

## ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, 7.30 p.m. at Alvington Memorial Hall**

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

ATTENDING: Alec Davis  
 John Wood  
 Chris McFarling (County and District representative)  
 Meg Humphries (Clerk)

No/Ref	Item/Notes	Action
1. 047 21/22	<b>To receive apologies for absence.</b> None.	
2. 048 21/22	<b>To note declarations of interest relating to the agenda.</b> None.	
3. 049 21/22	<b>To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 03.06.21.</b> Approved.	
4. 050 21/22	<p><b>Public forum.</b></p> <p><b>Mr John Wood made the following remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GigaClear has inadvertently cleared much of the footpath overgrowth.</li> <li>• Cross Stores garden is still very messy.</li> <li>• The dog bin on Garlands Road is overflowing; normally never an issue with this particular bin. Clerk to make contact with the contractor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr Alec Davis made the following remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed concerns regarding the sale of a building plot in the village which had been the site of the burning of plastic and chemical waste, leading to potentially contaminated soil. Clerk to contact Planning to relay concerns.</li> <li>• Part of Clanna was resurfaced on 19/6.</li> <li>• Footpaths – none of the proposed improvements made yet, although some vegetation has been cut back.</li> <li>• There have been five accidents outside the Globe in the last 6 weeks. Clerk to relay to Brian Watkins.</li> <li>• Japanese knotweed is spreading very fast. Mr Davis sent some photos to the Clerk. Clerk to relay images to Highways.</li> <li>• The drains on Clanna had been cleaned this week, and Mr Davis was impressed by the thorough approach of the new contractor.</li> <li>• Some potholes on A48 Sandford Hill have been filled.</li> </ul>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
5. 051 21/22	<p><b>To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the parish.</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Chris McFarling</b></p> <p>FoDDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Levelling-up Fund application has been submitted and the outcome is expected in September. The bid is for £20 million, targeted around Five Acres and Cinderford, as well as green agriculture, and green tech offered by Hartpury. Cycleways weren't</li> </ul>	

	<p>able to be a part of the project collection, which naturally caused some disappointment, so Cabinet is developing a pipeline of projects to be matched to bids as other funding opportunities appear. Cycleways are essential to boost active travel. FoDDC is now developing an active travel policy to strengthen any future funding bids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on natural flood management with James Blockley. Seven authorities in the Severn area have requested government funding, to no avail. The main areas of focus are Lydney and Cinderford, but hopefully, Alvington and Aylburton will be looked at too.</li> </ul> <p><u>GCC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was the first full council meeting yesterday. There were four motions, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU settlement scheme – motion to give a grace period to allow for people to navigate a challenging system. Voted down.</li> <li>Voter ID</li> <li>20 mph for residential areas for safer roads and lower pollution levels/carbon. Sent to Scrutiny.</li> <li>The environment cabinet leader intends to plant 30 million trees in the county.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Local issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The A48 retaining wall on Swan Hill – Cllr McFarling continues to be involved in this. Ownership of the wall is still disputed.</li> <li>Sewage – Cllr McFarling is having a conversation with Matt Jaynes, copying in the Community Council for Water. He feels that progress is being made.</li> <li>PROWs – had a chat with Jeff last month to understand the current position on PROWs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.</b> <b>052</b> <b>21/22</b></p>	<p><b>Planning.</b> <b>a) To receive any progress reports on local planning matters.</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b> <b>053</b> <b>21/22</b></p>	<p><b>Village</b> <b>a) To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters (see meeting pack).</b> Meeting pack contents noted.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b> <b>054</b> <b>21/22</b></p>	<p><b>Sports Field</b> <b>a) To receive any updates on arrangements for Summer Fun on 25th July.</b> Cllr Heys provided an update verbally. The Fun Day team are in the process of confirming vendors/attractions. Cllr Heys reminded everyone that any cake (nut-free) contributions would be very welcome. Five pitch hire payments have been received so far. Covid QR code to be set up. It was resolved to deliver flyers to Alvington, Aylburton and Woolaston addresses. It was resolved to apply for a Temporary Events Notice. A call for raffle prizes has gone out on Facebook. Parking arrangements are currently pending. <b>b) Pavilion project: to receive any updates.</b> Cllr Heys will be meeting with the architect soon. <b>c) Play equipment: to receive any updates on repairs.</b> Ongoing. <b>d) To receive any reports on other Sports Field matters.</b> Gigaclear has tidied up and re-gravelled the car park. The sports field signage is now up on either side of the gate.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b> <b>055</b> <b>21/22</b></p>	<p><b>Churchyard</b> <b>a) To receive any reports on other churchyard matters.</b> Cllr Heys has engaged TrunkArb regarding two trees which present an issue for Severn Lodge. TrunkArb has agreed on some dates for when Severn Lodge isn't booked, timed for later on in the autumn. Severn Lodge's owner will pay the costs of the works. The works will involve lifting the canopy on the beech to reduce its</p>	



	<p><b>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. (see meeting pack). Approved.</b></p> <p><b>c) To approve payment of invoices and expenses from the past month. Approved.</b></p> <p><b>d) To note the receipt of income received since the last meeting. Noted.</b></p> <p><b>e) To note the completion of the Internal Controls checks for Quarter 4 of 2020-2021 (Cllr Thompson). Cllr Thompson confirmed that the checks had gone smoothly and that everything appeared to be in order.</b></p> <p><b>f) To make arrangements for the Internal Controls checks for Quarter 1 of 2021-22. Cllr Chidley volunteered to carry out the checks for Quarter 1 of 2021-22.</b></p> <p><b>g) To note the price increase from 21/6/21 for Merlin Waste dog bin collections from £4.00 per unit to £5.50 per unit and consider any necessary actions. Noted. Clerk to carry out a value-for-money exercise.</b></p> <p><b>h) Online banking: to note any progress on online banking authorisation access for all councillors. Cllr Powell reported that he now has access to online banking so it was agreed that he would try doing the payment approvals this month.</b></p>	MH
12. 058 21/22	<p><b>To note correspondence for information.</b></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
13. 059 21/22	<p><b>Council</b></p> <p><b>a) To receive the Clerk's Report. Noted.</b></p> <p><b>b) To receive councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</b> Cllr Powell reported that the cricket club has applied for a £5k grant to make improvements to the field, including bringing a digger onsite for groundwork.</p> <p><b>c) To note the date of the next council meeting: September Full Council: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, 7.30 pm in Alvington Memorial Hall (no meeting in August). Noted.</b></p>	

Meeting closed: 9.27 p.m.

Signed:.....Chairman.

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