

MARCH 2023 MEETING PACK

This month's updates in **bold**.

7. Village

b) To note any updates on village/parish improvement matters

Flood mitigation in the parish	Ongoing; Cllr McFarling is liaising with Severn Trent and GCC.
Public Rights of Way in the parish	No updates recently.

10. Highways

b) To note public comments about parish highways priorities.

'Question: If you had a magic wand for road, pavement and footpath problems ... what's the first thing you'd fix in Alvington?'

- Pedestrian crossing and more street lights on the main road.
- Maybe street lights [so we can] see the pavement.
- "Hidden entrance" sign towards bottom of Swan Hill (we offered highways to pay for one/put one up and were refused for some bizarre nonsensical reason!) and reminders that it is 30 all the way down and up the other side - the 30 sign at the top of the hill looks like it just applies to those turning off left onto Knapp Lane. Double yellow lines on the hill and bus stop.
- Traffic calming on garlands road, a few people drive way too fast.
- Speeding on Garlands Road and Clanna Road.
- Better drainage on Clanna from the globe to Garlands Road.
- Sort the flood water problems out on Clanna Road and A48, footpaths in Garlands Road with speed bumps, pedestrian crossing and speed camera working.
- All pavements up garland's road clanna are bad.
- Main road - so dark when walking up at night.
- The wreck of an old corner shop in Church Lane opposite the Globe. What an eyesore. Needs sorting!
- Pedestrian crossing.
- The pavement parking on Clanna Road. Ridiculous at weekends.
- Clanna Road: Double yellow lines by the wall to stop people blocking access for fire service getting through.
- Hmm, tricky one, as the speed of traffic along the A48 isn't technically a road problem I'd have to say drainage on Swan Hill.

c) To receive any updates on Highways matters

Issue	Comments
Clanna / A48 Double yellow lines (originated Nov '19)	Ongoing. Feb 2023: public consultation stage
Japanese Knotweed near Sandford Pond	Reported multiple times. Highways works schedule suggests noxious weed treatment takes place Jun-Sept each year. 3 locations: https://w3w.co/spine.wealth.lipstick/ / https://w3w.co/martini.materials.imparts/ / https://w3w.co/simmer.routine.talent Last reported/chased Feb 2023
Bank swallowing footpath from petrol station to Aylburton Sandford Rd (originated 4 th November 2020)	Reported Nov 2020, March 2021, Sept 2021, Jan 2022. WORKS CARRIED OUT JAN 2023 – COMPLETED.
Swan Hill: Deteriorating retaining wall	Surveyor advises that the wall is sound. Wall ownership is under discussion.
Clanna Lane: standing water and blocked culvert by the bridge	Highways officer 19/8: "I met with Nick Powell, the issue is with the debris which have built up along the road edge. I will get the lengthsman gang to scrape these back when I can borrow a JCB from one of our construction gangs." Some scraping back occurred, in the wrong place. Re-referred to Highways 16/02/23 via a detailed email to Nathan Choat. Response same day confirms Highways are aware and are discussing solutions with the highways flood team, capital drainage team and Severn Trent. Updates promised as and when developments occur.
Swan Hill: Poor road surface, multiple potholes	Reported to Highways June 2022, December 2022. Sustainable solution called for Feb 2023 via Highways contacts Ray Waters and Brian Watkins. Highways ref: 11400790 16/2/22: Nathan Choat emailed and said: "I am aware of the condition of the road surface and have asked for a further safety inspection to ensure the area meets the safety manual basic standard, following this I have asked for our structural maintenance team visit site rescore and estimate the cost to resurface this section for refurbishment."
Court Lane: edge of road surface breaking up.	Reported to Highways Feb 2023.
Malthouse Close entrance: subsidence	A patch of ground is sunken, in which water builds up when rains. Exacerbated by increase in HGVs on Clanna. Reported Feb 2023.
Clanna Road and Garlands Road: pavement surfaces	Potential HLF project? Rough surface reported to Highways Feb 2023.
Garlands Rd: White lines onto Clanna have disappeared and need repainting.	Reported to Highways 16/2/23, ref GRM000741

13. Council

b) To approve the provisional meeting dates for the civic year 23/24.

The below dates are all Thursdays, all commencing at 7.30 pm

The two mandatory annual meetings can be moved around within the following limitations:

- a) The Annual Parish Assembly must be held between 1st March and 1st June.
- b) The Annual Meeting of the Council must be the first meeting following elections on 4th May.

The below proposals are one possible solution, but there are other options.

6th April: **Annual Parish Assembly** and Full Council

11th May: **Annual Meeting of the Council** and Full Council (NB: 1 week later than usual due to the local elections being held on 4th)

1st June: Full Council

6th July: Full Council

(No meeting in August as standard)

7th September: Full Council

5th October: Full Council

2nd November: Full Council

7th December: Full Council

(No meeting in January as standard)

1st February: Full Council

7th March: Full Council

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Parish Clerk

27/02/23