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).

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127. 23/24	1. To receive apologies for absence.					
23/24	Cllr Nathan Burlton sent his apologies for family reasons. Accepted.					
128. 23/24	,					
20/24	None.					
129. 23/24						
	Cllr Thompson proposed that these were accepted; Cllr Macharg seconded; Approved unanimously.					
130. 23/24	Approved unanimously. O. 4. Public forum					

	 A lot of rubbish – sofa, chair etc. next to pavement. Clerk to contact Two Rivers. Can the agenda and minutes be added to Facebook? Please will the District Council consider turning off the lights at the Coleford offices? Cllr McFarling has taken this up before. They are in the process of moving staff into one part of the building so that part of it can be leased out. Keith Haylock Some local landowners will be contacting Cllr McFarling regarding the Environmental Land Management Fund. Cllr McFarling – ELM still being piloted. In Aylburton Lydney Park Estate looking to put in some flood measures. Maybe this could be considered at Alvington end of estate. Clanna Lane – flood water pouring off of farmers field. Can anything be done to get farmers to install drainage works? 	Clerk	
	 Traffic speeding through village. Prepared to co-ordinate a Community Speedwatch session. Clerk to forward details of Police Officer in charge of this. Wondered how the new camera technology is working in Aylburton. 	Clerk	
131. 23/24	5. To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the		
	Cllr McFarling had shared his report with councillors earlier. Both DC and Glos CC have agreed budgets. DC - £12-15m, CC - £620m. CC – Green Group to get £300k for flood mitigation, £20k for libraries and £100k for veterans' bus passes if looking for work.CC not near bankruptcy. DC - £2.8m black hole to be plugged by 2027. Budget agreed as presented. Car park charges to be 1 st hour free, hour 2 £1, hour 3 £2. DC had been losing money on car parks which require a lot of maintenance. There will be an app to pay for extra hours. Garlands Road – pavement phase will need re-doing as bumpy. Cllr McFarling agrees that road repair work has sometimes been shoddy. Cold fill repairs have been tried but have failed and so require doing again.		
132. 23/24	 7. Planning a) To consider - P0162/24/PO3PA – Town and Country Planning Act,1990 (As Amended) Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Clanna Garden House, Clanna, Alvington, Lydney. Prior approval for the change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) and any land within its curtilage to dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) Resolved – No objection b) To consider - Town and Country Planning Act,1990 (As Amended) Old Garden Bungalow, Clanna, Alvington, Lydney. Part conversion of an outbuilding for use as holiday accommodation. (Retrospective) Resolved – all site restrictions relevant to the Country Park (eg. age limits, noise limits) should be applied to this application as well. 		

133. 23/24	c) To consider plots of land suitable for potential development to be notified to FoDDC for the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). Resolved – no further sites identified following exercise carried out in 2023. d) Any other planning updates None 7. Village.	
	a) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters. There were none.	
134. 23/24	8. Sports Field. a) To note quotation received from Reecer Space for Sports Pavillion. Resolved – to agree in principle that the modular structure is the preferred option – proposed by Cllr Heys and seconded by Cllr Thompson. Reecer Space will have a similar building constructed and available to view within a couple of weeks. Keith Haylock asked if Councillors would consider putting in a concrete slab base prior to construction, this future proofing the site for alternative future use.	
	 b) To consider quotation from Joshua Gladwin of Thrings for the Adverse Possession Claim of £2500-£3000 plus VAT and disbursements as per original quotation from Michael Tatters of Thrings- Sept 2023 Resolved – to approve quotation – proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Macharg. c) To consider quotation from RoSPA for the annual inspection of the two play 	Clerk
	 areas at £156.00 plus VAT. Total cost £187.20. Resolved – to approve quotation – proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Thompson. Cllr Powell and Chris Shill to repair rotten wood on play equipment. d) Pavilion project: to receive any updates. Cllr Powell reported that the paperwork for the electricity installation has now 	Clerk
	been passed to another department and where the decision is made will depend on the number and type of EV chargers required. A slower charger will	
	make a difference. Cllr Heys suggested this route and to re-negotiate with the Planning Dept. for a reduction to once charger. Cllr Mc Farling pointed out that a slow charger is not good for 2-3 hour charging. There are no costings as yet. Lead time 8 – 18 weeks depending on size of installation. Cllr Powell to check availability of Ben Lewis for the trench laying. Cllr Heys reported that he has begun a National Lottery Application which requires lots of information about the community. Cllr Powell reported that Gloucestershire Cricket will still offer £75k. Suggestions were also made for potential funders – Sports England, FA (£25k if certain conditions met), Arts	CIIr Powell
	foundation depending on activities being offered. Cllr McFarling – pavilion may fit into District Council Leisure Strategy. Cllr Powell to contact the person previously used for fundraising. e) To receive any other reports on the sports field.	CIIr Powell
	Cllr Heys suggested a committee for the September fun day be set up to meet first on 20 th March in The Blacksmith's pub. Cllr Thompson to advertise on FaceBook. Ellwood Junior Team had contacted the Chairman regarding exclusive use of the football pitches for 3 seasons and would act as agents for other teams	CIIr Thomp son

135. 23/24 136. 23/24	 (4 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. 10. Highways. 		
407	b) To note any updates on Highways matters. None		
137. 23/24	a)To approve the payments for March. 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 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. A Collins Playing Field hire £67.50 Lloyds Bank Interest £38.76 A Collins Playing Field hire £90.00 c) Internal controls checks for Q3 23/24: to note completion/progress – Clerk has now issued to Cllr Thompson.	Clirs Heys and Thom pson	
138. 23/24	12. To note correspondence for information. Noted.		

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a) To receive the Clerk's Report.

Noted.

b) To receive councillors' reports and items for future agendas.

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.

c) To note the date of the next full council meeting: Thursday 4th April 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Noted.

Meeting closed: 9.45 pm.		
Signed:	(Chairman)	Date: