

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 2nd February 2023, 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: John Wood, Trini Jones, Jasmine Jones, Cath Strong,
 Kevin Strong, Colin Dooley, Karen Dooley, Laurence
 Brooks, Carol McAbendroth, Laraine George, Alec
 Davis, Tom Morris, Meg Humphries (Clerk)

Min. Ref	Item and details	Action
112. 22/23	1. To receive apologies for absence. None.	
113. 22/23	2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda. None.	
114. 22/23	3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 01.12.22. Approved and signed by Cllr Haslam.	
115. 22/23	<p>4. Public forum.</p> <p>John Wood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swan Hill is still full of potholes. Repairs break up again quickly. He called for Highways to provide more permanent solution. • He expressed his appreciation PC for relocating the dog waste bin from church to Knapp Lane. Cllr Haslam thanked Cllr Burlton for his work on this. <p>Alec Davis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked whether any progress regarding his concerns over Clanna development windows overlooking his property. Also asked about flooding concerns relating to the rear of his property and the site. Cllr Haslam advised that Cllr Chris McFarling is liaising with planning enforcement officers. Mr Davis highlighted that the matter was first raised seven months ago. • Other Bloomery Court concerns raised by Mr Davis as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water emerging from under Plot 1 recently. ○ Clanna Lane witnessed the ‘worst flooding ever seen’ on 12th January and described the development site as a ‘quagmire’. ○ Clanna Lane was closed for 17 days to connect the site with utilities, which Mr Davis felt was an unreasonably long time. Residents had complained to Highways about this. ○ Highlighted that construction had been very slow. ○ Against the appeal decision conditions (which said all utility boxes should be on the side of a property), utility boxes had been installed on the front of Plot 8. ○ Some electricity meters were installed upside down. ○ Traffic management has been severely inadequate throughout. ○ Severn Trent claim the flooding is in the remit of FoDDC. ○ Highlighted the apparent double standard in residents wanting small improvements to their homes and not being able to get them, yet there is 	

	<p>a sense of developers being able to do what they want.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Davis then raised several Highways related observations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted pavement clearance between Alvington and Aylburton. ○ Double yellow lines on Clanna: Still in consultation stages. ○ There had been another crash at the Clanna/A48 junction, luckily no one was injured. ○ Malthouse Close entrance issue: The ground is sunken, so water builds up when rains. The sinking has been worsened by HGVs. Clerk to raise the matter with Highways. ○ The white lines at the end of Garlands Road have disappeared and need repainting. Clerk to raise the matter with Highways. 	<p>MH MH</p>
<p>116. 22/23</p>	<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 due to attending the February FoDDC full council 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.</p> <p>Cllr Haslam read out the key points from the report (including flooding, Highways, Clanna Road site, road crossing), and then passed it around to all present. (N.B. a copy of the report is available from the Clerk on request.)</p> <p>Highways Local Fund: Cllr McFarling invited suggestions for how to support Alvington's Highways priorities. Items raised by councillors and parishioners during the meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrade the central reservation near to the garage. - Swan Hill surface long-term improvements. - Clanna Lane footpath. - Creating a cycle path from Alvington to Lydney. <p>Further discussion will follow, and a list will be passed to Cllr McFarling for consideration.</p>	
<p>117. 22/23</p>	<p>6. Planning.</p> <p>a) To consider P1720/22/FUL: Walnut Tree Cottage, Main Road: Erection of a ground floor extension to create a separate bedsit accommodation.</p> <p>It was agreed to object to the application on grounds of conservation, car parking capacity and building frontages.</p> <p>b) To consider P0004/23/FUL: 59 Garlands Road: Erection of two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions.</p> <p>No objections.</p> <p>c) To consider P1750/22/FUL: Cherry Tree Barn, Church Lane: Installation of 10 PV solar panels on south-facing pitched roof of detached garage with battery storage to be stored inside garage.</p> <p>No objections.</p> <p>d) To receive any other planning updates.</p> <p>Some members met with a representative from Anesco, who will be applying to instal a solar farm over 67 acres overlooking the Severn, at the bottom end of Court End Farm. This was so councillors had a fuller understanding of the proposal.</p>	

