

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. Ref	Item and details	Action
140. 23/24	1. To receive apologies for absence. All present.	
141. 23/24	2. To note any declarations of interest relating to the agenda. Councillor Heys declared an interest in items 6 b) and 8 b). Councillor Powell declared an interest in item 8 b).	
142. 23/24	3. To approve the accuracy of the draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 07/03/24. Cllr Powell proposed that these were accepted; Cllr Thompson seconded; Approved unanimously.	
143. 23/24	4. Public forum For Public Forum please see Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 11.04.24.	
144. 23/24	5. To receive/note any reports from county and district councillors for the 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.	

	<p>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.</p>	
<p>145. 23/24</p>	<p>6. Planning</p> <p>a) To consider – P0384/24/TCA - Remove 1 x Cabbage Tree (<i>Cordyline australis</i>) 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>f) Any other planning updates</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>146. 23/24</p>	<p>7. Village.</p> <p>a) To note updates on village/parish improvement matters.</p>	

149. 23/24	<p>10. Highways.</p> <p>a) Road safety: to receive any updates. None</p> <p>b) To note any updates on Highways matters. None</p> <p>Councillor Burlton reported that potholes can reported on Waze to alert other drivers.</p>																			
150. 23/24	<p>11. Finance..</p> <p>a) To approve the payments for April.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="197 454 1385 562"> <tr> <td>C Hinton</td> <td>Clerk pay March 2024</td> <td>£300.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax Due Q4 2023/24</td> <td>£257.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PATA</td> <td>Payroll Q4</td> <td>£41.25</td> </tr> </table> <p>Resolved – to approve. Proposed – Cllr Thompson, seconded – Cllr Burlton. Cllrs Burlton and Thompson to approve payments at Bank.</p> <p>b) Resolved to note the receipt of income received since the last meeting.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="197 719 1385 837"> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank</td> <td>Interest</td> <td>£38.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alvington/Wooln Cricket Club</td> <td>Playing Field hire</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Collins</td> <td>Playing Field hire</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Resolved – to approve Proposed – Cllr Thompson, seconded – Cllr Burlton</p> <p>c) Internal controls checks for Q3 23/24: to note completed.</p> <p>d) Internal controls checks for Q4 23/24: assigned to Cllr Thompson.</p>	C Hinton	Clerk pay March 2024	£300.50	HMRC	Tax Due Q4 2023/24	£257.00	PATA	Payroll Q4	£41.25	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£38.76	Alvington/Wooln Cricket Club	Playing Field hire	£100.00	A Collins	Playing Field hire	£45.00	Cllrs Burlton and Thomp son
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151. 23/24	<p>12. To note correspondence for information.</p> <p>Noted.</p>																			
152. 23/24	<p>13. Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>a) Resolved to receive and note the Clerk’s Report.</p> <p>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</p> <p>c) To consider call from GAPTC for resolutions for the AGM on 20th July 2024. None.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e) To receive councillors’ reports and items for future agendas. Cllr Macharg has yew tree suitable for planting in churchyard.</p> <p>f) Resolved to note the date of the next full council meeting: Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30 pm.</p>																			

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

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