

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2019, 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Haslam (Chairman)
 Cllr Richard Heys (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr. Lisa Chidley
 Cllr. Gail Thompson
 Cllr. Chris Miles

ATTENDING: Meg Humphries (Clerk) Terry Shepherd
 CCllr Patrick Molyneux Peter Rogers
 Gary Burchill (Globe Inn) John Wood
 Chris Shill Nick Powell
 Alec Davis Tom Lockyer

No/ Ref	Item/Notes	Action
1. 080 19/20	To receive apologies for absence DCllr McFarling gave his apologies due to a broken leg.	
2. 081 19/20	To note declarations of interest relating to the agenda. None.	
3. 082 19/20	To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 03.07.19. Approved; signed by Cllr Haslam	
4. 083 19/20	To receive a report from and discuss possibilities around Clanna Road parking, with Gary Burchill from the Globe Inn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Haslam thanked Mr Burchill (GB) for coming, in light of recent accidents at the junction, and several near misses, as well as many complaints about parking in the area. • GB reported that he and his colleagues are aware of the issues and concerns with parking in the village and around the Globe. They were aware from the start that this would be the biggest challenge and they are aware that some customers park irresponsibly. The team are doing what they can to improve the situation. • There are some changes in the pipeline which will improve the current parking situation, for instance, adding some parking spaces at the end of the car park, closest to A48. Also a member of staff will be monitoring the parking situation, especially on Saturday night. As this is also when a hockey team visit, the staff will have a word direct with them. • GB asked whether the council had any ideas for where staff of the Globe might be able to park, in order to free up 8-10 spaces for customers. Options discussed included the Memorial Hall car park and Sports Field car park. Outcome: GB will discuss with Memorial Hall committee and church warden. Sports Field considered as a back-up, but due to access via quiet, dark lane this was not the preferred choice.	
5. 084 19/20	To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the parish.	

	<p>DCllr Chris McFarling, via email, reported that he had moved forward with the sewage flooding issue at 2 Tudor Cottages, and that there was a positive plan forming, and the next step was to apportion cost. Further updates to follow.</p> <p>CCllr Patrick Molyneux:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local transport review - including looking at improving connections from Lydney and Chepstow, looking at road transport network, is in progress at the moment. • Great Western Powerhouse (Swansea–Swindon) prioritising major projects, and of those, there are two that involve GCC: are Lydney–Sharpness railway bridge, and Chepstow bypass. • GCC is finalising its investment strategy at the moment. • Highways are investing £150m and so the quality of roads has been and will be improving. • Question: Why not a Lydney–Sharpness road bridge? CCllr Molyneux responded that a road bridge is in the 2050 Vision, but cost and value for money present challenges. Also, if it were built then there would be the expectation of a significant amount of houses being built in the Lydney area. Given tourism vision for the district, Lydney could become the Kendal of the Forest, i.e. gateway to a key tourist area. The idea of a double-decker road and rail bridge was raised. <p><i>Cllr Haslam thanked CCllr Molyneux for attending, and CCllr Molyneux left at 8 pm.</i></p>	
<p>6. 085 19/20</p>	<p>Public forum</p> <p>Chris Shill: the cricket team won promotion and so were congratulated by the meeting. Nick Powell to do some copy for the next newsletter ideally with photo – to supply to Cllr Haslam.</p> <p>Gary Burchill: Opportunity for Globe – and village – to improve WiFi/Broadband signal via Country Connect, which Hanley Farm is part of. Globe is currently investigating this and will keep parish council updated.</p> <p>Alec Davis: 1) Noticed that numerous parked cars may be obscuring the defibrillator. It was agreed to monitor the situation, as the signage was still very visible provided that no tall vehicles parked around it. 2) Hedge trimming along A48 is badly needed as the walkable area is now hazardously narrow. ACTION: Clerk to chase.</p> <p>3) Footpaths also in poor repair. ACTION: Clerk to chase FoDDC PROW officer.</p> <p>4) Cross Stores – find out the latest. ACTION: Clerk to contact Planning for an update.</p> <p>John Wood: Echoed Alec Davis's footpath concerns and feel the farmers are to blame. Very concerned at the situation.</p> <p>Tom Lockyer: To add to GB's update on internet connectivity, noted that aerial placement may be limited, especially in the village's conservation area, which may have implications on Globe's access to Country Connect. GB noted.</p>	<p>MH MH MH</p>
<p>7. 086 19/20</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) To consider any representation regarding P1158/19/FUL: Severn Lodge, Church Lane: Conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe accommodation including the erection of an extension, alterations and associated works, and P1159/19/LBC, Listed Buildings Consent application for the same.</p> <p>There were concerns raised over use of Severn Lodge itself as noise is sometimes an issue when it is hired out as holiday accommodation. The planning applications were agreed as acceptable, provided that the wall was not altered or damaged by the changes. ACTION: Clerk to submit a response to Planning.</p>	<p>MH</p>

