

ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 7th March 2024, 7.30 pm at Alvington Memorial Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Richard Heys (Chairman)
 Cllr Gail Thompson (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Rachel Macharg
 Cllr Nick Powell

ATTENDING: Chris Shill, Alec Davis, Keith Haylock, John Wood,
 County Cllr Chris McFarling, Carol Hinton (Clerk).

Min. Ref	Item and details	Action
127. 23/24	<p>1. To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Nathan Burlton sent his apologies for family reasons. Accepted.</p>	
128. 23/24	<p>2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda.</p> <p>None.</p>	
129. 23/24	<p>3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 01.02.24</p> <p>Cllr Thompson proposed that these were accepted; Cllr Macharg seconded; Approved unanimously.</p>	
130. 23/24	<p>4. Public forum</p> <p>John Wood: collapsed manhole on Swan Hill.</p> <p>Alec Davis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandford Hill – patching needs repair. Noted that £500m has been allocated to Chepstow Bypass as have Monmouthshire. • Double yellow lines have not yet been signed off. Cllr McFarling – awaiting sign off but can take several years. • Longbridge still flooding – towards Piper’s meadow. • Litter particularly bad on Clanna Lane, Sandford Hill and Clanna straight. Litter bin in layby not being emptied. Cllr McFarling to chase up. • Water from car wash running down the road – drain blocked outside Brice’s. • Any progress on Clanna Lane flooding? – Cllr McFarling – No. Difficulty proving that Bloomery Court not employing their hydraulic brakes to stop silting up. • Three kissing gates have now been installed with a couple still to do. • Can anything be done about the empty village shop that has been empty for 50 years and is unsightly. Cllr Heys reported that this had been followed up and two planning applications have been refused. Cllr McFarling – could be registered as an asset of community value – DC may then be able to compulsory purchase but this would require a lot of community support. 	

	<p>wishing to use. Councillors agreed to trial the arrangement for six months – Cllr Heys to negotiate terms. Cllr Macharg proposed and Cllr Thompson seconded. Cllr Powell reported that the cricket club require a toilet to be on site for the season, 16 weeks – will this be OK? Agreed proposed Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Macharg. This will save n the costs for the fun day toilets. Cllr Heys reported that he had made some amendments to the Wickson’s agreement and proposed a plan for the border maintenance but retaining the Council’s ability to deal with the trees as required.</p>	<p>Cllr Heys</p>																					
<p>135. 23/24</p>	<p>9. Churchyard. a) To consider purchase of 3 x Green Bin Licences for 2024/25 from FoDDC at a total cost of £165.00. Resolved – agreed – proposed Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Macharg b)To consider survey from TrunkArb on Cedar Tree (T10). Resolved - to note. No action at present. c)To consider quotation from TrunkArb for work to the cedar tree and the planting of a replacement for the holly tree of £450 plus VAT (1/2 day rate). d) To consider quotation from TrunkArb for replacement Yew Tree of approx. £100 for a 6 foot tree. Items c) and d) Resolved – on hold and review September 2024. e)To receive updates on any churchyard matters. John Wood suggested that the churchyard paths need re-dressing.</p>																						
<p>136. 23/24</p>	<p>10. Highways. a) Road safety: to receive any updates. None b) To note any updates on Highways matters. None</p>																						
<p>137. 23/24</p>	<p>11. Finance.. a)To approve the payments for March. <table data-bbox="199 1272 1305 1417"> <tr> <td>C Hinton</td> <td>Clerk pay February 2024</td> <td>£300.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forest Eq Svces</td> <td>Dog Bins</td> <td>£158.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TrunkArb</td> <td>Tree Works</td> <td>£2850.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FoDDC</td> <td>Green Bin Licences</td> <td>£165.00</td> </tr> </table> Resolved – to approve. Proposed – Cllr Powell, seconded – Cllr Thompson. Cllrs Heys and Thompson to approve payments at Bank. b) Resolved to note the receipt of income received since the last meeting. <table data-bbox="311 1570 1173 1693"> <tr> <td>A Collins</td> <td>Playing Field hire</td> <td>£67.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank</td> <td>Interest</td> <td>£38.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Collins</td> <td>Playing Field hire</td> <td>£90.00</td> </tr> </table> c) Internal controls checks for Q3 23/24: to note completion/progress – Clerk has now issued to Cllr Thompson.</p>	C Hinton	Clerk pay February 2024	£300.50	Forest Eq Svces	Dog Bins	£158.40	TrunkArb	Tree Works	£2850.00	FoDDC	Green Bin Licences	£165.00	A Collins	Playing Field hire	£67.50	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£38.76	A Collins	Playing Field hire	£90.00	<p>Cllrs Heys and Thompson</p>
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<p>138. 23/24</p>	<p>12. To note correspondence for information. Noted.</p>																						

<p>139. 23/24</p>	<p>13. Council.</p> <p>a) To receive the Clerk’s Report.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>b) To receive councillors’ reports and items for future agendas.</p> <p>Cllr Powell – Charlie Edwards bench on field not looking good – he will deal with. Cllr Burlton had sent a message – he has made a dog bag dispenser for the field which appears to be being used. Also drain at Blacksmiths entrance has deteriorated as soon as being fixed – mentioned to Cllr McFarling. Also tree leaning into road that has been damaged by a high sided vehicle opposite southern junction with Knapp Lane. Fix My Streets have confirmed this will be looked at soon.</p> <p>c) To note the date of the next full council meeting: Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.30 pm.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
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Meeting closed: 9.45 pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: