

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING PACK FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING

6. Planning

a) **To note the application and the parish council's response to P0875/20/FUL The Meadows, Clanna Lane, Alvington, Lydney. Erection of an equine stable block and construction of a menage.** The parish council raised no objections to this application, seeing no issue with the proposal. A consensus was sought prior to the council meeting as the Planning deadline did not allow.

b) **To receive any progress reports on local planning matters.**

Pedestrian crossing on A48: The developer is currently working on a drawing of the proposed crossing, and the parish council will be consulted on when the drawing is submitted to Planning.

Cross Stores: Ongoing; no update at this time.

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

Flood mitigation in the parish	Cllr Chris McFarling continues to work on securing improvements.
Garlands Road – poor condition of footpaths, poor condition of garages	Both Highways and Two Rivers claim path is not theirs; Cllr McFarling continues to put pressure on both parties for maintenance arrangements.
Public Rights of Way in the parish	3 new stiles on FAL18 to be installed ASAP; several other routes need improvement. Jeff Wheeler has asked for patience re this matter.
Globe Inn resident concerns, November 2019	Following the reopening of the pub there has been one report (via email, with photos) of several badly parked cars and one drunk/abusive car owner. Police continue to emphasise the importance of residents experiencing issues to call 101 immediately. Parish council is in the process of staff parking arrangements in the sports field.
Neighbourhood Watch / Policing	No community engagement van visits known of at time of writing. Neighbourhood Watch vacancy for Garlands Road side of the A48 to work in partnership with the opposite side.
Emergency Plan – ensuring it's up to date and fit for purpose.	I continue to work on this when time permits.

8. Sports Field

b) **Mowing: to receive any updates.**

Owner of the mower currently on loan suggested that they would consider a purchase offer from the council in the region of £2,500 to £5,000. Council needs to make a decision

on this as soon as possible.

d) To note the application to Woodland Trust for 105 'Working Wood' saplings to plant at the field boundaries and consider planting arrangements.

Things to consider: council needs to map out where trees are going, and consider any planting activities/event and how this would be Covid-secure.

e) To receive any reports on other Sports Field matters. There was a misunderstanding about hire arrangements by a local football team, who are now using a different site. The parish council did not seek payment for any sessions but clarified that session bookings were chargeable. The club gave feedback that the £20/session hire charge seemed hard to justify. Clerk recommends reviewing charges every so often so that the council can clearly identify the need for them.

10. Highways

a) To receive any updates on Highways matters

I have chased Brian up on all issues below, to ask for updates/action.

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. Brian Watkins hopes to include this in 2020-21 works programme. 30/04/20 update from Brian: 'My colleague Clive has included the siding and cleaning the footway and cutting back of overhanging vegetation (some works was done last year on this aspect) from Knapp Lane junction to the start of the Dual Carriageway (Swan Hill) onto our list of Community Maintenance sites. As soon as I have some dates for you I will send them through.' Patrick Molyneux has advised that he intends to discuss with Brian with the aim of resolving the matter as soon as possible.
Clanna Lane / A48 Double yellow lines – feasibility query (originated 20 th November 2019)	Awaiting photos of antisocial parking being sent to Brian Watkins. 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. No further update Aug 2020.
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. No further update 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. Efficacy of drains to be confirmed during the next period of heavy rainfall. No further update Aug 2020.
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11. NDP

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

At the July FoDDC meeting councillors voted unanimously in favour of the plan going to referendum. Due to Covid a referendum is unlikely before May 2021.

12. Finance

a) To approve payment of invoices and expenses from the past month

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Meg Humphries	Salary – August 2020	275.84
Richard Morgan	Grasscutting: Churchyard August 2020	222.00
Merlin Waste	Dog Bins: August 2020	31.20

b) To note the receipt of any income since the last meeting.

Date received into account	Description	Amount
30/06/2020	Sue Howard field hire May 2020	20.00
06/07/2020	Sue Howard field hire June 2020	40.00
09/07/2020	Bank interest	0.53
10/08/2020	Bank interest	0.45
10/08/2020	Sue Howard field hire July 2020	40.00

c) Audit 19/20: to note any updates.

PKF Littlejohn (external auditor) have today been in touch with some queries, mainly due to the increase in spending last year (Pocket Parks) and internal control deficiencies now being put right. I will respond to their queries in the next few days.

Meg Humphries

Parish Clerk

26/08/2020