	<p>b) To note the withdrawal of P0867/19/FUL: The Cottage, Glebe Farm, Lower Common, Aylburton: Erection of a two-storey rear extension and raising of roof height to provide loft accommodation. Noted.</p> <p>c) To receive any progress reports on local planning matters. None.</p>	
<p>8.087 19/20</p>	<p>Village</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the defibrillator project. £350 grant received from Renishaw. Clerk has now registered the defibrillator with WEBNOS and South West Ambulance.</p> <p>b) To receive an update on the Pocket Parks project. The grass has now established around the matting. Evaluation is now underway – deadline May 2020 - and once done, this will conclude the project.</p> <p>c) To receive/note any updates in flood mitigation. See item 5., DCllr McFarling's update.</p> <p>d) To receive any updates on several issues around Garlands Road. Cllr Chidley reported that nothing had yet been done about the garages, footpaths, pavements. ACTION: Clerk to chase up these issues with TRH and ask DCllr McFarling for help in improving matters for this area of the village. Cllr Chidley reported that the resurfacing of parking area next to garages was top of Two Rivers Housing's list, according to recent conversation with a TRH member of staff.</p> <p>e) To receive any reports on other village matters. None.</p>	MH
<p>9.088 19/20</p>	<p>Sports Field</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the pavilion project. The planning application has now been submitted, which concludes the first phase of work for the architect. Cllr Heys is pricing up Phase 2 currently.</p> <p>b) To note recent/outstanding repairs following the safety inspection of the Trim Trail. The Sports Field committee has carried out extensive repairs to the Trim Trail, and Cllr Heys thanked Chris Shill and Nick Powell for their efforts on this. The most significant issue was the replacement of the textured tops of the posts, and some areas needed a lick of paint.</p> <p>c) To receive any further reports on the Community Day 30/06/19 and to note any outstanding actions. Clerk reported net income was c. £890, all of which will go towards the pavilion. The council acknowledged that it has a good working model to take forward into 2020 and beyond.</p> <p>d) To receive any update on improvements to the new Sports Field car park gate. Following installation, work was needed to make the existing fittings work for the new gate. Arrangements in place currently are that the gate is opened at 8am and closes at around dusk. ACTION: Cllr Thompson to make a small laminated sign that reads 'Gates closed at dusk'. Cllr Heys reported general success of the arrangement, although raised safety issue of moving on groups of drug users. ACTION: Clerk to add to risk document, and to query cover with insurance.</p> <p>e) To receive any update on amending the Sports Field Committee Terms of Reference. To be dealt with at the next Sports Field committee meeting.</p> <p>f) To receive any updates on the sourcing of a replacement mower. Nick Powell, on behalf of the cricket team, has submitted a bid to REACR for £8,000 for a new mower.</p> <p>g) To receive any reports on other Sports Field matters. Cllr Heys has submitted a bid to REACR for further pavilion work. The REACR panel meets on 29th September and Cllr Thompson will be attending to answer the panel's questions. Cllr Heys reported that Lydney Under-10s football club has sadly folded and therefore the money that REACR awarded for goalposts will no longer be needed. Cllr Thompson to notify REACR and offer to return funds.</p>	MH

10.089 19/20	Churchyard a) To receive an update on tree management activities in the churchyard. The council considered the three quotes received to carry out maintenance to several trees in the churchyard. It was agreed to engage TrunkArb. ACTION: Clerk to advise all three companies of outcome. b) To receive an update on unstable gravestone issue. Ongoing. c) To receive any reports on other churchyard matters. None.	
11.090 19/20	Highways a) Clanna Road/A48 junction: To receive an update on improving safety See Item 4. b) To receive any updates on Highways matters. Upcoming resurfacing notices from Highways noted.	
12.091 19/20	NDP a) To receive an update on the progress of Alvington NDP Awaiting HRA final documents from Alastair Chapman, and then the main plan will be proofread before being submitted to FoDDC.	

At this point, Item 17 was brought forward to ensure it reached the public, who often leave before the Finance item. It is left in sequence in the minutes, for continuity.

13.092 19/20	Finance a) To approve payment of invoices and expenses from the past month and Cllrs Haslam and Miles to initial cheque stubs and Schedule of Payment for mid-August payments. The Mid-August schedule was signed retrospectively by Cllrs Haslam and Miles. The September payments were approved, and signed by Cllrs Heys and Miles, as follows:																														
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	01/07/2019	Fun Day takings/float: in lieu of remaining coinage, via transfer from Clerk's personal account	27.51	Pavilion: Pavilion	
	05/07/2019	Pavilion donations x 3	35.00	Pavilion: Pavilion	
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	05/08/2019	Defibrillator donation from Renishaw's	350.00	Defib: Defib: Other income	
	09/07/2019	Bank interest	0.51	APC: ALL: Other income	
	06/08/2019	Sports Field hire – Sue Howard, July 2019	50.00	APC: Sports Field: Sports Field Hire	
	09/08/2019	Bank interest	0.55	APC: ALL: Other income	
	12/08/2019	Refund for Fun Day portaloos	96.00	Pavilion: Pavilion (negative expenditure)	
	28/08/2019	Taurus Crafts: Newsletter Advertisement fees	50.00	NDP: Advertising Revenue	
14.093 19/20	To note correspondence for information. Noted.				
15.094 19/20	<p>Council</p> <p>a) Clerk recommendation: To consider formalising/recording regular asset inspection. It was agreed that existing arrangements were satisfactory for the time being.</p> <p>b) To complete Register of Members' Interests forms as required by FoDDC after each election (Clerk made aware recently). These were given out and are to be returned in October. ACTION: Clerk to remind councillors about Register of Members' Interests forms ahead of the October meeting.</p>				MH
16.095 19/20	To receive the Clerk's Report. Noted.				
17.096 19/20	<p>To receive councillors' reports and items for future agenda. <i>Brought forward to after Item 12 to ensure that the public were reached.</i></p> <p>Cllr Haslam brought to the meeting's attention the following news: 1) Proposed development in Lydney: Aldi mixed-use site (other commercial units besides Aldi). There is an open day (11/9 5pm-8.30pm) and a response form. 2) Alvington News: Cllr Haslam needs content for the next edition. Abbey Taxis would like to advertise, as do Swan Tea Rooms. ACTION: Clerk to ask the usual advertisers whether they would like to include an advert.</p> <p>Cllr Heys: Cllr Heys is a governor at Woolaston Primary School and reported that in July it received an Requires Improvement Ofsted report due to a number of issues including the headteacher being on long-term sick leave (and the deputy head has been working very hard to maintain good standards). The week of the inspection was uniquely challenging so luck was not on the school's side, but that's not to say that there isn't room for improvement. Ofsted will return in 24-30 months, although interim visit is a possibility. The school is getting a lot of support from GCC. Cllr Heys feels that it is a strong school which adds a lot of value.</p>				MH
18.097 19/20	To note the date of the next Full Council meeting: Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Noted.				

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

Signed:.....Chairman.

Date:.....