

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm in Alvington Memorial Hall, Knapp Lane, Alvington, GL15 6BJ

Present: Councillors: Burlton, Heys, Macharg and Powell.

Officers: Carol Hinton (Clerk).

6 members of the public.

1. ATTENDANCE

a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Councillor Thompson.

b) **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillor Thompson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members. **Councillor Macharg declared an interest in item 6a).**
Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th June 2024.
Proposed by Cllr Burlton, seconded by Cllr Powell.

b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.

4. REPORT FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR McFARLING

To receive and note report from Chris McFarling who may attend the meeting.

There had been no report from Councillor McFarling who was not at the meeting.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Laraine George – a pipe has been installed from the Bloomery Court development (by Number 1) which now empties onto Clanna Lane which already floods and will be dangerous in winter when icy. Laraine to send Clerk photographs and Clerk to report to Tony Pope (cc Lawrence King). Also – the bank along Clanna Lane has not been cut. Two Rivers have cut Garlands Road but have missed this.

Keith Haylock – Hedges / verges by The Swan have not been cut back. Also – the roads around Beanhill Farm and Clanna Lane are very littered with rubbish and bottles. It is too dangerous to clear, particularly in view of the size and speed of tractors currently using the lanes. The way they are driven is often dangerous, including seeing drivers on mobile phones and going too fast to safely stop. Clerk to write to the three local farmers asking if more care can be taken on the lanes although the Council appreciates their hard work and the busy time of year. Cllr Powell to provide farmer contact details. Also – what was the outcome of the Bloomery Court planning application – Cllr Heys explained the situation. The application had been refused and a long, detailed report given by FoDDC Planning. Currently the planners are waiting for the developer to respond. The parish Council and residents have put in a lot of work regarding this development. New targets that may be set by the new Government may mean further local building.

Chirs Shill reported that Church Lane has also not been cut – he has done the work himself for the last couple of years. Also – the Garlands Road play area has not been cut – the Clerk has contacted the grass contractor. He asked Cllr Powell how the cricket team are doing – very well. Currently top of league and there will hopefully be a second team next year.

Alec Davies – The Malt House Close puddle has still not been repaired. Also – the Bloomery Court archaeological dig report is still not on the DC website. Cllr Heys explained that there had been an issue regarding payment and it would not be available until this is resolved. Also – he believes there is a meeting on 12th July regarding the double yellow lines. Also – many of the footpaths and hedgerows are overgrown. He believes no-mow May is dangerous along roadside verges. Also – speeding on lanes especially tractors.

Jen Bates – the nettles on the side of the road on the Swan Hill pavements have made using them dangerous particularly if using a buggy. She had been told that contractors would be cutting these back on 2nd August.

6. PLANNING

- a) Resolved to note - P0708/24/5DN Cotswold View Church Lane Alvington Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 6BH
5 Day notice - Fell and remove 1 apple tree
Permission Granted
- b) Resolved to note - P0653/24/TCA - Crinan Church Lane Alvington Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 6BQ
T1 - Conifer Fell, due to excessive shading in garden. To be replaced with ornamental tree (species TBC).
Permission Granted
- c) Resolved to note email from Clive Reynolds, FoDDC Planning, regarding only electronic receipt of planning application documents from 1st October 2024.

d) ANY OTHER PLANNING UPDATES**7. VILLAGE**

- a) Resolved to note updates on village/parish improvement matters. No change.
- b) Resolved to approve setting of fee of £5 for rental of allotments for future new allotments holders only.

8. SPORTS FIELD

- a) Resolved to approve Water Easement Contract which was duly signed.
- b) Resolved to approve Winter Access Contract which was duly signed.
- c) Resolved to note Orchard Border Agreement – Mr and Mrs Wickson are now happy with the Agreement which should shortly be ready to sign.
- d) Resolved to note – Pavilion Project - electricity works. Cllr Powell reported that this is now in the design stage but has had to be returned to be re-designed using underground cabling. This is now with National Grid. Cllr Burlton and the Clerk to be added to the account to chase whilst Cllr Powell is unable to.
- e) Resolved to note – Pavilion Project – fund- raising (Fun Day) – regular meetings now on Wednesdays to discuss. Taurus Crafts are to be asked if the stalls are available for use again. Cllr Powell reported that food is sorted – just need to decide what is required. Raffles prizes required. May need a new coconut shy as school has lost the original. Volunteers required for stalls. Cllr Macharg to add to Facebook as an event. Cllr Powell to clean marquee. All drinks will need to be purchased. Setting up on the field on Saturday 31st August. Clerk to arrange purchase of banner – up to £100.
- f) Resolved to note – Pavilion Project – fund raising (Grants). Cllr Heys stated that we need to wait to see if the new Government will re-introduce the previous grant scheme.
- g) To receive any other reports on the Sports Field. Cllr Powell reported that Alvington Star have been accepted as a league club. Their logo and colours still to be sorted. We need to sort out the field and move the goal posts – arranged for Sunday 14th July at 10am.

9. CHURCHYARD

- a) To receive updates on any churchyard matters. The entrance improvements have not been carried out – likely to be September.

10. HIGHWAYS

- a) Resolved to note Highways [Winter Updates email](#) regarding bagged salt requirements, grit bins and snow plough operator. Nothing required. Mr Lewis no longer wishes to be snow plough operator. Suggest Will Martin. Clerk to contact Highways.
- b) To receive updates on road safety matters. Cllr Burlton had attended online discussion on 20 is Plenty campaign.
- c) Resolved to note any updates on highways matters. No change.

Councillor Macharg left the meeting at 9.05pm

11. FINANCE

- a) Resolved to approve payments for July.

C Hinton	Clerk Pay June 2024	£300.50
RJ Morgan	Grass Cutting – Churchyard June	£228.00
GAPTC	Internal Audit	£180.00

PATA Payroll Svces	Payroll services	£ 31.05
HMRC	Income Tax – Clerk	£225.40
Inf. Comm. Office	Data Protection Fee	£ 40.00 (Clerk to set up Direct debit for this payment. It has to be made annually and this payment method reduces the amount to £35)

Proposed by Cllr Burlton, seconded by Cllr Heys. Cllrs Burlton and Heys to undertake bank authorisation.

- b) **Resolved to note** the receipt of income received in June 2024.

Lloyds Bank	Bank Interest	£38.87
M Rogers	Fun Day Stall	£10.00
Top Utility Solutions	Fun Day Stall x 2	£20.00

- c) **Internal controls checks for Q1 24/25: to assign to a member. Assigned to Cllr Thompson – Clerk to deliver to her.**

- d) **To consider** grant towards the fitting of showers for the football club towards total cost of £1800. **This item was not considered.** Council to look at purchase of showers.

- e) **To consider** requirement for future Grant Awarding Scheme and necessary budget. **This item was not considered.**

- f) **Resolved to note** Internal Auditor's Report. Clerk to work on areas of concern over the summer and re-present to Council in September.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note correspondence for information.

13. COUNCIL

- a) **Resolved to receive and note** The Clerk's Report.
- b) **To receive** Councillors reports and items for future agendas. **There were none.**
- c) **Resolved to note** the date of the next Full Council Meeting – **Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.30pm**

The meeting concluded at 21.25hrs