

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd February 2022, 7.30 p.m. at Alvington Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Heys (Vice-Chair)
 Cllr. Gail Thompson
 Cllr. Nick Powell
 Cllr Nathan Burlton

ATTENDING: Meg Humphries (Clerk)
 Alec Davis
 John Wood
 Viv Harris
 Chris Shill
 Sue Hollingshead
 Chris McFarling (representative, FoDDC and GCC)
 Barbara Pond (GRCC)

No/Ref	Item/Notes	Action
1. 103 21/22	To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Haslam sent his apologies due to a COVID exposure alert.	
2. 104 21/22	To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda. None.	
3. 105 21/22	To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 09.12.21. Cllr Thompson proposed that the minutes were accepted; Cllr Powell seconded this, and it was agreed unanimously.	
4. 106 21/22	Findings of the parish's 2021 Housing Needs Survey, by Barbara Pond of GRCC. Barbara Pond presented the main findings, concluding that there is an unmet need for affordable housing in the parish. She outlined the various options for meeting this need and the groups/partnerships that may do this. She highlighted Longhope as a good example of community-led housing. Mrs Pond offered to deliver a presentation to the community to further explore the options and gauge interest, and the meeting agreed that this would be a good next step. (Useful links for those interested in reading more: Glos Homes for Communities ; FODDC Community-led housing .)	
5. 107 21/22	Public forum. Sue Hollingshead outlined Utilities Warehouse's services. Viv Harris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clanna: Inconsiderate parking near the Globe Inn, blocking the pavements • Clanna: Dropped drain cover outside Malt House Close. Clerk to report to Highways. John Wood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swan Hill: road surface is poor, particularly around a manhole cover. • Parking outside the Globe Inn is hazardous. Alec Davis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clanna development: numerous concerns including safety on-site and to the public by poor site traffic management, inconsiderate conduct of the crew, 	

	<p>unauthorised changes to the development, removal of part of a hedge, lack of signage, inaction on flood attenuation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relayed that Verlie Eagles would like a copy of the NDP. Clerk to print and deliver. • Two large trees in a garden of a Two Rivers property. Clerk to contact RT 	
<p>chase up 6.093 21/22</p>	<p>Platinum Jubilee: to consider ideas and timings. A discussion took place including the public attendees, and a provisional event was identified involving lighting the beacon, a barbecue, music and a bar.</p>	
<p>7.094 21/22</p>	<p>To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the parish. Cllr Chris McFarling gave updates on FoDDC and GCC matters as follows:</p> <p>GCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr McFarling will chase up Highways regarding the TRO for better management at the Clanna/A48 junction. • Swan Hill road surface: the retaining wall issue is still being resolved, which is thought to be a block to resurfacing works on this stretch of road. • Motion for a 20 mph limit on all Gloucestershire residential roads is now with GCC Scrutiny Committee. Road Safety Forum has been established. • The budget consultation is over, and Cabinet has arrived at a draft budget, to be approved by full council later this month. £42/year increase for Band D properties. • Cllr McFarling has contacted Gigaclear over concerns of some houses missing out on the upgrade. Answers are not clear but they did include reassurances that often there is a pause in work in a location but that it resumes sometime later. Some properties are so remote as to make connection unfeasible however. Any complaints need to go through the Gloucestershire website. <p>FoDDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clanna development site: Cllr McFarling will refer the concerns raised by Mr Davis to the Planning Enforcement team. • The FoDDC budget is being approved this month, representing a £5 increase for a Band D property, i.e. a 2% increase. • The Local Plan is progressing. Cllr McFarling cannot be certain but Alvington has likely met its quota via the Clanna development. • Highways Local Fund 2022-23: Cllr McFarling invited ideas on how to allocate. • Build Back Better fund: Cllr McFarling has funding available and is keen that it goes towards projects involving younger people and/or addressing the climate emergency. 	
<p>8.095 21/22</p>	<p>Planning. a) To receive any planning updates. None.</p>	
<p>9.096 21/22</p>	<p>Village. a) To note reports of antisocial behaviour on Clanna Lane and to consider any further action the parish council can take. It was noted that there is a residence on Clanna Lane that is the location of numerous antisocial behaviour issues including drug use. A resident has been cleaning up after them, including disposing of needles. The PCSO is aware of the issue and advises any reports of unlawful behaviour to be reported to the police. b) To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters (see meeting pack).</p>	

	Mr Davis advised that several improvements have been made to the public rights of way in the parish; he will send information to the Clerk so that the list of outstanding issues can be updated.																																					
10.097 21/22	<p>Sports Field.</p> <p>a) Pavilion: to receive any updates. Cllr Heys gave an update: that £6,115 had been awarded as a grant from REACR, and another grant from them has been sought; that s106 monies were expected in the spring; that there may be funding available via the Levelling Up Fund; that creating a smaller build shape to begin with would enable the build to start without all funding in place.</p> <p>b) Play equipment: to receive updates on repairs. The Clerk recommended that any outstanding repairs were dealt with promptly. It was agreed to purchase a new sign for the entrance to give the gate opening times.</p> <p>c) To receive any other reports on the sports field. Cllr Heys advised that the gate locking/unlocking was going smoothly for the most part.</p>																																					
11.098 21/22	<p>Churchyard.</p> <p>a) To receive updates on any churchyard matters. The lychgate repairs are holding up well. Chris Shill has been tidying up the churchyard, and the meeting expressed their thanks for his hard work. There was a query about some gravestones being 'flattened'. Clerk to look into this. <i>At this point, Cllr Heys proposed that the meeting be extended by up to 9.30 pm to allow for all business on the agenda to be dealt with. Agreed unanimously.</i></p>																																					
12.099 21/22	<p>Highways.</p> <p>a) Pedestrian crossing: to receive any updates. Cllr Heys advised that he and Cllr Haslam met the developer supplying s106 monies towards the crossing. The developer has implied that they are motivated to pay the monies in February.</p> <p>b) To note any updates on Highways matters (see meeting pack). The Clerk advised that she had liaised with Stuard Budd of Highways to bring attention to outstanding issues and had received a reply covering all issues and advising that all issues are in progress and now 'on the radar'.</p>																																					
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	d) Online banking: to receive any updates. Cllr Heys is now able to approve BACS payments.	
14.101 21/22	To note correspondence for information. Noted.	
15.102 21/22	Council a) To receive the Clerk's Report. Noted. b) To approve the 2022-23 council meeting dates. Approved. c) To receive councillors' reports and items for future agendas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Thompson attended the road safety forum • Cllr Heys will, in his capacity as Chair of Governors, deliver an update from Woolaston Primary School at the March meeting. d) To note the date of the next council meeting: Thursday 3rd March 2022, 7.30 pm at Alvington Memorial Hall. The March meeting will begin at 6.30 pm on this date, starting with a presentation by the developers of the Clanna site.	

Meeting closed: 9.37 p.m.

Signed:..... (Chairman) Date:.....

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