ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2020, 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Haslam (Chairman)

Cllr Richard Heys (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Gail Thompson Cllr. Lisa Chidley

ATTENDING: Meg Humphries (Clerk)

Tom Lockyer
Joanna Goodman
Phil England
Alec Davis

Keith Haylock
Anna Clifton
Nathan Burlton
Suzanne Joignant

Nick Powell and 4 other parishioners

John Wood

No/	Item/Notes	Action
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1. 125	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Miles sent his apologies due to work commitments; accepted.	
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2.	To note declarations of interest relating to the agenda.	
126 19/20	None.	
3.	To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on	
127 19/20	04.12.19. Approved; signed by Cllr Haslam.	
4.	Public Forum	
128 19/20	Joanna Goodman: Pothole outside entrance to Church Lane has been reported. Alec Davis: Some potholes repaired on Clanna Lane but are already breaking up;	
10,20	also a drain cover was replaced by a solid cover, which is a cause for concern due	
	to flooding in that area. ACTION : Clerk to raise with Highways.	МН
	Suzanne Joignant: Reported some potholes on Church Lane/Knapp Lane. Some repaired but some remain and are very deep. Also queried when Knapp Lane will	
	be resurfaced. Situation made worse by many properties being worked on, and	
	accessed with contractors' vans and trucks. Also, soakaway on Knapp Lane gets	
	flooded often. Suzanne also introduced herself as the coordinator for Neighbourhood Watch for Knapp Lane and Court Lane, and said that it was hoped	
	that there would soon be a village coordinator for the other side of the A48 too.	
	Nick Powell: Forestry Commission recently thinned out trees on Clanna Lane, from the crossroads down to the brook. Since then, 2 trees have fallen, taking out a	
	telephone line and resulting in hardly any service since early December. ACTION :	мн
	Clerk to raise with the authorities.	
	Keith Haylock: first 2 drains from A48 up Clanna Road are blocked, and all drains on A48 need attention – not free draining; partially blocked. ACTION : Clerk to raise	МН
	with Highways. Keith also reiterated concerns over Clanna Lane parking.	14111
	Tom Lockyer: Police engagement van visit on 25/1/20 was a positive event and	
	there is a plan to return every other month. The police have requested a hall key in order to access the toilets. ACTION : Clerk to liaise with hall committee ref key.	МН
5.	To receive a brief update from Jill Croxall, District Chairman of	14111
129	Neighbourhood Watch. Jill not present; Clerk will make contact.	
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To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the	
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Gloucestershire: Discharge of Condition 10 (details of pedestrian crossing) of planning appeal APP/P1615/W/16/3153161 (P1494/15/OUT). The parish council had made a representation and additional statement objecting to the proposal for a diminished form of crossing, and had got press coverage in the <i>Review</i> and <i>Forester</i> . There are many other objections from the public and from Highways, who have identified flaws in the data-gathering behind the proposal, and Highways have also included a map showing all accidents on the A48 in the area concerned. The case will go to FoDDC Planning Committee, likely in March or April. There had been concerns regarding visibility of all representations. ACTION: Clerk to query this with the planning officer. b) To note any update on a potential complaint regarding alleged planning breach. No update at this time; Clerk is in touch with Enforcement team. c) To receive any progress reports on local planning matters. Cross Stores application P1817/19/FUL: ClIr Haslam reported that this had been recommended	мн
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suggested by DCIIr McFarling is under consideration. Keith Haylock mentioned that there may be capital funding that could aid resolution of the Clanna flooding issue. CIIr Heys advised that he is looking into a grant – Severn Trent Community Fund – at present and would send details to Mr Haylock for information. b) To receive any updates on several issues around Garlands Road. CIIr Chidley reported that despite efforts there had been no progress and so she intends to liaise with DCIIr McFarling and will send some photos of the footpath to DCIIr McFarling so that he can look into ownership, as Highways and Two Rivers both claim that it is not their responsibility. The car park in the garage area has been resurfaced but the garages remain in poor condition. c) To receive any updates on improvements to Public Rights of Way in the parish. At the end of last year 3 stiles were delivered to Court End Farm for installation. PROWs officer Jeff Wheeler will be writing to landowners of broken stiles as soon as possible. There was a discussion on ways to fund kissing gates without putting a burden on landowners – grants may be an option but would set a precedent.	
d) To receive any updates on community concerns regarding the Globe Inn. Clir Haslam reported that one particular band who refused to stop at 11.30 were no longer being booked. The exit straight onto A48 – which had caused some near misses and concerns – had now been blocked off by a barrier. Use of Sports Field / hall car park for staff parking had been discussed; awaiting further dialogue with landlord. If a crossing was installed close to Clanna, this would result in no-parking markings nearby which could mitigate some of the problematic parking. Double yellow lines are also an option, and Highways may be able to put this into the 20/21	
	parish DCIIr McFarling sent his apologies along with an update on matters on his parish list, which was read out for the meeting and which have been inserted under the relevant items, below. He also reported that a £5 increase in council tax had been proposed by FoDDC. Planning a) To note any update on P0001/20/DISCON Land Off Clanna Road Alvington, Gloucestershire: Discharge of Condition 10 (details of pedestrian crossing) of planning appeal APP/P1615/W16/3153161 (P1494/15/OUT). The parish council had made a representation and additional statement objecting to the proposal for a diminished form of crossing, and had got press coverage in the Review and Forester. There are many other objections from the public and from Highways, who have identified flaws in the data-gathering behind the proposal, and Highways have also included a map showing all accidents on the A48 in the area concerned. The case will go to FoDDC Planning Committee, likely in March or April. There had been concerns regarding visibility of all representations. ACTION: Clerk to query this with the planning officer. b) To note any update on a potential complaint regarding alleged planning breach. No update at this time; Clerk is in touch with Enforcement team. c) To receive any progress reports on local planning matters. Cross Stores application P1817/19/FUL: Clir Haslam reported that this had been recommended for refusal by the planning officer following concerns over ecological effects which reference the Alvington NDP. Village a) To receive/note any updates in flood mitigation in the parish. DClir McFarling reported that this was progressing albeit slowly, and that the solution suggested by DClir McFarling is under consideration. Keith Haylock mentioned that there may be capital funding that could aid resolution of the Clanna flooding issue. Clir Heys advised that he is looking into a grant – Severn Trent Community Fund – at present and would send details to Mr Haylock for information. b) To receive any updates on improvements to Public Rights

