

6. Planning

b) 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/W/16/3153161 (P1494/15/OUT).

At the 10th March Planning Committee meeting, Cllr Chris McFarling and Cllr Alan Haslam spoke against the dismissal of the need for a pedestrian crossing. Due to the need for further discussion between the applicant, Planning, Highways and the parish council, the decision was postponed.

Discussions with key agents are ongoing; Cllr Haslam and others may provide further information during the meeting.

7. Village

a) Coronavirus: to note the current arrangements in the parish

- A community response group has been set up to deal with local needs of vulnerable people where possible. The group can be reached via Gail (529708) or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alvingtonpc
- Gloucestershire County Council has set up a Help Hub – see <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub/>
- The parish council is aware that many people will be helping their neighbours on a very local level and would like to express its appreciation for the efforts of the parish's strong community.
- The situation continues to change, and the parish council aims to continue to play a role in supporting the community throughout.

b) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters

Situation reports for all Highways issues. This month's updates in **bold**.

Flood mitigation in the parish	Cllr Chris McFarling continues to work on securing improvements.
Garlands Road – poor condition of footpaths, poor condition of garages	Cllr Chidley to send photos of footpath with disputed ownership to Cllr McFarling for assistance in resolving.
Public Rights of Way in the parish	No update known of since last time; although I will chase Jeff soon, his work has no doubt been impacted by Covid-19 outbreak. 3 new stiles on FAL18 to be installed shortly; several other routes need improvement. I chased this up 26/02/2020 and I hope to be able to update verbally at the meeting.
Globe Inn resident concerns, November 2019	No further complaints received since November 2019; reports of increased proactivity from pub. Parish council maintains a watching brief. Pub is currently closed due to C19 outbreak
Neighbourhood Watch / Policing	Police engagement van visit Friday 6th March was postponed; unlikely due to C19 that the Thursday 7th May visit will go ahead. A second Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the parish has been found and it is hoped that they are operational by now, though not confirmed.

Emergency Plan – ensuring it's up to date and fit for purpose.	I continue to work on this when time permits. Insights are bound to come from C19 outbreak community action.
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9. Churchyard

a) To receive an update on the drafting of a churchyard risk management plan

Awaiting comment from Philip Blatchly, who is likely to be busier than usual in 2020. With this in mind, the council may wish to consider continuing without his comments, which are beneficial but not essential.

10. Highways

a) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
Lower end of Knapp Lane requires resurfacing	Response from Brian: Not currently scheduled; if additional Highways funding becomes available, this may change.
Need for trimming of vegetation on A48 between Alvington and Woolaston (first reported Oct 2019)	Some trimming carried out to overhead trees late 2019 but veg is encroaching onto footpath, so Clerk chased this up. 20/01/20: Brian wrote: "I will follow this up with the safety inspectors, I had asked them to carry out an inspection and report back to me on their findings. As soon as I have had some feedback I will send you an update." Chased again 21/02/2020
Clanna Lane / A48 Double yellow lines – feasibility query (originated 20 th November 2019)	Awaiting photos of antisocial parking being sent to Brian Watkins – can someone take this on please. As previously circulated at end of 2019: Brian Watkins advises that this is feasible and has requested photos of parking issues that the TRO (traffic regulation order) would aim to resolve. Funding is an issue: around £10K which Highways cannot currently commit, though maybe in 20-21 or after. Process would take around 12 months from instructing the TRO team.
Potholes near Blacksmiths Arms	Potholes reported in January now dealt with, but a new one opened up early March, which was reported mid-March; should be dealt with 28 days later.
Poor quality pothole repairs on Clanna / drain replaced with solid cover (raised at the February 2020 meeting)	Reported to Brian on 06/02/2020. On 07/02/2020 Brian replied: Hi Meg. Thank you for your email. I will arrange for both sites to be checked. Road resurfacing scheduled to take place over the period of May-Aug 2020.
Poor drainage on Clanna/A48 (raised at the February 2020 meeting).	Reported to Brian on 10/02/2020. On 11/02/2020 Brian replied: Hi Meg. Thank you for your email. I am out and about later this week with the area engineer, I will have a look at this site with him. I can confirm that our term maintenance contractor is currently carrying out cyclic cleaning on the A48, some of the concerns may be resolved during that clean. Chased 25/03/2020
Large pothole at the top of Swan Hill	Reported on 16/03/2020 using Report It form.

11. NDP

a) To receive an update on the progress of Alvington NDP

The new policy went out for consultation as required, and this closed on 18th March. There were 7 responses, none of which were in opposition. The examiner is finalising his report in light of these responses and will circulate the report soon. Timescale for referendum and approval by FoDDC should normally be within a few months but this may be impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak.

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c) Audit 19/20: to receive an update on preparations and approve GAPTC audit service to supply 19/20 internal audit (in light of no quotations having been received)

Following attempts to get quotes from local accountants the only viable options appears to be GAPTC's internal audit service for a fee of £195. Does the council approve this?

We are awaiting further information from the government regarding timescales and changes to arrangements in light of the outbreak.

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25/03/2020