<p>118. 22/23</p>	<p>7. Village.</p> <p>a) Coronation celebrations: to discuss existing village plans and consider any additional plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The council supports the idea of street parties; it does not have any plans at this time. - Laraine George suggested lighting the beacon, with the possibility of a barbecue, bar and band. - It was agreed to look into possible options for such an event along with possible funding sources. <p>b) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters.</p> <p>Report in meeting pack noted.</p> <p>Cllr Heys announced that the small area of grass which comprises some of the original 'village green' is not the property of the Globe Inn, as village lore had suggested. Cllr Heys was pleased to confirm that at least part of this common area had not been lost.</p>	
<p>119. 22/23</p>	<p>8. Sports Field.</p> <p>a) To officially agree upon a date for Alvington Summer Fun 2023.</p> <p>It was agreed to move forward with Sunday 23rd July for Alvington Summer Fun 2023.</p> <p>Offers of support were received as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Strong offered the loan of a heavy-duty gazebo. • Trini Jones offered to lend a lorry so that the back could be used as a stage for a band. <p>b) Pavilion project: to receive any updates.</p> <p>Cllr Heys reported as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has now engaged a bid writer and has compiled a pack of information for approaching builders to get prices. Indicative prices are so far in line with expectations. • Funds raised so far are past £67,000, including the s106 monies from the Bloomery Court development. • Cllr Heys has submitted a REACR (wind turbine) funding application for winter 2023, and is awaiting the outcome of the summer 2022 funding application. • Discussions are underway with Court Farm on an easement agreement across their field to connect the pavilion with a water supply; securing the electricity supply route is also in hand. • Cllr Powell's application to Renishaw was successful, with £2,000 awarded. • Cllr Haslam expressed the parish council's appreciation for the village's involvement in fun days and events and fundraising. • The planning department has granted permission for the amendment to a 2-phase build plan. • Building regulations is the next port of call and Cllr Heys is working on this. <p>c) To receive any other reports on the sports field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Heys reported that Ellwood Under 12s had a new team and the necessary changeover of keys etc had now taken place. • Cllr Powell reported that there were some mower issues but he is endeavouring to get the grass mowed before next fixture, which is on 18th February. 	

120. 22/23	9. Churchyard. a) To receive updates on any churchyard matters. None.																									
121. 22/23	10. Highways. a) Pedestrian crossing: to receive any updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of the recent speed survey had been released. Some key figures: Average total of 11,400 cars per day. Average speed of 36.5 mph northbound / 32.5 mph southbound. An A48 'relay' road crossing is planned for Monday 20th February. Alvington crossing is at 12, Aylburton is at 1, and Westbury is at 2. b) To note any updates on Highways matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status reports from the meeting pack were noted. With relief, it was noted that the 'narrow pavement' issue between Alvington and Aylburton (due to the bank 'swallowing' the pavement) had now been resolved by Highways. The Clerk will report the following arising issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter along the length of the A48 between Alvington and Aylburton, and fly-tipping on Clanna Straight. Near the entrance to Court End Farm on Court Lane, Gigaclear works have resulted in a crumbling road edge, which is washing away. The pavements on Garlands Road and Clanna Road need resurfacing. The Clerk will chase several ongoing matters as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untreated Japanese knotweed near Sandford Ponds Culvert drainage issue on Clanna Lane, at the bridge. 	 MH MH MH MH MH																								
122. 22/23	11. Finance. a) Dog bins: To note change of dog bin model choice (Earth Anchors HGN35 model, £171.60 inc VAT/delivery). Noted. Clerk to advise Merlin Waste of the bin's new location. b) To agree a transfer of funds from the current account to the deposit account, leaving a £500 float after February's payments, and to agree in advance on the transfer of funds back into the current account based on what is needed each month to make payments. (Purpose: improved revenue from deposit account interest). Agreed but with £750 float. Clerk to make the transfer. c) To ratify the payments for January 2023: Ratified as follows. <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>M Humphries</td> <td>Clerk Pay for December</td> <td style="text-align: right;">337.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merlin Waste</td> <td>Dog Bins collections Dec 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Hall</td> <td>Craft fair hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PATA</td> <td>Payroll services for Q3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DeterTech</td> <td>Annual subs (was SmartWater)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36.00</td> </tr> </table> d) To approve the payments for February 2023: Approved as follows. <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>M Humphries</td> <td>Clerk Pay Jan 2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">337.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merlin Waste</td> <td>Dog Bins collections Jan 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Earth Anchors</td> <td>Replacement Dog Waste Bin</td> <td style="text-align: right;">171.60</td> </tr> </table> e) To note the receipt of income received since the last meeting.	M Humphries	Clerk Pay for December	337.98	Merlin Waste	Dog Bins collections Dec 2022	52.00	Memorial Hall	Craft fair hire	48.00	PATA	Payroll services for Q3	28.85	DeterTech	Annual subs (was SmartWater)	36.00	M Humphries	Clerk Pay Jan 2023	337.98	Merlin Waste	Dog Bins collections Jan 2022	52.00	Earth Anchors	Replacement Dog Waste Bin	171.60	 MH MH
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124. 22/23	<p>13. Council</p> <p>a) To receive the Clerk’s Report. Noted.</p> <p>b) To receive councillors’ reports and items for future agendas. Cllr Haslam advised that he will not be re-standing in May 2023. The other councillors gave official vote of thanks for Cllr Haslam’s hard work.</p> <p>c) To note the date of the next council meetings: Full Council: Thursday 2nd March 2023, 7.30 pm at Alvington Memorial Hall. Noted.</p>																			

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm

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