ALVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 11th April 2024, 8.10pm at Alvington Memorial Hall

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

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

Min.	Item and details	Action
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140.	1. To receive apologies for absence.	
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	All present.	
141.	2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda.	
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	Councillor Heys declared an interest in items 6 b) and 8 b).	
	Councillor Powell declared an interest in item 8 b).	
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142.	3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting	
23/24	on 07/03/24.	
	Cllr Powell proposed that these were accepted; Cllr Thompson seconded;	
	Approved unanimously.	
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143. 23/24	4. Public forum	
23/24	For Public Forum please see Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 11.04.24.	
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144.	5. To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the	
23/24	parish.	
	Cllr McFarling had just attended the District Cabinet meeting.	
	UBICO will be taking over waste collection services from Biffa in August. The DC	
	will be the first rural local authority, and leading in the County, to test the use of	
	electric refuse vehicles – two on order. These will be greener to operate and	
	better value. If these are OK the DC will partner with other authorities to try to bulk	
	buy electric vehicles.	
	Planning - Development Management improvement plan. Planning advisory group	
	had recommended changes to improve the planning processes. 4 of the 7 points	
	raised have now been done and an increased efficiency in processing applications should now be seen. There is a move to stop extensions for other	
	agencies, eg Natural England, with the Government to reprimand agencies for	
	slow responses. The backlog of 1000 cases has now been reduced to 400 and	
	with a now full enforcement team more visits should take place.	
	There is a full DC meeting on 18th April if anybody interested in attending.	
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	The Clanna Lane litter bin is now on the schedule for being emptied. The noisy manhole covers should now have been fixed – Cllr Burlton confirmed.	
145. 23/24	 The noisy manhole covers should now have been fixed – Čllr Burlton confirmed. 6. Planning a) To consider – P0384/24/TCA - Remove 1 x Cabbage Tree (Cordyline australis) located in front courtyard of the property, due to extensive damage caused to courtyard paving, potential for damage to street wall, casting excessive shade on the property and not a species native to the area. Barn Lodge Church Lane Alvington Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 6BQ (fdean.gov.uk) Resolved – No objection. b) To consider - P0391/24/TCA - Myrtle Cottage Court Lane Alvington Gloucestershire GL15 6BG G1 - Laurels and Hazel at corner of garden next to A48/Court Lane junction - fell stems leaning over the wall and reduce canopy to approximately 1.2 metres, in order to create a denser hedge. G2 - Large Bay tree - remove 3 stems leaving over the garden, in order to allow more light into the garden. councillor Heys had declared an interest in this item and left the room. Resolved – No objection. c) P0162/24/PO3PA – Town and Country Planning Act,1990 (As Amended) 	
	 C) 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 to note – this application has been withdrawn and no further action will be taken on it. 	
	d) P1332/23/FUL - Severn Lodge Church Lane Alvington Gloucestershire GL15 6BQ Change of use of existing residential annexe to an independent dwelling with associated works. Regularisation of single-storey flat-roofed extension. (Part retrospective). Resolved to note – application refused by DC on 8th March 2024.	
	e) P1206/23/LBC - Duncastle Farm Main Road Alvington Gloucestershire GL15 6AT Listed Building Consent for the construction of a new En-suite and dressing room, replacement windows and proposed external and internal alterations & refurbishment, along with the reconstruction of an existing outbuilding. Resolved to note – permission granted by DC on 1st March 2024.	
	f) Any other planning updates	
	None	
146. 23/24	7. Village.	
	a) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters.	

