

**ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Haslam (Chairman)  
 Cllr. Gail Thompson  
 Cllr. Chris Miles

ATTENDING:	Meg Humphries (Clerk)	Shani Wilce
	CCllr Patrick Molyneux	Alan Smith
	DCllr Chris McFarling	Alec Davis
	Alec Davis	Anna Clifton
	Alison Blood	Nathan Burlton
	Alan Hall	Laraine George
	Chris Connell	Doug Vickerstaff
	Louise Smith	

No/ Ref	Item/Notes	Action
1. 098 19/20	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Cllr Richard Heys (work) and Cllr. Lisa Chidley (sickness) sent their apologies; accepted.	
2. 099 19/20	<b>To note declarations of interest relating to the agenda.</b> None.	
3. 100 19/20	<b>To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 04.09.19.</b> Approved; signed by Cllr Haslam.	
4. 101 19/20	<p><b>To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the parish.</b></p> <p><b>CCllr Patrick Molyneux:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government investment into child services will help on its journey to improvement</li> <li>• Road improvement programme continues (£150m investment)</li> <li>• Some discussion of Chepstow bypass and rail bridge from Lydney to Sharpness – both projects are in discussion but a long way off.</li> <li>• Parishioners raised concerns of further housing being built in Chepstow, and a worry that this would increase the traffic ‘pinch point’</li> <li>• GCC looking into why roadworks on Bridge Street in Chepstow are taking so long – causing significant delays.</li> </ul> <p><b>DCllr Chris McFarling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re: sewage flooding at 2 Tudor Cottages: Attended a meeting with Severn Trent (ST), Highways and GCC’s Flood Engineer. Flooding engineer suggested diverting floodwater to neighbour’s large piece of land, where apparently an orchard is proposed. Floodwater’s sewage content (purportedly less than 5%) would improve soil quality of the land and enhance fruit production. The matter of who would pay for the project is outstanding, and Cllr McFarling will continue to work on this.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garlands Road matters – garages area improvements, footpath improvements: Clerk reported that Cllr Chidley had made some progress but would call on Cllr McFarling to lobby Two Rivers for action.</li> </ul> <p><i>DCllr McFarling left at 7.45pm.</i></p>	
<p><b>5. 102 19/20</b></p>	<p><b>Public forum</b>  <b>7 residents who live near the Globe Inn:</b> Reported grave concerns and distress regarding the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music being played outside the licenced hours.</li> <li>Music being played very loud causing a noise nuisance.</li> <li>Inconsiderate / dangerous parking in the area.</li> <li>The anti-social behaviour of those leaving the pub (criminal damage, verbal abuse, littering, public urination)</li> </ul> <p><i>CCllr Molyneux left at 8pm.</i></p> <p>Cllr Haslam updated the group and the whole meeting on efforts so far to improve the safety of Clanna Road / A48 junction as well as the parish council's abilities and limitations in addressing the above problems. <b>ACTION:</b> It was agreed that the council would take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write to the Globe advising that there has been a very strong representation of concerns (which can be listed) and to advise that the council takes these seriously and will be looking into how to improve the situation.</li> <li>Look into whether planning is needed for the big Christmas sign which is felt to be an eyesore and a visual barrier when exiting the A48 junction</li> <li>Look into licensing times and limitations</li> <li>Advise the police of the level of concern and the breadth of the concerns</li> <li>Keep the group of residents updated via email</li> <li>Make DCllr Chris McFarling aware of the issue</li> </ul> <p>The councillors also advised that the parishioners could report crimes to the police, as well as licensing concerns, and report noise concerns to FoDDC environmental health department.</p> <p><b>Alec Davis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised the idea of double yellow lines around Garlands Road area due to antisocial parking.</li> <li>Queried any progress on the derelict shop, to which Clerk responded that she was periodically chasing up the FoDDC Enforcement Team.</li> <li>Walked the footpaths with Jeff Wheeler (public rights of way officer) and identified some actions for Jeff to carry out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Laraine George:</b> reported overgrown grass outside 13/14 Garlands Road.  <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to query responsibility of the piece of ground with TRH.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
<p><b>6. 103 19/20</b></p>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>a) To consider: 10/09/2019: P1412/19/FUL: The Cottage, Glebe Farm, Lower Common, Aylburton. Erection of a single storey rear extension and associated works.</b> No objections to this application.</p> <p><b>b) To consider: P1438/19/TPO: Lazy Days, 12 Clanna Country Park, Clanna, Alvington. Works to trees covered by W2 of TPO195 within the area shown on the submitted plan to reduce the trees back from 12 Clanna Country Park by 1m, up to a height of 3m above ground level.</b> No objections to this application.</p> <p><b>c) To note: P1413/19/FUL: Alvington Playing Fields, Court Lane, Alvington,</b></p>	

