

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting pack
Full Council, Wednesday 6th March 2019

6c To receive an update on potential development of the Cross Stores

From Ryan Morgan of FoDDC enforcement team: *I can confirm that I have recently spoken to the planning officer who dealt with the withdrawn application. At the moment discussions are being held over the site and its potential development; unfortunately these discussions are at an informal stage and therefore not available for public viewing.*

6d To note communications with Enforcement regarding concerns over development of Colne Mill

On 21/2 Clerk wrote to Planning:

A parish councillor has noticed the below situation and wanted to check that the activity seems to be in line with any permissions for the site:

Cone (Colne) Mill has been sold and is obviously a subject of major reconstruction work as it is surrounded by scaffolding. There is also a temporary building on the hill opposite next to the old barn. Again depending on what work is to be carried out not necessarily a concern except that it is a listed building. I do not recall seeing any planning or listed building consent application(s).

I've checked the Planning map online and I can't see anything relating to this area of the parish.

While I'm aware that not all activity requires permission as the property is Grade II listed I would appreciate confirmation that the activity taking place is permitted.

Many thanks in advance for your help on this matter.

On 22/2 Planning Enforcement replied:

Thank you for your email.

I've logged this complaint in for a site inspection to be undertaken shortly by the Senior Enforcement Officer.

The reference for this investigation is EN/0073/19.

7c To consider quotations for repair of failing light in the phone kiosk

All quotes have been circulated to councillors in advance and will be available for reference at the meeting. The prices quoted are as follows.

- £450.00 (+£90 VAT)
- £439.00 (+0 VAT)
- £330.00 (+0 VAT)
- £198.66 (+£39.73 VAT)
- £350.00 (+ 0 VAT)

8a To receive an update on the pavilion project, including further detail on the lottery fundraising option

Cllr Heys' details of running costs:

I've done some brief research into setting up a local lottery.

There are three fees we would incur:

- *Unity (the provider Woolaston Hall uses) charge a one-off fee of £199.*
- *GCC would charge an initial fee of £40 to register*
- *GCC would charge an annual fee of £20 to maintain the registration.*

Unity's model is that 50% of purchases goes to the good cause, with the rest split between fees and prizes.

So, if 50 tickets were purchased on a weekly basis (£1 per ticket), we would break-even after 9 weeks, on the basis we would receive £25 per week. The fewer tickets sold, the longer the pay-back period. Prizes are automatically distributed (no need to check your numbers), and the top weekly prize is £25,000.

8c To note the planned installation of a memorial bench on the Sports Field and to agree installation date

Proposal: bench to be installed behind and to the left of the goal at the top of the field. Parishioner to pay for installation. The bench is already made so the council just needs to agree a date for installation.

10a To note the police's advice regarding dangerous parking on Clanna Road/A48 junction and to agree any further action.

Police team reply to Clerk's email:

This query is a funny one, the rule for parking comes from the Highway code, a lot of the rules from the highway code have legislation attached which means they are enforceable by law, an example of this would be the below:

Rule 242

You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

Laws RTA 1988 sect 22 & CUR reg 103

Unfortunately the rule regarding parking too close to a junction comes under Rule 243 and doesn't have any legislation attached to it which reads as below:

Rule 243: DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
 - anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
 - at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
 - on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
 - opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
 - near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
 - opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
 - where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
 - where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
 - in front of an entrance to a property
 - on a bend
 - where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities
- except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.*

*Regardless of this I understand the potential issues so **I would advise anybody who has a complaint regarding this to contact us as the situation may be one of a dangerous obstruction, which is something police are able to deal with. If it is not we can still ask the vehicle owner to move the vehicle but they are not obliged to do this by law.***

*I would also look at **approaching Highways to either have a solid white line put in to put people off parking close to the junction or double yellow lines to have the same effect.** With regards to these issues our contact is Brian Watkins who I would have thought would be more than happy to advise you.*

I hope this has helped. If there are any further issues then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

10b To note Highways responses to reporting of broken manhole cover / leaning trees, both on Swan Hill.

- **Broken manhole cover Swan Hill: on 18/2 BW said:** *Thank you for your email. I have asked my engineer to inspect Item 1 to see what action has been taken and if any further action is required.*
- **Worrying angle of trees on Swan Hill: on 18/2 BW said:** *I have asked Ameys tree expert to check the issue with regard to the trees.*

11a To note the expenditure so far of the NDP's Locality grant (Clerk)

Amount awarded: 3630

Spend: 1183.43

Remaining: 2446.57

Update: Groundwork no longer ask the underspend to be paid back at the end of six months but rather they ask for periodical reports on expenditure. Therefore we can retain the remainder for its intended purpose of HRA report, Conditions and Consultation Statement and any further policy writing. However, to apply for funding for design work we'd need to contact Groundwork to ask for this new expenditure category to be added (which shouldn't be a problem).

14a To approve, as per the Clerk's contract, subject to satisfactory performance, the scheduled pay incremental increase of the Clerk from 1st April 2019 from £9.81/hour to £10.34/hour

Pay rates available at: <https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2018/08/New-NJC-Pay-Spine-2018-2019.pdf> (from NJC SCP 18 to SCP 19 plus annual cost of living increase)

14b To receive an update on setup of fully functional dedicated email accounts

PC Rescue are putting together a quotation for migration of accounts from outitgoes.co.uk to Office365, which they find very reliable and accessible. There is, however, a subscription cost, but that is apparently the case with all email servers of quality. Clerk to circulate quote to councillors as soon as received.