

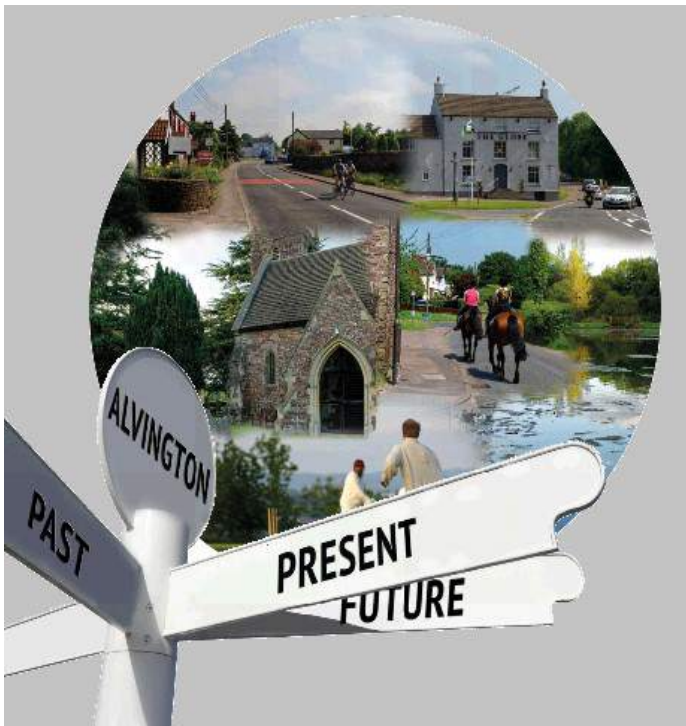
# Alvington News

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## Parish Council News

In this issue you will find my report (page 3) and that of the Chairman of the Sports Field committee (page 5) from the Parish Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. There is also an important announcement about the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) below. This has reached a critical phase which requires you to review the document before the 29<sup>th</sup> April. A number of posters have been placed around the village to this effect and all major landowners/businesses in the Parish have been sent personal invitations to comment. Please also note the Fun Day at the Sports Field (page 3).

Alan Haslam (Parish Council Chairman)



### Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The final draft of the NDP is now published and available for a 6 week consultation in accordance with Regulation 14. This plan affects all future development in the village, please take the time to review the documentation on line before 29 April at [www.alvingtonvillage.org](http://www.alvingtonvillage.org) and send any comments to the Parish Clerk at [alvingtonclerk@outlook.com](mailto:alvingtonclerk@outlook.com)

Alternatively contact the Clerk on 01594 719245 for details of how you can obtain a hard copy of the plan, there are limited copies available for loan.

### Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is held at the Globe Inn at 11:00 am every Tuesday.

All will be welcome.

Andrew will be there with his cards on the following dates:

May 14, June 25, August 06

### Walking Group

Alvington Walkers meet at the Globe Inn at 09:30 am every Tuesday.

All will be welcome.

### Preparing for an Emergency

The response team comprises of:

Coordinator: Alan Haslam, 01594 529837

Deputy: VACANT

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

### Allotments/Play Area

off Garlands Road

Volunteers are needed to form an allotment/play area committee.

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## Parish Council Chairman's Report 2018/19

After a difficult period, with multiple changes to the Parish Council, I am pleased to report that we have had a stable council during 2018/19 which has enabled us to achieve a number of planned projects and progress many others. I am hopeful that this stability will continue through 2019/2020 with elections due May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and support during this last year with particular mention to Richard Heys (Vice-Chairman) whose efforts and support to me as Chairman during the year have been invaluable.

With regard to projects planned and reported last year I am able to give the following update. The village signs indicating the location of the Church, Memorial Hall and Sports Field have now been installed. The lease of the Garlands Road Play Area and Allotments has been secured from Two Rivers at the cost of £1 per year following improvements to the fencing by Two Rivers. Plans for the new pavilion are now well underway thanks to grants from REACR (Wind Turbine) committee and the final draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is now out for a 6 week consultation in accordance with regulation 14.

A defibrillator has now been installed in the refurbished telephone kiosk complete with new signs designating that the kiosk now houses a defibrillator. The electrics have been upgraded and a new light installed in the kiosk.

