

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th June 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); John Wood; 2 other members of the public; Cllr Chris McFarling (district and county representative).

| Min. Ref | Item and details | Action |
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| 034. 22/23 | <p>1. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies from Cllr Haslam; accepted. Cllr Heys highlighted that some recent correspondence received by the parish council had been sharp and encouraged all to maintain respect when communicating.</p> | |
| 035. 22/23 | <p>2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda. None.</p> | |
| 036. 22/23 | <p>3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 05.05.22. Approved; signed by Cllr Heys.</p> | |
| 037. 22/23 | <p>4. Public Forum The following matters were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swan Hill – road surface deteriorating again – Clerk to report this to Highways. • Knapp Lane – the verge is overgrown, narrowing the already narrow lane. • Public rights of way: FAL 13 and FAL 14 are both heavily overgrown; Clerk to report this to Highways; • A48 footpath – nettles are growing into the pathway, making the walk to school difficult for families. Clerk to report this to Highways. • Garlands Road residents would like to organise a clean-up to deal with weeds growing up through the surface of garage area etc. It was noted that August may be a suitable month to carry this out. | <p style="text-align: right;">MH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MH</p> |
| 038. 22/23 | <p>5. To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the parish. As the representative for both Forest of Dean and Gloucestershire, Cllr McFarling reported on the following topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Local Fund: Cllr McFarling has awarded £5,000 towards the village pedestrian crossing, and a further £2,000 has been awarded from the district's Build Back Better fund. Cllr McFarling has also given funding to public rights of way, some of which may go towards FAL 42A, 43 and 44, which are situated in both Alvington and Woolaston parishes. • At St Briavels Assembly Rooms, various events have been taking place for Ukrainian guests and their hosts; these events give Ukrainians an opportunity to socialise with fellow Ukrainians. • The latest GCC environment committee meeting involved the topic of decarbonisation of transport as a county; encouraged all to give some | |

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| | <p>attention to this matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the GCC Full Council on 18/5 four motions were considered: an investigation into COVID handling; a more proactive road safety approach in the county; knife crime; violence against women and girls. There is more information on all of these on the GCC website. The FoDDC Cabinet approved a recommendation to add the biosphere project to the project register; partners include the Forest Economic Partnership and Hartpury College. | |
| 039. 22/23 | <p>6. Planning</p> <p>a) P0505/22/LBC: Severn Lodge, Church Lane, Alvington, Gloucestershire. Listed building consent for the conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe accommodation including the erection of an extension, alterations and associated works (revised scheme). This application was considered alongside that in item b, below. It was agreed to convey concerns to Planning regarding the proposed increase in the size of the property/change in wall height, especially given its proximity to the church.</p> <p>b) P0504/22/FUL: Severn Lodge, Church Lane, Alvington, Gloucestershire. Listed building consent for the conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe accommodation including the erection of an extension, alterations and associated works (revised scheme). See item a, above.</p> <p>c) P0624/22/TCA: Duncastle Farm. Dead eucalyptus stem remove to ground level. Bay shrub over oil tank remove to ground level in order to create suitable clearance from tank. Reduce height of hedge along footpath to approx 4m (from garden side) in order to leave a manageable hedge. Conifer in front of house remove to ground level and replace with acer (Sp TBC) due to excessive size of the tree, interference with the building and excessive shading. No objections.</p> | |
| 040. 22/23 | <p>7. Village</p> <p>a) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters (see meeting pack). Meeting pack items noted. Garlands Road play area fencing repair is ongoing, and a contractor's quote has been sought.</p> | |
| 041. 22/23 | <p>8. Sports Field</p> <p>a) Pavilion: to receive any updates.</p> <p>The two-phase build plans have now been supplied to FoDDC as a pre-submission in order to get advice on how to proceed. Cllr Heys highlighted how Covid has been a challenge in attaining funding due to the focus on recovery and other pressures. Also not able to run as many events for fundraising.</p> <p>b) Events for 2022: a report on the Jubilee celebrations (2/6) and any updates on the organisation of Summer Fun (17/7).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Heys expressed appreciation to FoDDC for the Build Back Better grant given awarded for supplies for the two 2022 events. The Jubilee event was a success, with an estimated 200 people present for the lighting of the beacon. Alvington Summer Fun: The next event organising meeting will be on Wednesday 15th June at the Blacksmith's Arms at 7 pm. The market stalls have been secured from Taurus. Donations of raffle prizes are very welcome. <p>c) To receive any other reports on the sports field.</p> <p>Cllr Powell reported that the mowers were receiving some maintenance and repairs.</p> | |