	budget. There was a discussion regarding Clanna Lane/Garlands Road permits,				
	and a discussion on speeding.				
	e) To receive an update on plans to mark 75 years since the end of WW2 (May				
	2020). Cllr Haslam has spoken to Paul Smooker regarding an exhibition of artefacts				
	from the war. Items would be for display only, not for handling, so would need glass	AH			
	cases. Anna Clifton offered the use of hers if suitable. ACTION : Cllr Haslam to				
	liaise with Anna. It was agreed that the village beacon would also be lit, and that	МН			
	young and able volunteers would be needed. ACTION : Clerk to post on Facebook				
	asking for beacon volunteers.				
	f) To receive an update on reviewing the parish's Emergency Plan. Clerk had				
	liaised with Trini as planned, and with Highways, but Highways could not supply the				
	equipment Trini would need to plough, so there remains a vacancy for a snow				
	warden, as well as a flood warden. Joanna Goodman said that she would think				
	about the role of flood warden.				
	g) To note an update from the Clerk on Neighbourhood Watch and policing.				
	As reported by Mr Lockyer, 25/1 went very well and would be repeated every				
	couple of months. h) To receive any reports on other village matters. None at this time.				
9.	Sports Field				
133	a) To receive an update on the pavilion project. This is still going through				
19/20	Planning at the moment. Highways have asked for some more information and so				
10/20	the parish council commissioned a highways consultant, who is now finalising a				
	report, so it is hoped that the application will be approved soon. S106 monies from				
	the proposed development on Clanna Lane have been awarded to the pavilion -				
	£32,571 in total – which brings the total raised to around £47,000 in total. This puts				
	the parish council in the position of pursuing other larger grants, which can in turn				
	lead to even larger grants.				
	Nick Powell reported that he hopes to secure two grants, but at least one. Cllr Heys				
	has started a Sports England application. A REACR bid was not submitted for this				
	phase (31/01/20) due to the application not having made it through Planning yet,				
	but an application for the next phase (summer 2020) is planned.				
	b) To consider applying to the Woodland Trust for trees to plant on site. DCllr				
	McFarling has encouraged the council to take up the offer and that he could help				
	with the planting in November. There was a discussion over the best options and				
	placements, and the possibility of sponsoring trees in order to fundraise for the				
	pavilion. ACTION: Cllr Heys to discuss with the Sports Field Committee.	MH			
	c) To receive an update on Ellwood Under-9s football team using the Sports				
	Field. The Clerk reported that the team had been enjoying the facilities and had				
	proved to be conscientious hirers so far. They are currently using the field alternate				
	Saturday mornings and it is hoped that this can continue. d) To receive any updates on the sourcing of a replacement mower. The				
	mower is running well. Nathan Burlton clarified that he would like to retain use of it				
	a few times a year and also to look into whether it could be a community use				
	mower. ACTION : Clerk to liaise with Mr Burlton.	МН			
	e) To receive any reports on other Sports Field matters. With Chris Shill having				
	been unwell, Cllr Heys has been unlocking/locking the car park gate every day, so				
	he welcomed any volunteers. He also reported that the gate seemed to have done				
	what it was hoped it would do, by eradicating much of the antisocial behaviour.				
10.	Churchyard				
134	a) To receive a brief report on the churchyard tidy-up on 18/01/20. Many				
19/20	thanks to all who helped with this, including a new face from Clanna Lane. The				
	group trimmed a lot of the hedges that were encroaching onto the path, and pruned				

	several shrubs, especially the one outside the church door. Slabs which had been laid down had become half-hidden by overgrowth, and these have now been made visible once again. The group also carried out a wobble test on the gravestones and identified a few that needed repairs. b) To receive an update on the drafting of a churchyard risk management plan. The Clerk was in the process of drafting this, and was liaising with Sue Rickards, church warden, as well as Woolaston Parish Council. Cllr Heys suggested sending it to Philip Blatchly. ACTION: Clerk to contact Philip Blatchly to ask for comments. c) To receive any reports on other churchyard matters. None at this time.								
11.	Highways								
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	a) To receive any updates on Highways matters. Noted. The railing by the petrol								
19/20	station had been repaired very promptly, which was appreciated by all.								
	b) To note and consider official application for proposed stopping up of part								
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	objections. A	ACTION:	: Clerk to re	elay no objections to the officer ha	indling the a	app.	MH		
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	Accordingly, a policy has been drafted and will go out for consultation soon. The								
	policy aims to acknowledge local green spaces and hopefully give some protection								
	by describing their value to the parish. Cllr Haslam thanked John Wood and Alec Davis for all their hard work on the plan to date.								
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