Special thanks are due to Bonnie Jones for her fund raising efforts enabling the purchase of this addition to the village and I would also like to express my thanks, on behalf of the village, to Chris Shill for all his hard work on the telephone kiosk during the last 18 months making this all possible. Two defibrillator training sessions were held in the Memorial Hall, my thanks to the Clerk for handling all the arrangements for these events and to Gail Thompson for providing the very welcome tea and coffee. We had a really good turnout for these two events.

With reference to highways we have also managed to achieve the resurfacing of Church Lane (which was long overdue) and the clearing of the footpath from Knapp Lane to Woolaston. Trimming of hedgerows and repairs to pot holes are a regular concern and pressure on highways to do this work in a timely manner persists. Parking within the village, particularly in the area around the Globe public house, is currently a concern of the council for safety reasons and we are seeking ways to improve the situation.

As part of the remembrance service on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War, we were able to light the beacon at the Sports Field along with many other towns and villages in the country. My thanks to Ken McDonald for playing the Last Post, to John Rogers and Chris Shill who helped with the preparation and lighting of the Beacon and the Bell Ringers for supporting us with the ringing of the Church Bells. This event was well attended by parishioners and gave an opportunity to remember all those who have served their country to allow us the freedom we have today.

On a more general note the council has dealt with a number of planning applications during the year, the most contentious being the Clanna Lane development where we have focussed on the need to control surface water flooding and foul water drainage issues that are already a serious issue within the village. It is important that any future development within the village does not exacerbate the existing problems. In the view of the Parish Council improvement to the current situation should be a requirement before any further development takes place. The recently published NDP makes this point very clear with substantial supporting evidence for the required improvements.

With regard to the NDP (Neighbourhood Development Plan) as mentioned earlier this is now out for consultation following the completion of work by the Steering Group (for the time being that is). Following the 6 week consultation the plan may need updating, taking into account comments received, and then submitted to the FoDDC Planning Authority and an independent examiner to ensure compliance with local and national policy. Next there will be a referendum organised by FoDDC to ensure support by the community before final adoption as a formal development plan for the area. This has been a huge task for a small group making up the Steering Committee and my thanks particularly go to Alec Davies, John Wood, Verlie Eagles and Kate Baugh (GRCC) for their support in making all this possible.

Finally, a note on developments planned for the Sports Field – it was with great pleasure that we were able to announce recently that we have been successful in securing grants to replace the play equipment in the Sports Field and the play area off Garlands Road. The equipment has been ordered and should be installed during April this year. We have also secured funds for the purchase of goals for the Under 10's football team now playing their home games at the field. Further funding has also been secured to enable the plans for the pavilion to be submitted for planning permission and building regulation approval. Quotes for the build and funding for the next important stage are now being sort, with some positive news on this front (see report from the Chair of the Sports Field Committee). We have also had offers from residents to supply the gates required for the Sports Field car park and to arrange a fund raising event for the pavilion for which we are very thankful. We are also planning a village fun day/T20 cricket match for the 30<sup>th</sup> June so please book this date in your diaries.

With the continued support of residents I am confident that we as your Parish Council can continue to enhance the facilities in the village and build that much needed pavilion.

*Alan Haslam (Parish Council Chairman)*

***Residents are welcome to contribute articles, letters and opinions to the newsletter.***



## Sports Field Fun Day

There will be a fun day including a 20/20 cricket match held at the Sports Field on

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Anticipated to run from 2:00 to 6:00 pm

We hope to have a craft marquee, bar, barbeque, games and a fancy dress parade/competition for the children.

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## Vice-Chairman's and Sports Field Committee Report

Since becoming a Parish Councillor I have been pleased to have the opportunity to take part in a number of projects which I believe will deliver significant benefits to the village. It has been a real pleasure to join a community which pulls together to achieve outcomes which I believe Alvington will be able to look back on and be proud of.

Firstly, I want to specifically thank Terry Jones, Chris Miles, and Chris Shill, all of whom have assisted me in maintaining the play equipment and the football goals at the sports field, and Chris Shill, Eleanor Heys (11) and Julia Heys (8) who joined me in a tree-trimming morning in the churchyard. I would also like to thank Paul Smooker for his efforts in painting the church kissing gate, and Chris Shill for cleaning the lych-gate roof. Whilst mentioning the churchyard, I have met with and authorised tree-works by Western Power Networks, contacted a family about an unsafe headstone, submitted for tree works permission in the churchyard, and met tree-surgeons to source quotes.