| 042. 22/23 | 9. Churchyard a) It was noted that the annual gravestone/memorial wobble test is nearly due. Clerk to add this matter to the July agenda. | MH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 043. 22/23 | 10. Highways a) Pedestrian crossing: to receive any updates. Cllr Heys reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4,000 was set aside last year for the crossing. • A further 7K raised from FoDDC grants. • Approximately £2,000 was diverted from past grants. • Plans have now been drafted, and the Clanna Road developer is happy to contribute. • The next step is a meeting with Highways officials to discuss and agree on the plans, and any changes to the roads. b) To note any updates on Highways matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Heys has received comments of concerns regarding car speeds on Garlands Road • Speed camera funds may be available. • Manhole outside Duncastle Farm – Cllr Burlyon advised that he has reported this to BT Openreach twice, who have given him a reference number. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 044. 22/23 | 11. Finance a) To approve the payment of invoices for June 2022. Approved as follows <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Recipient</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Details</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>M Humphries</td> <td>Clerk Pay May 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">311.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merlin Waste</td> <td>Dog Bins May 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Morgan</td> <td>Churchyard mowing May 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">228.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Morgan</td> <td>Garlands Road Play Area mowing May 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Baker</td> <td>FOR RATIFYING: MBC: Road Crossing plans</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,931.25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> b) To note the receipt of income received since the last meeting. Noted as follows. <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Date</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Details</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>03/05/2022</td> <td>Fun Day pitch hire (MN)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03/05/2022</td> <td>Fun Day pitch hire (ES)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05/05/2022</td> <td>Ellwood FC field hire 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">520.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/05/2022</td> <td>Pavilion donation via Cllr Heys</td> <td style="text-align: right;">74.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/05/2022</td> <td>Bank interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18/05/2022</td> <td>REACR grant for pavilion works</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,964.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20/05/2022</td> <td>S Howard field hire April/May 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/05/2022</td> <td>Fun Day pitch hire (JB)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/05/2022</td> <td>Fun Day pitch hire (RL)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> c) Online banking: to receive any updates. The form was sent off in mid-May. Clerk to follow up with Lloyds. d) To note the award of the £500 Build Back Better grant for community events and to allocate to expenditure on summer events in the form of supplies, prizes, portaloos, hire, gazebo hire and other event-related costs. Noted and approved. e) To note the award of £2,000 Build Back Better grant towards costs relating to the improved road crossing. Noted and approved. | Recipient | Details | Amount | M Humphries | Clerk Pay May 2022 | 311.98 | Merlin Waste | Dog Bins May 2022 | 52.00 | Richard Morgan | Churchyard mowing May 2022 | 228.00 | Richard Morgan | Garlands Road Play Area mowing May 2022 | 40.00 | Mark Baker | FOR RATIFYING: MBC: Road Crossing plans | 1,931.25 | Date | Details | Amount | 03/05/2022 | Fun Day pitch hire (MN) | 10.00 | 03/05/2022 | Fun Day pitch hire (ES) | 20.00 | 05/05/2022 | Ellwood FC field hire 2022 | 520.00 | 09/05/2022 | Pavilion donation via Cllr Heys | 74.50 | 09/05/2022 | Bank interest | 0.10 | 18/05/2022 | REACR grant for pavilion works | 1,964.21 | 20/05/2022 | S Howard field hire April/May 2022 | 40.00 | 23/05/2022 | Fun Day pitch hire (JB) | 10.00 | 30/05/2022 | Fun Day pitch hire (RL) | 10.00 | MH |
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| 05/05/2022 | Ellwood FC field hire 2022 | 520.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 30/05/2022 | Fun Day pitch hire (RL) | 10.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | 12. To note correspondence for information. Noted. | |
| 045. 22/23 | 13. Council a) To receive the Clerk's Report. Noted. b To receive councillors' reports and items for future agendas. None. c) To note the date of the next council meetings: Full Council: Thursday 7th July 2022, 7.30 pm at Alvington Memorial Hall. Noted. | |

Meeting closed: 8.32 p.m.

Signed:..... (Chairman)

Date:.....

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