ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Thurs 1st September 2022, 7.30 p.m. at Alvington Memorial Hall

- PRESENT: Cllr Alan Haslam (Chairman) Cllr Richard Heys (Vice-Chair) Cllr Gail Thompson
- ATTENDING: Alec Davis, John Wood, Ian and Alison Blood, one other member of the public, Cllr Chris McFarling (district and county representative), Meg Humphries (Clerk)

Min.	Item and details	Action	
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059.	1. To receive apologies for absence.		
22/23			
	family commitments. Accepted.		
060.	2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda.		
22/23	None.		
061.	3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting		
22/23	on 09.06.22. Deferred until a meeting where three or more members from the		
000	meeting are present.		
062. 22/23	4. Public forum.		
	Alec Davis:		
	 The police had been contacted by parishioners about concerns over speeding in the village. Cllr Haslam advised that some recent speed checks had been carried out, and the figure at the 85th percentile was under 30 – which is how the police assess whether speeding is at a concerning level. A parishioner reported that he had nearly been hit by a vehicle three times in the past three months while walking his dog. 		
	John Wood:		
	 Mr Wood expressed his disappointment at the new Clanna Road development not having more sustainable features, given the climate crisis. There was also a discussion at this point regarding the height of the buildings and the unobscured windows overlooking a neighbouring property. <u>It was agreed</u> to write to Planning to raise these concerns for potential investigation if Planning saw fit. 	МН	
	lan and Alison Boiling:		
	 Concerned regarding a diseased ash tree which backs onto their property and is at risk of falling onto their buildings. The tree is on the border of the conservation area and there is some dispute over whether it's within the conservation area. <u>It was agreed</u> to ask FoDDC to confirm it's outside the conservation area, and to copy in Cllr Chris McFarling. 	МН	
063.	5. To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the		
22/23	parish.		
	Cllr Chris McFarling gave the following updates.		
	 He thanked the meeting for the warm welcome and for giving parishioners 		
	ample time to share their concerns.		
	 Gloucestershire County Council's road safety consultation closes on 11th 		

	September. It is supportive of additional crossing points.				
	 The 2022-23 Highways Local Fund has been allocated, including funding for 				
	a speed survey at the bottom of Swan Hill. It was noted that a police speed				
	check took place in that location on 30/8.				
	 Flooding: There was a sewage flooding event on 10th August amid very dry 				
	weather, also outside the Blacksmiths Arms. Severn Trent cleaned up the				
	area and cleaned out the drain.				
	 Cllr McFarling is treating the cost-of-living crisis with the same gravity as the 				
	Covid-19 crisis and is working with FoDDC officers to build support for				
	residents.				
	• The Planning Enforcement team are under significant pressure presently.				
	The Clerk will email a list of 'live' parish enforcement cases to Cllr McFarling				
	so he can seek any updates.				
	Questions: Cllr Heys asked for support in setting up a discussion on the				
	pedestrian crossing, including planning and developer representatives. There				
	was then a discussion around the various implications of Highways' view on				
	location, and land ownership around Globe.				
064.	6. Planning.				
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	• P1146/22/FUL: Severn Lodge, Church Lane, Alvington, Lydney. Extension to				
	existing residential annex.				
	Members expressed concern over the 'creeping development' style, and				
	thus the ever-increasing scale of operation of the holiday accommodation				
	business. It was agreed to submit comments on the growing size of the	MH			
	operation given the narrow lane, and the 'creeping' style of development.				
	 Enforcement issues: it was noted that the Clerk has sought updates, but no 				
	responses had been received yet.				
065.	7. Village.				
22/23	a) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters.				
	 Flooding and Drainage: Covered in the fourth point of Item 5. 				
	 Public rights of way: Cllr Haslam thanked Alec Davis for the latest updated 				
	PROW tracker. It was noted that a new kissing gate had been installed at				
	FHE58/FWO1, as raised and requested by Mr Davis.				
	b) To receive the results of the safety inspection checks for Quarter 2 of				
	22/23. Noted – the meeting thanked Cllr Thompson for carrying this out.				
066.	8. Sports Field.				
22/23	a) Pavilion: to receive any updates.				
	 Cllr Heys has been awaiting a reply from FoDDC officers regarding s106 				
	monies; he was invited to email Cllr McFarling about this.				
	 The pavilion's architect has corresponded with the planning department and 				
	will submit a variation which will enable a two-stage build. This will count as				
	an amendment only, not a new application. It was agreed to meet the costs	MH			
	of variation, approx. £230.				
	 Cllr Heys has had productive discussions on getting a power supply to the 				
	pavilion site.				
	b) Alvington Summer Fun (28/8): to receive a report.				
	Cllr Heys reported that Alvington Summer Fun 2022 went exceedingly well. It				
	was attended by about 450 people, with the dog show proving popular, and				
	39 stalls in total. The toilets were very late to arrive (2.25 hours), however,				
	so the Clerk will request a partial refund. The burger stall sold out, and there				
	were good returns on refreshments, coconut shy and skittles. Cllr Heys gave				
	thanks to all who took part in the day. He estimated net funds raised as				