	<p><b>Gloucestershire. Erection of a sports pavillion with associated parking, landscaping and works.</b> Noted.</p> <p><b>d) To consider: P1338/19/FUL: Field Adjacent To Alvington Filling Station, Main Road, Alvington, Lydney. Construction of an agricultural field access.</b> It was agreed that the council would object due to strong concerns about the increased hazard to traffic using A48. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to put concerns raised into a representation for Planning.</p> <p><b>e) To consider: P1469/19/TCA: 18/9/19: Marden Main Road Alvington Works to Trees at Mardens to crown Lift a group of Ash Trees to 5.4m over the highway and 3m over the garden to and providing a clearance of 1m from the phone line, coppice a line of Damsons, crown reduce x 1 Pear Tree by 1.5m, crown lift x 1 Tulip Tree to give a clearance over the shed of 1.5m, reduce x 1 Laurel to 1.8m in height and remove a line of Leylandii Trees.</b> No objections to this application.</p> <p><b>f) To debate and agree any comments to be submitted for the Local Plan 2021- 2041, Issues and Options Consultation (deadline 31/10/19).</b> Due to a longer-than-normal Public Forum, the matter was deferred to an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to book hall and publicise the meeting.</p> <p><b>g) To receive any progress reports on local planning matters.</b> None at this time.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
<p>7. 104 19/20</p>	<p><b>Village</b></p> <p><b>a) To receive/note any updates in flood mitigation.</b> See item 4, DCllr McFarling's report.</p> <p><b>b) To receive any updates on several issues around Garlands Road.</b> See item 4, DCllr McFarling's report.</p> <p><b>c) To receive any reports on other village matters.</b> None at this time.</p>	
<p>8. 105 19/20</p>	<p><b>Sports Field</b></p> <p><b>a) To receive an update on the pavilion project.</b> Planning application has been submitted. Planning officer has suggested steel roof rather than slate, and suggested deep purple exterior walls, but project group prefer more subtle 'natural' colour. Discussions are ongoing.</p> <p><b>b) Pavilion fundraising: To note initial arrangements for a quiz night proposed for 16th November and agree further actions as needed.</b> Noted.</p> <p><b>c) To receive any update on arrangements regarding the Sports Field car park gate.</b> Generally going well but a few volunteers would help. <b>ACTION:</b> Cllr Haslam to put out some feelers.</p> <p><b>d) To receive any update on amending the Sports Field Committee Terms of Reference.</b> To be done at the upcoming committee meeting (date TBC)</p> <p><b>e) To receive any updates on the sourcing of a replacement mower.</b> Awaiting outcome of REACR funding application. Ongoing.</p> <p><b>f) To receive any reports on other Sports Field matters.</b> None at this time.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>9. 106 19/20</p>	<p><b>Churchyard</b></p> <p><b>a) To note the date booked for TrunkArb to carry out works to trees: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.</b> Clerk reported that it was necessary to move the work to the morning of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October and that this was acceptable to the church warden. Noted.</p> <p><b>b) To receive an update on unstable gravestone issue.</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>c) To receive any reports on other churchyard matters.</b> None at this time.</p>	
<p>10. 107 19/20</p>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><b>a) Clanna Road/A48 junction: To receive any updates on improving safety.</b> No updates at this time. See also item 4.</p>	

	<b>b) To receive any updates on Highways matters.</b> Several road closures coming up as the A48 is resurfaced.																															
<b>11.108 19/20</b>	<b>NDP</b> <b>a) To receive an update on the progress of Alvington NDP.</b> Cllr Haslam reported that a meeting with the examiner would happen soon prior to examination.																															
<b>12.109 19/20</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a) To approve payment of invoices and expenses from the past month.</b> The following payments were approved; signed by Cllrs Thompson and Miles:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TO WHOM</th> <th>DETAILS</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Meg Humphries</td> <td>Salary – September 2019</td> <td>£223.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merlin Waste</td> <td>Dog Bins - September 2019</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Morgan</td> <td>Grasscutting: Churchyard, September 2019</td> <td>£222.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alvington Memorial Hall</td> <td>Bouncy Castle hire for Fun Day</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PATA Payroll</td> <td>Payroll Services Jul, Aug, Sept</td> <td>23.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Clerk PAYE Q2 2019-20</td> <td>158.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>b) To note the receipt of any income since the last meeting</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date received into account</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>02/09/2019</td> <td>Playing Field Hire – Dog Training Aug 2019</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/09/2019</td> <td>Bank Interest</td> <td>0.55</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>c) To approve the Q1 Bank Reconciliation Report.</b> Approved; signed by Cllr Haslam.</p>	TO WHOM	DETAILS	AMOUNT	Meg Humphries	Salary – September 2019	£223.04	Merlin Waste	Dog Bins - September 2019	£30.00	Richard Morgan	Grasscutting: Churchyard, September 2019	£222.00	Alvington Memorial Hall	Bouncy Castle hire for Fun Day	20.00	PATA Payroll	Payroll Services Jul, Aug, Sept	23.25	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Q2 2019-20	158.60	Date received into account	Description	Amount	02/09/2019	Playing Field Hire – Dog Training Aug 2019	20.00	09/09/2019	Bank Interest	0.55	
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<b>13.110 19/20</b>	<b>To note correspondence for information.</b> Noted.																															
<b>14.111 19/20</b>	<b>Council</b> <b>a) to consider submitting a vote on the GAPTC Executive Committee member election.</b> It was agreed to vote for Cllr Nick Penny and Cllr Roger Beard. <b><u>ACTION:</u></b> Clerk to submit votes to GAPTC.	<b>MH</b>																														
<b>15.112 19/20</b>	<b>To receive the Clerk's Report.</b> Noted. Clerk requested 1 week of annual leave w/c 21/10/19. Agreed.																															
<b>16.113 19/20</b>	<b>To receive councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</b> None on this occasion.																															
<b>17.114 19/20</b>	<b>To note the date of the next Full Council meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.</b> Noted.																															

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

Signed:.....Chairman.

Date:.....