	The Chairman reported that the Council had been asked to light the beacon on 6 th June 2024 at 6pm to mark the 80 th anniversary of D Day. Clerk to ask if hall is available for the June meeting either Wednesday 5 th June or Thursday 13 th June. b) To note theft of bicycles from locked garage in Church Lane over Easter period.	Clerk
	This appears to have been an opportunist theft – possibly targeting properties without video doorbells. Further security measures may need to be introduced. The Clerk reported that Gigaclear have a Community Hub free internet scheme for village halls and will look into as a possibility for the Memorial Hall. Alec Davis reported the sad death of Annie Walsh who lived in Alvington. The Chairman asked for the Council's condolences to her family to be recorded.	Clerk
147. 23/24	8. Sports Field. a) To note RoSPA have confirmed the annual play area inspection will take	
	place April / May 2024. Clerk reported that the inspection report had been received and will be circulated for consideration at the May meeting. 28^{th} April was suggested to install the new posts at the playing field. Cllr Powell reported that the cricket team will be helping to blitz the field from 10am on that date ready for the season to start. b) To consider setting of fees for cricket pitch hire for Alvington and Woolaston for 2024 season, currently at £20 per session. Councillors Heys and Powell had declared an interest in this item and left the room. Resolved – to keep the fees at £20 per session. c) Pavilion project: to receive any updates.) d) To receive any other reports on the sports field.) Ellwood have now signed an agreement for use of the sports field which will be split into pitches – 2 x youth and 1 x adult. Work needs to be done on a snow agreement with Mr Rogers and Clerk to chase progress on the adverse possession claim with Thrings Solicitors. Councillor Powell reported that the mower had broken down and at present is still on the sports field. It appears to be unrepairable. The electrical installation for the pavilion project is still in the design stage with the car chargers having been downgraded to slow charge. Alvington Star team would be looking to install showers in the storage unit so should the Council consider installing a drainage pipe from the unit down to where the pavilion will be situated and feed into the septic tank? Councillor Heys will be putting in a bid for a DC grant of £13,500 for the trench works and large septic tank but may need 3 quotes which are difficult to obtain. In addition to the shower works the cricket team and Ellwood require a Portaloo to be on the field for each season, which will be locked outside of matches. Both teams to pay for this. Sports field bookings – need to check clashes of bookings. Ellwood fixtures list is due. Councillor Burton and Clerk to work on use of Google calendar.	Clerk Clerk Clerk/ Clir Buriton
148.	9. Churchyard.	
23/24	 a) Resolved to note 3 x Green Bin Licences for 2024/25 have been received. b) To receive updates on any churchyard matters. Chris Shill had spoken to Trinney and had passed on a quote for base fabric, sub base and gravel for the churchyard paths for £261. Councillor Macharg proposed, seconded by Councillor Thompson that this should be accepted and ratified at the May meeting. 	

149.	10. Highways.	
23/24	a) Road safety: to receive any updates. None	
	b) To note any updates on Highways matters. None	
	Councillor Burlton reported that potholes can reported on Waze to alert other	
	drivers.	
150. 23/24	11. Finance.	
23/24	a) To approve the payments for April. C Hinton Clerk pay March 2024 £300.50 HMRC Tax Due Q4 2023/24 £257.00	Clirs Buriton
	PATA Payroll Q4 £41.25	and
	Resolved – to approve. Proposed – Cllr Thompson, seconded – Cllr Burlton. Cllrs Burlton and Thompson to approve payments at Bank.	Thomp son
	b) Resolved to note the receipt of income received since the last meeting.	
	Lloyds Bank Interest £38.76	
	Alvington/Wooln Cricket Club Playing Field hire £100.00	
	A Collins Playing Field hire £45.00	
	 Resolved – to approve Proposed – Cllr Thompson, seconded – Cllr Burlton c) Internal controls checks for Q3 23/24: to note completed. d) Internal controls checks for Q4 23/24: assigned to Cllr Thompson. 	
151.	12. To note correspondence for information.	
23/24	Noted.	
152. 23/24	13. Council.	
20/24	It was discussed whether the following items should be included earlier in the agenda as members of the public leave prior to the finance section.	
	 a) Resolved to receive and note the Clerk's Report. b) Resolved to approve adoption of The General Power of Competence, the Council meeting the criteria required in that is has a CiLCA Qualified Clerk and the number of councillors elected at the last ordinary election equalled more than two thirds of its total number of councillors. Proposed by Cllr Thompson seconded by Cllr Heys c) To consider call from GAPTC for resolutions for the AGM on 20th July 2024. None. 	
	 d) To approve appointment of GAPTC Internal Auditor Service for the 2023/24 Internal Audit for Alvington Parish Council at a cost of £180 plus mileage @ 45p per mile. Clerk able to carry out audit online. Proposed by Cllr Thompson seconded by Cllr Powell. e) To receive councillors' reports and items for future agendas. Cllr Macharg has yew tree suitable for planting in churchyard. f) Resolved to note the date of the next full council meeting: Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30 pm. 	

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

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