

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING PACK FOR THE JULY 2021 MEETING

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

7. Village

c) To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters

Flood mitigation in the parish	<p>Tudor Cottage sewage flooding: A meeting of all key parties took place on 20th April 11.30 am and STW have a list of actions and are liaising with Cllr McFarling and other parties.</p> <p>A48 surface water issue due to road topography / drainage: I have given Brian plenty of opportunities to respond so have now forwarded my email trail to another contact at Highways in hopes of progress.</p>
Garlands Road – poor condition of garages	Garages remain the same but it is understood that Two Rivers are working through a rolling programme of improving all of their garage stock across the district.
Public Rights of Way in the parish	<p>May 2021: Jeff Wheeler advises that the following issues remain live and will be addressed as soon as he is able.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAL3 has a broken pointer on the signpost and its signpost is pushed over. • FAL5 to FAL6 ... New report just received ... apparently no access from FAL5 to FAL6 ... to be investigated. • FAL7 needs inspecting again and a meeting with the landowner due to obstructions. Meeting is long overdue and delayed due to COVID and will take place once lockdown has ended. • FAL21 apparently has broken stiles each end – need to determine whether frames or just steps ... • FAL12, FAL13, FAL14 require replacement kissing gates or gates for the stiles if possible. Again requires discussion with the landowner(s).
Environmental Health concern	Cross Stores: burning of harmful waste; suspected dumping of refuse from another location on site: ERS have written to the owner and have asked for various actions before mid-April. I spoke to ERS officer mid-May and they are satisfied with the appearance of the area now. ERS continue to monitor the situation.

10. Highways

a) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
<p>Clanna Lane antisocial parking Clanna Lane / A48 Double yellow lines – feasibility query (originated 20th November 2019)</p>	<p>There have now been 6 sets of photos of antisocial parking sent to Brian Watkins, who has forwarded to the Traffic Regulation Order team. Funding is an issue: around £10K which Highways cannot currently commit. The process would take around 12 months from instructing the TRO team.</p>

Japanese Knotweed near Sandford Pond	Highways are aware and advise that they will deal with it as part of their programme.
Bank swallowing footpath from petrol station to Aylburton Sandford Rd (originated 4 th November 2020)	Highways have cut back the vegetation, which was needed, but the request about soil seemed to have been lost along the way. I have now (mid March) submitted a request with plenty of detail and have been advised that the request has been logged. 3/6/21: Email from Highways: "at the time of his inspection, much of the footpath was within GCC criteria. However, he has also raised a job to cut back the soil at the rear of the path for a total distance of approximately 165 metres, and this will be completed at the earliest opportunity."
Swan Hill: Deteriorating retaining wall	Responsibility for the wall's maintenance continues to be disputed.
Clanna Lane: standing water and blocked culvert by the bridge	5/2: provided detailed description and map to Highways via email. Chased March. Chased April, Highways rep remarked that all appears correct, so offered to meet Cllr Powell at the site to discuss.
A48 towards Aylburton: deer signage needed	Requested from Highways, response received 16/6/21: Thank you for your email regarding a request for deer warning signage on the A48 between Alvington and Aylburton. This has been logged on Ref 11324335 and assigned to the Area Highways Representative.

11. Finance

b) To approve the standard pay increment increase (effective from April 2021) for the Clerk, from SCP 20 (11.08 per hour) to SCP 21 (£11.30 per hour) and to note current pay scales.

- The Clerk's contract stated that the employee will start on NJC spinal column point 17 and awarded an increment every April until at the top of the pay scale (22) provided performance is satisfactory.
- However, in 2019 [the scale numbering changed](#), with the new range being numbered 7-12 (also known as NJC Scale 4). Therefore, the increment for 2021-22 is SCP 11, or £11.30 per hour.
- I have explained some of this before to some of you, but I wanted to write it out here to make it clearer.
- I propose that we amend the wording of my contract to specify this new scale, so that it applies to the current reality of clerk pay scales and so we have this in writing somewhere. It will also make it easier to prepare a new contract for a new Clerk in the future (but don't worry – no plans to depart yet!)

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Parish Clerk

24/06/2021