

## ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7.30 p.m. at Alvington Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING: Meg Humphries (Clerk)

No/Ref	Item/Notes	Action
<b>APA 01 22/23</b>	<b>1. To receive apologies for absence.</b> Cllr Burlton gave his apologies, which were accepted. County and District Councillor Chris McFarling also sent his apologies due to other commitments.	
<b>APA 02 22/23</b>	<b>2. Welcome.</b> Chairman Cllr Haslam welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Assembly for Alvington.	
<b>APA 03 22/23</b>	<b>3. To approve the accuracy of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes.</b> Approved, signed by Cllr Haslam.	
<b>APA 04 22/23</b>	<b>4. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report.</b> Cllr Haslam gave his report as follows. Due to Covid 19 and advice received we were unable to meet in person last year but did hold our Annual Parish Meeting on line. Consequently this is our first annual meeting in person for 3 years! Throughout the pandemic your Parish Council has continued to work hard to maintain the various assets in the village. The council itself has had only one change during this period and I would like to thank Lisa Chidley for all the work she did during her tenure as Parish Councillor and welcome Nathan Burlton as her replacement on the council. Nathan has already settled in well and has been a willing volunteer on many recent work teams. During 2021/22 we were able to raise funds towards both the Pavilion project and the proposed Zebra crossing. We are continually grateful to REACR (the Wind Turbine fund) and various private enterprises for their support of these projects. Special thanks to our County Councillor (Chris McFarling) for his support and contributions from various funds that he controls. All of this has allowed us to make real progress with both these very large projects and I am sure Richard Heys will give more information on progress on the Pavilion project within his report as Chair of the Sports Field Committee. A number of work days were organised through the year to clear the hedgerows of brambles, etc. in the Churchyard. Two large trailers full of trimmings were removed and disposed of by John Rogers. Special thanks to all those that were involved in these work days particularly John, Heather and Joel Rogers, John and Gail Wood, Chris Shill and so many others I do not remember all that were present so forgive me if I forgot to give you a mention. It has made a huge difference to the appearance of the Churchyard. The Fun Day organised by the Parish Council was once again a very successful event in 2021 and we plan an even bigger and better Fun Day on 17 July 2022. We were also able to hold a second Quiz and Pudding night in 2021 which was also	

	<p>well supported. All proceeds from both of these events go towards the pavilion project. To mark the Queens Jubilee this year we will be lighting the Beacon on June 2nd. In order to make this a real community event there will be a charity cricket match from 5:00pm on the field followed by a BBQ and finally the lighting of the Beacon - please mark these dates in your calendar.</p> <p>The development of 11 houses on Clanna Lane has commenced and has caused considerable concern to local residents. The developers have been very fortunate with the unusually dry weather during construction but we still have major concerns over flooding in the area and will continue to monitor the situation. We have also been working with the developer with regard to adequate provision of a safe pedestrian crossing i.e. an extended footpath providing access from Clanna Lane to the existing crossing at the Keep Left Sign and ultimately conversion to a full Zebra crossing. The necessary drawings have been prepared by a consultant on behalf of the Parish Council and are currently under review by both Highways and Planning. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was finally approved at the referendum which was delayed until the 6th. May 2021 due to the pandemic. Subsequently it became a “made” plan and now has to be considered by FoDDC Planning during any application for development within the village. This was the final hurdle after a long and difficult road for the committed members of the NDP Committee who worked tirelessly to complete the plan in accordance with the wishes of the residents.</p> <p>Looking forward to 2022/23 four key areas remain the focus of the council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work on securing a safe pedestrian crossing in the village.</li> <li>2. Despite some work by Sever Trent Water to alleviate sewage discharge and flooding more work is necessary and we will continue to press for a more permanent solution. Repeated discharge of untreated sewage into the River Severn is also a major concern.</li> <li>3. Some work at the Sports Field in preparation for the construction of the pavilion has already been completed but we need to secure more funding before we can commence the build.</li> <li>4. We continue to work with Highways, Police and the Landlord to come up with a solution to the anti-social and often dangerous parking associated with visitors to the Globe Public house. An application for double yellow lines at the junction of Clanna Lane and Main Road has been submitted and we are awaiting clarification of the extent of this parking restriction.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>APA 05 22/23</b></p>	<p><b>5. Reports from local organisations.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports were sent in via email from: REACR St Andrews Church Memorial Hall Committee These were read out during the meeting.</li> <li>• Cllr Heys gave a Sports Field Committee update, including progress on the pavilion project.</li> <li>• Cllr Powell gave a report on Alvington and Woolaston Cricket Club.</li> <li>• Woolaston Primary School: Cllr Heys reported that details of the proposed federation had recently been circulated to parents and stakeholders, and that the federation was scheduled to begin on 20th June. The school were seeking staff governors, parent governors and co-opted governors. Church governors were also being appointed. Cllr Heys concluded that 2021-22 had</li> </ul>	

	<p>been one of the most substantial years in the school's history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellringers: Cllr Heys reported that it had been a mixed year, with some more mature members being understandably cautious about returning to in-person meetings. However, there is a good band in place, incidentally the youngest in the county, and they are hoping to return to Sunday ringing.</li> <li>• Ellwood YFC: reported that they are always open to new members and currently advertising, so any children welcome to get in touch.</li> </ul>	
<b>APA 06 22/23</b>	<p><b>6. Alvington Neighbourhood Plan.</b> The meeting noted the positive referendum outcome in May 2021, thereby making the plan officially part of the district's planning policy.</p>	
<b>APA 07 22/23</b>	<p><b>7. Open Forum.</b> None – no members of the public present.</p>	
<b>APA 08 22/23</b>	<p><b>8. Future Parish Assembly Date.</b> To be confirmed in early 2023.</p>	

Signed:..... (Chairman)

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