the councillors who have resigned, for their valuable contributions and a very big welcome to all the new members.

Special thoughts are with Beverley and Gary Collier during this very difficult time.

There is one vacancy on the Parish Council which will, hopefully, be filled in the near future.

Emma Money is the new Parish Council Clerk (contact details are on page four), she replaces Andrew Maliphant. Contact details for all Parish Council members can be found on page four.



Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is held at the Globe every Tuesday from 11:00 am. All will be welcome.

Walking Group

Alvington walkers meet at the Globe Inn at 09:30am every Tuesday. All will be welcome.

Preparing for an Emergency

The response team comprises of:
Coordinator: Alan Haslam, 01594 529837
Deputy: John Wintour, 01594 529234.

If anyone (should an emergency arise) would be willing to give support and help in anyway please give your details to Alan

Date for your Diary

*Laraine George (11 Clanna Lane) will be holding a coffee and cake day on **Friday 17th November 10:00am—5:00pm**, Andrew, our Local Postman, will be there bringing his selection of cards. Michelle will also be there with her glassware and glass Christmas decorations.*

All proceeds will go to the FOREST AND GLOUCESTER M.S SOCIETY.

All welcome!

You can also visit our website at www.alvingtonvillage.org

ALVINGTON NDP AREA NDP 1ST CONSULTATION EVENT SUMMARY

General Comments

The event took place on Sunday 23rd October 2016 between 10.00am and 4.00pm and held as a drop in session at Alvington Memorial Hall

The NDP event outlined the history of the area with photographs, local history information and maps dating back to the 19th century. There were themed displays: Housing, Transport, Traffic and Road Safety, Flooding, Environment, Work and Infrastructure themed information. Reports, planning documents and character assessments of the area could also be viewed.

The event was advertised through:

- The Alvington Parish website and newsletter which reached every household in the Parish
- Posters on the Parish notice board and in the village hall.
- Flyers were available in the local pubs and village hall
- Email invitations to key stakeholders and partners.

109 people signed in with a non-obligatory signature but obligatory postcode. The average time people spent at the event was 45 minutes - 1 hour.

A questionnaire was given to every attendee and also available online. Many people filled in the questionnaire over refreshments where they had the opportunity to discuss issues. Members of the Steering Group and the Glos Rural Community Council Community Adviser were on hand to answer questions and encourage comments.

Consultation

Attendees were consulted on the following:

- Distinctive character.
- Housing, Transport, Traffic and Road Safety, Flooding, Environment, Work and Infrastructure.
- What people liked about Alvington and what could be improved
- Priority topics

The comments were analysed externally

Questionnaire

76 questionnaires were completed from a wide postcode area. The age range was as follows:

Age	Up to 11	12-17	18-25	26-59	Age 60+	No age
Nos. of respon-	5	1	1	31	35	3

Key Points from the Questionnaire

Respondents generally liked the quiet, peaceful rural countryside and friendly community. There were some comments about accessibility for commuting.

Improvements were mainly around road safety, traffic and the A48. Other improvements were the general look of the village and facilities. Lack of broadband and mobile phone coverage were the major infrastructure comments but general infrastructure considerations when developments were permitted were a concern.

Residents are welcome to contribute articles, letters and opinions to the news letter.

Numbers of comments by topic

1.What do you like?					2. What could be improved				
Country Side/scenery	peace & quiet	Community	Small size	Access	A48/ traffic	facilities/ tidiness	Transport	Infra structure	Develop ment
25	10	7	19	13	40	27	11	8	16

Priorities from the questionnaire in order of importance.

	Very important	%	Quite important	%	Not important	%	No opinion	No reply
a) Traffic/Road safety	50	61%	22	27%	0	0%	2	8
r) Footpaths	42	51%	26	32%	3	4%	1	11
b) Local character	41	50%	29	35%	3	4%		9
g) Environment	37	45%	32	39%	0	0%		13
f) Public Transport	33	40%	28	34%	7	9%	3	11
o) Fuel station/ store	33	40%	27	33%	8	10%	1	13
c) Buildings design	30	37%	32	39%	8	10%	2	10
k) Education	27	33%	23	28%	10	12%	7	15
q) Pubs	26	32%	26	32%	10	12%	6	14
d) Heritage	26	32%	35	43%	5	6%	3	13
n) Facilities for young people	26	32%	31	38%	6	7%	6	13
p) Church	24	29%	24	29%	15	18%	8	11
i) Health Facilities	22	27%	29	35%	14	17%	2	15
m)Facilities for older people	22	27%	39	48%	3	4%	6	12
e) Sports	21	26%	31	38%	11	13%	5	14
l) Affordable Housing	19	23%	25	30%	15	18%	9	14
j) Employment	18	22%	28	34%	17	21%	5	14
h) Arts	5	6%	19	23%	28	34%	14	16

Key Points from Comments

People were asked what they value under specific headings: Housing, Transport, Traffic/Road Safety, Flooding, Environment, Work and Infrastructure.

Housing: Issues around sustainability alongside no building on farmland and better infrastructure for existing homes as well as infrastructure considerations for new developments.

Transport: Necessity for car ownership and lack of good public transport. Use of train with a bus service to the station.

Traffic and Road Safety: Too much traffic, size of lorries and speeds of vehicles. Safety issues and need for an A48 crossing. Safety issues around Clanna Lane and A48 junction. Parking issues especially around the Globe public house.

Flooding: Flooding has worsened over 20 years. Do not build on 'flood plain'. Issues around specific areas at Swan Hill and Clanna.

Environment: Extend the conservation area to include Knapp Lane. Comments on footpaths and better maintenance. Village environment - control of signage.

Work: No comments

Work and Infrastructure: Lack of mobile phone coverage and poor broadband. Better drainage at Clanna.

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YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS
Parish Council

The council meets 1st Wednesday of every month but not in January and August. Members of the public are welcome to attend. 7:30 pm start.

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Non Emergency Number: 101

Street Wardens:
Tel: 01594 810000

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Forest of Dean: Chrissie Parkes.
Tel: 01452 753784

Snow Wardens:
John Wintour Tel: 01594 529234
&
Roger Lewis Tel: 01594 529422

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Terry Jones (Treasurer)
Tel: 01594 529287

Some useful 'phone Numbers

National Rail Enquiries: 0345 7484950
Travel Line: 08712 002233

Airports:
Bristol: 08713 344444
Cardiff: 01446 711111
Gatwick: 08448 920322
Heathrow: 08443 351801

Bonfire Complaints:
Senior Officer—Ady Cole 01594 810000

Gloucestershire County Council:
01452 425000

Forest of Dean District Council:
01594 810000

NHS Dentists: 0300 3112233

NHS Direct/Out of Hours Tel: 111

Lydney Doctors:
Severbanks Surgery 01594 845715
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Hospitals:
Lydney: 0300 4218722
Gloucestershire Royal: 0300 4222222

Pharmacists/Chemists:
Lloyds Lydney: 01594 842847
Lydney Co-Op: 01594 843443

All Emergency Services:
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www.alvingtonvillage.org

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Contact:

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