

MINUTES

Alvington Parish Council

Thursday, 6th March 2025

1. APPOINTMENT OF LOCUM NOTE TAKER

- a) Appointment of Eleanor Heys as Locum Note Taker. Proposed by Councillor Macharg and seconded by Councillor Powell

2. ATTENDANCE

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.

Apologies from Councillor Thompson received and accepted.

3. 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.

No declarations of interest were received.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) **To consider for approval** as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th of December
b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes

Minutes approved. Proposed by Councillor McHarg and seconded by Councillor Powell.

5. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The application by Alex Turner was accepted by Councillors. Documentation was signed and Cllr Turner congratulated on his appointment.

6. REPORT FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR McFARLING

To receive and note report from Chris McFarling.

Cllr McFarling outlined his written report to the parish. Cllr McFarling recapped the six motions that were drawn up by the county council including anti-terrorism, and the issues of racism and immigration. There were no questions from the floor.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Heys discussed feedback received on the tone of the Public Forum and the minutes.

Alec Davis raised tractor speed causing traffic issues and impacting on hedgerows and causing driving on pavements. Cllr McFarling flagged that this could be a result of the new yellow lines. Alec Davis mentioned Bream's new speed cameras as potential solution. Cllr McFarling will seek the advice of Gloucestershire Highways. John Wood asks if we need a narrow road sign on Clanna Road, to highlight the issue.

Alec Davis mentions the rubbish on Sandford Hill and Clanna Lane, and that the pavement has become dangerously narrow on Sandford Hill so is unsuitable for prams or mobility, and potholes. Alec David also noted the the low pace of work at Longbridge. Cllr McFarling will seek the advice of Gloucestershire Highways.

Alec Davis raised the paths in the Church Yard. Cllr Heys noted that work would soon commence.

Cllr Powell provided information on mobile signals confirming that while 2G is being turned off, 5G is being brought in, 3G will be turned off in 10 to 15 years. 6G and 7G is being invented. However, there landowners are no longer paid for phone masts.

Alec Davis asked about the grants from the wind turbine. Cllr Heys confirmed he had spoken to the wind turbine company and payments were suspended whilst it rectified its financial position.

Action: Cllr Heys to write back to wind turbine company to enquire when payments would re-commence.

Chris Shill raised the grass-cutting in the Churchyard. Action Cllr Heys / Cllr Thompson to confirm with Richard Morgan for cutting to commence, including Garlands Road playpark.

Chris Shill thanked the parish council for keeping the precept as a reduction in taxes for villagers.

John Wood reported an abandoned red Renault van by the Globe. Cllr McFarling advised he can support.

8. PLANNING

a) **To note** – Bloomery court is an ongoing enforcement issue which the Council is eager to better understand to ensure informed debate.

Action: Cllr Heys to write to Enforcement to invite them to the April Parish meeting.

9. VILLAGE

a) To note defibrillator fully functional and registered with The Circuit.

b) **To note** updates on village/parish improvement matters ([see meeting pack](#) No Change).

Action: Cllr Heys to convene a meeting to agree play equipment. Proposed by Cllr Powell. Seconded by Cllr Thompson.

c) The GCC Housing team has identified a potential location in the village which meets their requirements. They have sought the Parish Council's support in contacting the landowner.

10. SPORTS FIELD

Cllrs Macharg and Thompson will do the asset and risk check.

A) The Council discussed the Fun Day. Preparations are proceeding, with a number of stall holders booked. However, Andrew Morgan-Watts cannot attend and deliver announcements. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 12th March.

B) Acquisition of triangle of land. Council agreed to secure additional diagrams at price provided by the surveyor. Proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Macharg.

Action: Cllr Heys to commission work.

C) Cllr Turner volunteered to move the broken play equipment on the playing field.

D) As discussed above Cllr Heys will action selection of new play equipment.

11. CHURCHYARD

a) **To receive** updates on any churchyard matters.

b) Cllr Powell to arrange date to lay gravel.

12. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Heys asked Powell if the snow warden may be able to scrap back dirt off covered pavements.

Action Cllr Powell to talk with Will Martyn

13. FINANCE

a) Agreeing subscription to GAPTC. Proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Macharg.

b) Approving payments for March 2025. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Powell.

c) Noting the receipt of income in February 2025. Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Macharg.

d) Noting VAT reclaim for 2023/4 and 2024/25 for £1,621.22.

e) Agreeing Cllr Turner and Cllr Macharg as allotment account signatories.

f) Noting progress of internal checks for Q2 2024/25.

g) Assigning internal control checks for Q3 2024/25.

h) Agreeing appointment of GAPTC recommended supplier of Internal Audit. Proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Macharg.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

To note [correspondence](#) for information.

Correspondence noted.

15. Council

a) To receive The Clerk's Report.

Clerk's report noted.

b) To receive Councillors reports and items for future agendas.

No further reports.

c) Date of Annual Parish Meeting – **Thursday 15th May at 7.00pm, noting 1st May is Elections and 8th May is VE Day (beacon lighting).**

a) Date of the next Full Council Meeting – **Thursday 3rd April at 7.30pm and Thursday 15th May 2025 at 8.00pm**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed Off:

Date: