

**ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MEETING PACK FOR MAY 2020 MEETING**

**7b) Village: To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters**

Situation reports for all village 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	<b>No update known of since last time – activities curtailed by lockdown.</b> 3 new stiles on FAL18 to be installed shortly; several other routes need improvement.
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	<b>Police engagement van visits cancelled until further notice. Vans are visiting local supermarkets to reassurance and for support regarding domestic abuse.</b>
Emergency Plan – ensuring it's up to date and fit for purpose.	I continue to work on this when time permits.

**10 a) Highways: To receive any updates on Highways matters**

This month's updates in **bold**.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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. Brian Watkins hopes to include this in 2020-21 works programme. <b>Clerk chased up on 29/04/2020.</b>
Clanna Lane / A48 Double yellow lines – feasibility query (originated 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019)	Awaiting photos of antisocial parking being sent to Brian Watkins – <b>has anyone done this yet?</b> 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. Debris on pavement at this location from broken up potholes is causing a slip hazard. Raised with Brian on 08/04.2020.

	<b>Have the potholes/debris now been dealt with? Could someone local advise please.</b>
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. <b>Next time it rains perhaps someone could keep an eye out to see how drains are performing after having been cleaned out.</b>
Large pothole at the top of Swan Hill	Reported on 16/03/2020 using Report It form; should have been fixed within 28 days, so should be fixed by now. <b>Please advise if this is not the case.</b>

### **12c) Finance: c) Audit 19/20: to receive an update**

The AGAR return submission deadline is now 31<sup>st</sup> July as opposed to 30<sup>th</sup> June but I intend to maintain the usual timescale.

The AGAR will still need 'wet' signatures, i.e. not PDF, so we will need to post it back and forth to Alan (as Chairman), me and the auditor. However, approval of the AGAR can be agreed remotely during a video meeting.

I am working on gathering the required documents for the council's first external audit (due to spending over £25,000 in 2019/20 because of Pocket Parks project).

**Meg Humphries**

**Parish Clerk**

**29/04/2020**