

Alvington News

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ALVINGTON PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Since February the Parish Council have undertaken; guided by Kate Baugh (a Forest of Dean Community Advisor) the creation of a Parish Development Plan {referred to as the PLAN in this document}. As stated in our last newsletter, essentially this is a document created by the parishioners which when approved will form the basis and must be seriously considered when residential and commercial planning applications are submitted to the Forest of Dean District Council Planning Department.

A steering group was formed and has held several successful meetings. We are asking any residents who are interested in joining this group to contact either myself or our Parish Clerk Andrew Maliphant. Obviously a large group would mean less work and effort for each member. We are currently holding meetings once a month in the Memorial hall at

13:30pm usually on a Monday. Meetings last about one and a half hours. What this steering group will definitely need is input from as many residents as possible to create this legal document. Facts, figures and proven information are essential and not rumour, supposition and unproven figures.

Please keep in mind that this PLAN does not restrict itself to the village but the whole Parish and views and implications are equally important and indeed essential as we must address issues in our remote farmlands and residential areas.

If you do not have the time to fully commit yourself to the committee, than please consider helping as a volunteer to help in small ways. We are in the process at the moment of building up a 'character appraisal' of the Parish

Part of the process in the creating of this PLAN is the holding of two event days. The first of which will be held in the


memorial hall on Sunday 9th October. This event will be the presentation of the collective evidence and documents. We hope to encourage all parishioners to drop in on the day to not only view the documents, but to comment and discuss further work. The Alvington web site will have a continuous progress report on the PLAN and any information that the steering group is seeking. If you are walking along footpaths or lanes, please carry a camera and capture scenes and views for possible inclusion in the PLAN.

See parish boundary and map on page 2.

It is with great sadness that

The Parish Council has heard of the passing away of our former colleague Marion Winship.

Our thoughts are with her husband James and their family



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Grassed Areas to be improved

This year has seen the start of a Parish Council enterprise to improve two areas of grass on the side of the A48.

Until now neglected, they are the strip of ground running along the side of the footpath and abutting the stone wall edge to the paddock, all opposite the 'Blacksmiths' and the vicarage. Also the plot on the corner of Clanna Road and the A48 (between the corner and the telephone box).

New Alvington Web Site

To bring us in line with modern ~~transparency requirements~~, a new Alvington web site is up and running with downloadable files and links with Alvingtons official Facebook, twitter.

www.alvingtonvillage.org

Any businesses or clubs within the Parish can contact me or Andrew Maliphant to add notices or promote events. Two that spring to mind are the Cricket club and Ali's dog group.

"Smart water" Marking

All equipment has been treated with Smart water so that theft can lead to discovery and recovery far easier and faster.

Walking Group

The Alvington walking group is very active. They meet every Tuesday starting at the Globe Public house at 09:30am. Usually covering about 3 miles, all are welcome to join in.

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning is held every Tuesday morning at 11:00am in the Globe Public House. Also our

regular Postman, Andrew attends every 12 weeks with his beautiful, very large card selection, so please come and support him and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake. Next date for Andrews cards is 9th August.

Tree Surgery In Church Grounds

Recently a tree has been felled on the Church lane boundary by someone. The Parish Council has had to engage a professional arboreal contractor to complete the cutting and removal of the trunk that was in danger of falling onto Church lane with the possible dangerous problems this could cause..

Parish Councillor

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been filled

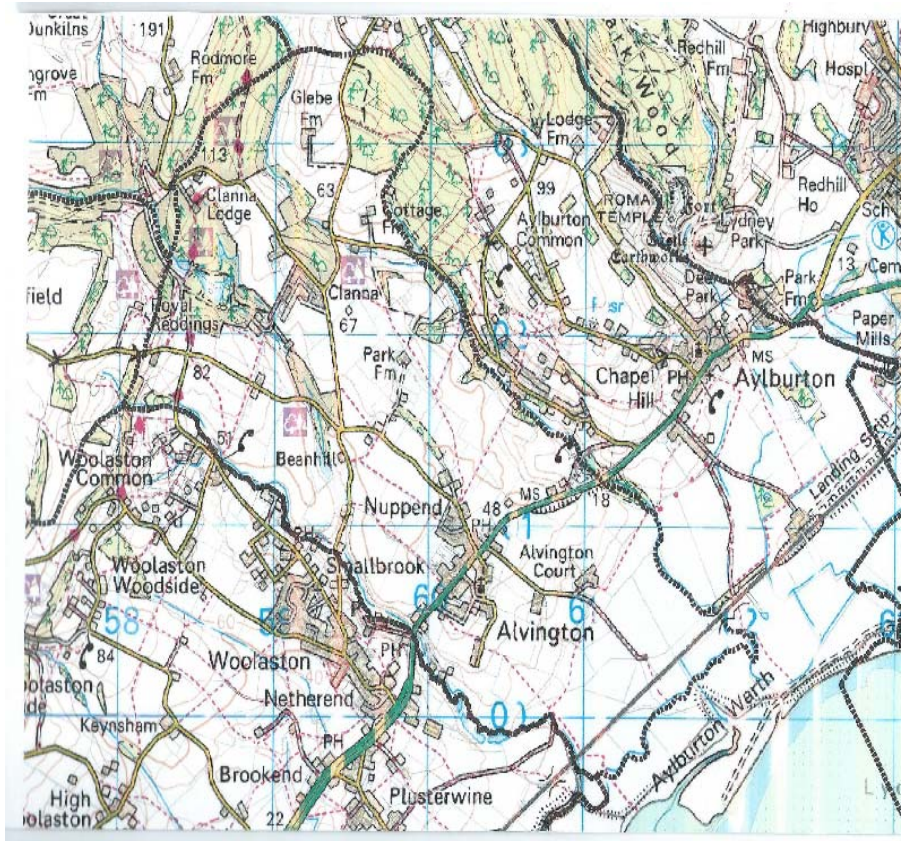
by Mr Dan Price. Currently working flat out on his new home in Garlands Road, Dan will bring a new dynamism to the Council.

