

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 1st December 2022, 7.30 p.m., Alvington Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING: Alec Davis, John Wood, Chris Shill, Laraine George,
 Lisa Garside, Keith Haylock, Meg Humphries (Clerk)

Min. Ref	Item and details	Action
097. 22/23	<p>1. To receive apologies for absence. None.</p>	
098. 22/23	<p>2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda. It was noted that the council has an interest in 8c because it relates to the pavilion build.</p>	
099. 22/23	<p>3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 03.11.22. Approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
100. 22/23	<p>4. Public forum. Various members of the public raised numerous concerns about the construction on the development on Clanna Road, including the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One property was now occupied – against the conditions of the appeal decision – with power being supplied by a generator, which was queried as potentially illegal. • A poor-quality fence has been built where a wall should be. • Gas tanks installed which were not on the original plan. • There are concerns over the poor-quality construction impacting the value of nearby properties. • The construction team verbally abuse those who challenge them. • Some of the houses having rising damp already, so there are concerns that the properties will negatively impact insurance premiums locally. • Also concerns over lack of flooding mitigation. <p>Parishioners called for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An impartial flooding expert to visit the site because of very poor flood mitigation measures. • A January meeting to consider any further applications for discharge of conditions. • The parish council to approach the local press and television to put further pressure on the developer and other parties. • An email update within two weeks. <p>Cllr Haslam advised that the parish council had – and would continue to – put pressure on the district council planning and enforcement officers.</p> <p>Regarding any incoming planning applications, Cllr Haslam advised that an extraordinary meeting could be called if necessary, in order to consider any such</p>	

	<p>applications.</p> <p>John Wood raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Wood once again for the dog bin at the church kissing gate to be moved away from the gate to avoid an unpleasant smell while entering the churchyard. He advised that he would be happy to pay for a new one. • He urged the council to give further consideration to additional speed-reduction measures. He asked for details of ANPR camera costs and further details, following Aylburton Parish Council's purchase of a unit. The Clerk advised that the outlay was about £10,000, with an annual cost of around £1,000. The council acknowledged the value of such a camera but asserted that the priority remains the provision of a crossing. • There was then a discussion on other speeding mitigation options and the TRO and parking issues seemingly caused by pub patrons. <p>Lisa Garside raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cocaine use witnessed in parked cars on Clanna Road; asked if the parish council could ask the police to do a drive-by. The Clerk will make this request to the police. • Sports field – dog fouling. Suggested supplying dog poo bags. • Brambles are overhanging the footpath on the way to Woolaston. The Clerk will report the matter to Highways. 	
101. 22/23	<p>5. To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the parish.</p> <p>Cllr Chris McFarling, district and county councillor for Alvington, sent his apologies for the meeting.</p> <p>He also sent a comprehensive written report covering the latest news from the county and district councils as well as parish-specific issues. (A copy of the report is available from the Clerk on request.)</p>	
102. 22/23	<p>6. Budget 2023/24: To officially approve the proposed budget for 2023-24.</p> <p>The 2023/24 budget was introduced, having been circulated to all members in advance. The increase on last year is 3%. Given inflationary pressures, the meeting agreed that keeping the increase as low as this was an achievement.</p> <p>The meeting expressed thanks to Alvington and Woolaston Cricket Club for mowing the sports field as volunteers. The Clerk estimates that this saves the village an estimated £4,000 a year.</p> <p>The budget was unanimously accepted and approved.</p>	
103. 22/23	<p>7. Precept 2023/24: To officially approve the precept request for 2023-24, based on the figures in the budget.</p> <p>Based on the budget, the Clerk recommended raising a precept of £10,001. This was proposed by Cllr Haslam, seconded by Cllr Heys and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Clerk to submit precept request to FoDDC.</p>	MH
104. 22/23	<p>8. Planning.</p> <p>a) P1245/22/FUL: Land Off, Clanna Road, Alvington, Gloucestershire. Variation of Condition 8 (Landscaping Scheme) of P1772/18/APP to allow relocation of LAP to accommodate the gas farm, change entrance road from block paving to tarmac and provide an area for gas delivery.</p> <p>It was agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change from block paving to tarmac for the entrance road would result in poorer site permeability. • The road has been extended up between two houses, thereby reducing parking spaces. • The gas tanks are next to the play area, which seems inappropriate and potentially unsafe. • The roadside footpath does not appear on the revised site plan and needs reinstating on the plan before it can be accepted. <p>b) P1533/22/FUL: Land Off, Clanna Road, Alvington, Gloucestershire: Removal of Condition 17 (provision of approved pedestrian crossing before occupancy of dwellings) relating to P1772/18/APP</p> <p>It was agreed to object because there has been no provision of a pedestrian crossing. It was also agreed to bring to the planning officers' attention that one of the houses was already occupied, breaching the appeals inspector's condition.</p> <p>c) P1572/22/FUL: Alvington Playing Fields, Court Lane, Alvington, Gloucestershire. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) relating to P1413/19/FUL</p> <p>Noted. For the benefit of the meeting, Cllr Heys outlined the changes that the application proposes, relating to simplification of the build process.</p> <p>d) To receive any planning updates.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
<p>105. 22/23</p>	<p>9. Village.</p> <p>a) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters (see meeting pack).</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>106. 22/23</p>	<p>10. Sports Field.</p> <p>a) Pavilion project: to receive any updates.</p> <p>Cllr Heys reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The successful quiz night in October and craft fair in November raised £315 overall after costs. • Cllr Heys advised he had made progress with the water access strategy. • Including s106 monies, about £65,000 has now been raised for the project. • Building costs are rising, which presented a major challenge. • The total build cost was estimated at around £350,000 in total, therefore another £280,000 was needed. • Cllr Heys and Cllr Powell met with a bid-writing professional to find out more about the service. The cost of the service is about £350 upfront followed by 8% of whatever they can collect from grants. • Cllrs Powell and Heys recommended appointing the contractor, assuming satisfactory references and the Clerk finding the contract to be reasonable. This was agreed upon unanimously. • It was agreed that the model seems reasonable and would meet the challenge of completing large substantive applications. <p>Laraine George suggested 'buy a brick' as a fundraising method, perhaps for £5 or £10. This idea received strong support from the meeting.</p> <p>b) To receive any other reports on the sports field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Heys feels that the antisocial behaviour formerly occurring in the sports field car park has abated long term. 	<p>MH</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair of the trim trail's drum is ongoing. 																							
094. 22/23	<p>11. Churchyard.</p> <p>a) To receive updates on any churchyard matters. The council and parishioners commended Richard Morgan for his excellent mowing of the churchyard. The Clerk will send a Christmas card to him.</p> <p>For information only, Cllr Heys reported that the church is interested in a standing booking of the memorial hall on some Sunday mornings due to their use of the hall's car park and toilets. The hall committee will consider the request when they next meet.</p>	MH																						
095. 22/23	<p>12. Highways.</p> <p>a) Pedestrian crossing: to receive any updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Chris McFarling has been putting pressure on Highways for approval of the crossing plan, but they are hesitant and want more data. The parish council is teaming up with Aylburton Parish Council on 23rd February 2023 for a mass crossing to highlight the need for pedestrian crossings in both villages. Laraine George suggested advertising the event door to door. Cllr Chris McFarling has proposed the parish council meeting with the developer and Highways to agree on key details of the crossing. <p>b) To note any updates on Highways matters (see meeting pack). Noted.</p>																							
096. 22/23	<p>13. Finance.</p> <p>a) Sports Field dog bins: To approve the replacement of one bin (Glasdon Fido model, £153.82 inc VAT/delivery) for the Sports Field and to approve the refurbishment of the other (est. £10-30 for materials). The purchase was agreed upon, with the proposal amended to buying a smaller bin, locating it on the roadside near the church, next to the salt bin, and then relocating that bin to the sports field. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>b) Dog bins collection: To note the increase in cost from April 2023 from £6.00 per bin per collection to £6.50. Noted; It was agreed to seek two quotes to recompetete; It was agreed to forego the usual three quotes as there appeared not to be a third operator in the area.</p> <p>c) To approve the payments for December 2022: The Clerk advised that she had lost the receipt relating to Cllr Powell's expense. It was agreed to officially note this as a lost invoice. The members vouched for having seen the products Cllr Powell had bought, and the Clerk had seen the invoice before mislaying it, so it was agreed to continue with approving the payment. Payments approved as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>M Humphries Clerk Pay + backpay for uplift</td> <td>519.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merlin Waste Dog Bins collections Nov 2022</td> <td>52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall Quiz and Pudding Night hire</td> <td>56.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GPFA GPFA membership 22/23</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Powell Quiz night refreshments</td> <td>45.64</td> </tr> </table> <p>d) To note the receipt of income received since the last meeting. Noted as follows.</p> <table> <tr> <td>1/11/22</td> <td>Craft fair vendor booking (P&F)</td> <td>10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/11/22</td> <td>Bank interest</td> <td>1.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/11/22</td> <td>Donation for pavilion fund (CS & JS)</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/11/22</td> <td>Takings from quiz night and craft fair</td> <td>314.89</td> </tr> </table>	M Humphries Clerk Pay + backpay for uplift	519.98	Merlin Waste Dog Bins collections Nov 2022	52.00	Memorial Hall Quiz and Pudding Night hire	56.00	GPFA GPFA membership 22/23	50.00	Nick Powell Quiz night refreshments	45.64	1/11/22	Craft fair vendor booking (P&F)	10.00	9/11/22	Bank interest	1.38	14/11/22	Donation for pavilion fund (CS & JS)	50.00	14/11/22	Takings from quiz night and craft fair	314.89	MH
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096. 22/23	15. Council a) To receive the Clerk's Report. Noted. b) To receive councillors' reports and items for future agendas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking: It was agreed to add this to the February agenda so the council could consider moving some funds to the deposit account to maximise interest generation. • Cllr Powell advised that he has put in a funding application with Renshaw, which is now in progress. He advised that Renishaw will be in touch with the Clerk. c) To note the date of the next council meetings: Full Council: Thursday 2nd February 2023 2022, 7.30 pm at Alvington Memorial Hall. Noted.	

Meeting closed: 9.26 pm

Signed:..... (Chairman)

Date:.....

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