	 about £1,000, which is another big step forward. Cllr Heys mentioned three ideas for future events: a quiz and pudding night; 					
	a barn dance/ceilidh; and a craft fayre. Cllr Heys will reconvene the events					
	committee shortly. A new member of the fundraising committee has joined,					
	who's brought some new ideas on fundraising. Clirs Heys and Powell have					
	been working with Alvington and Woolaston Cricket Club on obtaining funding from Gloucestershire Cricket Board.					
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	 c) To receive any other reports on the sports field. It was noted that there had been some damage to the trim trail and a bench. 					
	The repair on the trim trail is in progress; Cllr Haslam has repaired the bench					
067.	already. 9. Churchyard.					
22/23	a) To receive updates on any churchyard matters.					
22/20	It was noted that Richard Morgan is doing a very good job of mowing the					
	churchyard.					
	b) To receive a report of the churchyard safety inspection check for 22/23.					
	Following recent safety checks, a damaged gravestone was noted. Cllr Heys					
	intends to carry out gravestone wobble tests this Sunday.					
068.	10. Highways.					
22/23	a) Pedestrian crossing: to receive any updates.					
	Clir McFarling is in discussions with Nathan Choat and Brian Watkins regarding the crossing. Ann. Johns. capier Highways engineer, will decide an					
	regarding the crossing. Ann Johns, senior Highways engineer, will decide on feasibility.					
	b) To note any updates on Highways matters (see meeting pack).					
	Noted.					
069.	11. Finance.					
22/23	a) To ratify all payments made since the last meeting:					
	Ratified as follows:					
	Meg Humphries	Clerk Pay July 2022	311.98			
	Merlin Waste	Dog Bins: July 2022	52.00			
	Richard Morgan Richard Morgan		228.00 40.00			
	Woolaston Hall	Gazebo hire for fun day	30.00			
	Tindle News	17/7 Fun day adverts	150.00			
	Meg Humphries	Expenses: fun day	21.00			
	Stan Davis	Garlands Rd fence repair				
	M Ford	Refund for 17/7 pitch hire	10.00			
	M Rogers	Refund for 17/7 pitch hire				
		Insurance 22/23	1,259.47			
		payments for September				
			ried from the Schedule of Payments ne urgent payments which were not			
	-		details being received shortly before			
	the meeting.					
	•	e approved as follows:				
	Meg Humphries	Clerk Pay August 2022	311.98			
	Merlin Waste	Dog Bins: August 2022	52.00			
	Richard Morgan	Churchyard mowing	114.00			
	Richard Morgan	Garlands Road mowing	20.00			
	Tindle News	Fun day adverts	96.00			
	Meg Humphries Nicholas Powell	Summer Fun expenses Expenses: coconut shy	40.01 59.40			
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	Alan Haslam	Fun Day expenses	33.36			
	Nicholas Powell	Fun Day expenses				
	Richard Heys	Fun Day expenses				
	c) To note the receipt of income received since the last meeting.					
	Noted as follows:	•	5			
	30/06/2022 Fun	Day pitch hire (PS)	10.00			
		Day pitch hire (ML)	10.00			
	11/07/2022 Bank		0.11			
	28/07/2022 Fun	Day pitch hire (LC)	10.00			
	01/08/2022 Fun	Day pitch hire (TB)	10.00			
	09/08/2022 Fun	Day pitch hire (MR)	10.00			
	09/08/2022 Bank	c interest	0.43			
	10/08/2022 Fun	Day pitch hire (RS)	10.00			
		ts Field hire – Sue Ho				
	d) Internal Contro	ols for Q1 of 2022/23	: to note the completion of checks.			
	Cllr Thompson reported that the checks had been completed and everything was					
	found to be in order.					
			n SAAA, 'Option to opt out of the SAAA			
		uditor appointment		мн		
	Noted. It was agreed to continue using the standard SAAA arrangements, and not					
	to opt out.					
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	share the burden of fundraising for the council's larger projects. Clerk to work with members to set up a suitable collaborative system.					
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22/23		Clerk's Report. Note				
			I items for future agendas.			
	Cllr Burlton had raised (via email) the litter coming from the car wash next to					
	the petrol station. Cllr Haslam plans to visit the business to discuss.					
	Cllr Burlton had emailed to suggest improvements in communication					
	formats. The Clerk will circulate a suggested format for council-specific email					
	addresses.	have dame and Oct.				
	• Sports field boundary: on Saturday 3 rd September, Cllrs Haslam and Heys					
	will be meeting the neighbouring property owner to continue discussions.					
	c) To note the date of the next council meetings: Full Council: Thursday 6th October 2022, 7.30 pm at Alvington Memorial Hall. Noted.					
	October 2022, 7.3	ou pm at Alvington N	iemorial Hall. Noted.			

Meeting closed: 9.27 pm

Signed:..... (Chairman)

Date:....