A recent traffic survey

commissioned by the Parish Council has revealed some alarming figures. Taken in Two locations, A48 by the knapp lane junction and in Clanna Road.

Daily average A48 11,010 Vehicles.

Daily average Clanna road 1,013 Vehicles.



In memory of John Logi Volney, a beautiful bench has been positioned near to the playing fields storage / changing room units.

Hopefully this bench will be a long lasting reminder of the man.

Have you a business or enterprise that you would like to advertise in our Newsletter? Tel: 528420

THE ALVINGTON PLAYING FIELDS

With the help of a grant, the Parish Council have recently installed the Timber twin fort children’s play facility. I would like to thank Paul Smooker Parish Councillor and Chair of the playing fields committee, for all his hard work and time in achieving this great piece of equipment.

Future Plans

The Parish Council are in the process of getting quotes for the installation of an electricity supply to storage containers. Recently I met with a senior Building Control Officer from the Forest of Dean District Council to discuss the possibility of toilet facilities on the playing field.

One of the concerns raised at a recent meeting was the issue of who will be responsible for the cleanliness of the toilets and surrounding area. Initially it may be that the toilets can only be opened for specific events but this is under review.

As stated in the last newsletter, our long term ambition is to raise funding to build a Pavilion for the use of the various clubs, and will include showers, toilets and facilities to provide light refreshments. This is however a long term plan that will require significant funding and fund raising.

Children’s Play Area.

The trim trail is showing signs of age. Last week we had to remove the first stepping platform as the tread was shattered and therefore unsafe for children to use.

Seating Areas

The Parish Council have already funded 1 picnic bench and as previously mentioned on page 1 there is now a memorial bench located on the other side of the Field. There is also a new memorial bench (currently stored in a container at the top of the field) and is used during cricket

matches { it is owned by the cricket club. Villagers may wish to have dedicated benches in memory of loved ones that have passed on, this would be a welcome addition to the playing fields enabling people to enjoy the views across the river.

Cost of current upkeep of the Playing Fields.

The maintenance of the playing Fields stands at £1500 per annum for grass cutting, insurance, Public Liability, accountability to the Gloucester Playing Fields Assoc and emptying of dog waste bins.

These are all legal requirements that the Parish Council are liable for. In order to offset these costs there is a charge for the official use of the Playing Fields, which currently offset these costs by between 50 and 75 percent, without these incomes, the villagers would be liable for the entire funding. It is for this reason that there is a minimal charge for users when using the field in, what is considered to be “Official” ventures.

This does NOT include just walking the field or sitting having a picnic or using the Trim Trail

Hedgerows

There are no plans in the foreseeable future to cut back the hedgerows and trees surrounding the field. Walkers should stay well away from the hedgerows to prevent the risk of injury.

CLANNA KITCHEN

Vegetarian Lasagne

Ingredients

- 1 lb. Broccoli & Cauliflower
- 12 sheets No Cook Lasagne
- 50 mls. Crème Fraiche
- Chopped Parsley to taste
- Teaspoon of dried Oregano
- 12 Cherry Tomatoes
- 8 oz. Strong Grated Cheese

Method

- Pre heat oven 170 C.
- Boil Cauli & Broc for 5 minutes, and drain, break into small pieces.
- Half the tomatoes and add to above vegetables.
- Mix Crème fraiche and 2 tablespoons cold water and add herbs.
- Soften lasagne in dish of hot water.
- Layer ingredients in a greased dish, ending with lasagne and crème fraiche on top.
- Top with the cheese and bake for 40 minutes.

This recipe works well with any mixed vegetables.



Residents are welcome to contribute articles, letters and opinions to the newsletter

**YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS
PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council meets 1st Wednesday of every month, but not in January and August. Members of the public are welcome to attend. 19:30pm start

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 Coordinator: Gary Collier,
 01594 528420
 Deputy: John Wintour, 01594 529234
 If anyone (should an emergency arise) would be willing to give support in the Hall whether it be making tea, refreshments or plain consolation and support, please give your telephone number to me for inclusion in my contacts list. *Gary Collier*

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