I also chair the Sports Field Committee. I would like to thank Chris Shill, Nicholas Powell, Gail Thompson, Jon Thompson and Alan Haslam who have made vital contributions to the Committee. I would also like to thank Ali from the dog club, who resigned this year, for her contribution. I would also like to thank Chris Shill, Alan Haslam and John Rogers who moved the bench at the field, allowing the football pitch to be widened.

This year we have made significant progress on two projects which I believe will significantly improve village life. The first is the pavilion project. Working with the Alvington Court Wind Turbine committee we have secured funding of £10,700 towards drafting plans for the pavilion. We have been contacted by a local family who are eager to hold a fund-raising event, and we have identified 30<sup>th</sup> June for a village fun day to raise more funds. The cricket team will play a local rival, and we have a barbeque and drinks tent from the Blacksmiths and the Swan tearoom have agreed to provide scones & sandwiches. We are investigating a craft marquee, and I am in discussion with Woolaston Brownies who have numerous games we hope to be able to use. We also plan to have the bouncy castle on the field. Please do share the date.

The Committee has identified a series of priority funding bodies who we are pursuing. Nicholas Powell has been in contact with Gloucestershire Cricket who are keen to support us. They have advised that we should delay submitting for planning permission until we have funding secured as they and other funding bodies have time limits on how long we have before the money must be spent. They have also got minimum standards on the size of changing rooms which we need to tweak the plans to accommodate. We are looking to check with the FA on whether they have similar requirements before we submit the plans.

We see these two bodies as being our two key potential funding sources. The plans we have drafted are ambitious and unlikely to cost less than five to six hundred thousand pounds, so we need both of these key funders to come on board. The village has to be aware that this is challenging and funders will expect to see intensive and diverse use of the facilities to justify such an investment. If you are aware of clubs or other bodies who may wish to talk about using the pavilion who we could build into our evidence base, please do pass me their details. Being prudent, our plan is designed to enable a two-stage build, with the first stage consisting of the changing rooms and kitchen, but the Council's preference is to build the whole in one go.

A few words about the play equipment to be installed at the Garlands Road playpark and the sports field. I would like to particularly thank Lisa Chidley and Meg Humphries, along with the other councillors, who actively supported making the funding application to MHCLG. Frantic work, often late in the evenings across Christmas and January led to HM Government making £18,960 available. I would also like to thank the wind turbine committee who provided an additional £1,750. I would like to thank Chris Miles and Chris Shill who met providers with me. I am meeting our project manager on 10th April with Lisa and anticipate work to commence by the end of April, and to be complete within two weeks. As we have firmer dates I would like to propose an opening ceremony, possibly including getting the children from the village to take part in a mass ribbon-cutting at the sports field. We have also resurrected the old 'Alvington Parish Council' Facebook page—so please watch out for announcements there.

Finally, I would like to note the work that the clerk, Meg, and I have undertaken to rebuild our finance spreadsheets to minimise the risk of error and improve the accuracy of our financial forecasting and monitoring resulting in greater clarity in relation to our financial position. Over the past two years we have been forced to increase the precept to achieve a breakeven position where our costs are covered by our revenue. Key to this has been the generous offer by the cricket club to take over responsibility for mowing the sports field. The Council is delighted they are doing this on a voluntary basis and that the quality and frequency of the grass-cutting is much improved. This does require the Council to maintain and service a mower, and we do need to anticipate the eventual replacement, but we now have the capability to plan for this eventuality. I hope as we have now reached a stable footing that villagers are seeing a return from this extra investment.

*Richard Heys (Parish Council Vice-Chairman)*

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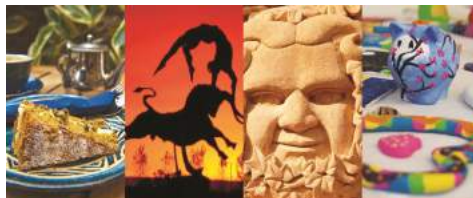
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