

**MINUTES Alvington Parish Council**  
**Thursday, 6th November 2025**

**Present: Councillors: Heys, Macharg, Powell, Turner.**

**Officers: Viktoriia Iemeljanova (Clerk).**

**Members of the public.**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.
- b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence.  
**None to receive.**

**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.  
*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.*  
**None to declare.**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a) **To consider for approval** as a correct record the [minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025](#).
- b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.  
**Minutes approved, no questions raised.**  
**Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Turner.**

**4. PLANNING**

- a) **To consider regularisation application** [P1011/25/APP Bloomery Court, Alvington, Gloucestershire \(Land Off Clanna Road Alvington Gloucestershire\)](#).  
**The regularisation application was considered.**  
**The decision date has been moved to 13/11/2025.**  
**It was noted that the developer has not been in contact with PC.**
- b) **To consider regularisation application** [P1326/25/TCA: 8 Duncastle Court Main Road Alvington Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 6FF \(Reduce Walnut in back garden by approximately 2 metres or to nearest suitable pruning point in accordance with BS3998:2010. Remove small leaning and failing fruit tree \(less than 10% canopy cover\) and remove dead stem\)](#).  
**There were no comments.**
- c) **ANY OTHER PLANNING UPDATE.**  
**There were no comments.**

**5. REPORT FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR McFARLING**

**Resolved to receive and note** report circulated from Chris McFarling who attended the meeting.

**Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund**

The County Council has launched the **£1.1 million Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund** on 22 October. Each of the 55 County Councillors has been allocated **£20,000** to support community initiatives that promote health, wellbeing, and reduce inequalities within their ward.

Funding per project ranges between **£250 and £5,000**, and members have **18 months** to distribute their allocation. Requests are already being received; residents with project ideas are encouraged to get in touch.

**Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

Three proposals for reorganisation have been released:

- 1. A **single unitary authority** for the whole of Gloucestershire.
- 2. **Two unitary authorities**—West (Gloucester, Forest of Dean, Stroud) and East (Cheltenham, Cotswold, Tewkesbury).
- 3. A **Greater Gloucester unitary** proposal from Gloucester City Council.

County Councillors will debate the options at **Full Council on 12 November**, with Cabinet making a final recommendation by **28 November**. Government decisions are expected **mid-2026**. More information is available via the LGR website.

**GCC Full Council**

The next Full Council meeting is on **Wednesday 12 November**. Residents may submit public questions. Support is available for anyone wishing to raise issues affecting the parish.

Recordings of previous meetings can be accessed through the GCC online portal.

Residents are reminded to use **FixMyStreet** for potholes and highway issues.

#### **Cabinet Agenda – 6 November**

- Local Plan – Revised Strategy
- Private Sector Housing & Caravan Sites Policy
- Coleford Visioning Response
- Budget Strategy 2026–27
- Waste & Recycling Service Policy Update
- Council Tax Support Scheme

Residents can access all papers online and are invited to submit questions through Democratic Services.

#### **District-Level LGR**

Local Government Reorganisation remains a major area of focus. Full District Council will vote on the final proposal on **13 November**.

### **6. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Alan King** reported that cars are travelling very fast through Clanna Road. He suggested reminding local farmers about the speed limit in the area. **Cllr Heys** noted that letters had previously been sent regarding local speed limits, but no response has been received to date.

A query was raised regarding progress on the installation of double yellow lines.

**Cllr McFarling** stated he will investigate what actions and documentation are required to move this forward.

**Alec Davis** stated that nothing appears to have been done regarding the Japanese Knotweed issue. Further action or follow-up is required.

**Alec Davis** asked about the results of the recent traffic survey. **Cllr Heys** noted that he had seen individuals carrying out the survey, but he is unsure who they were, as they have not contacted the Council.

**Action:** Cllr McFarling to investigate the status and results of the traffic survey.

**Alec Davis** reiterated that for several years village residents have been requesting the installation of a speed camera on the A48.

**Cllr McFarling** responded that he has already taken action on this matter and will continue to do everything in his power to help resolve the issue.

**Cllr Macharg** noted that she observed a cat and kittens on a public footpath. They appeared wild and ran away. She expressed concern that the population may be multiplying uncontrollably.

**Cllr McFarling** advised Cllr Macharg to contact a cat protection organization for guidance and assistance.

**Keith Haylock** reported that the road near Lydney Railway is in poor condition.

**Cllr Powell** responded that the road is on private land and repairs have already begun.

**Cllr McFarling** noted that the current repairs are being carried out as patchwork, which requires constant maintenance, and suggested this may not be a long-term solution.

### **7. VILLAGE**

a) **To update** the name of the road on naming Clanna Straight. Road naming update: “Clanna Straight” will be confirmed with the sign.

b) **To assign** the safety checks (play equipment / general) for Q3. Safety checks for play equipment/general (Q3) assigned to Cllr Macharg.

### **8. SPORTS FIELD**

a) **To consider** play equipment quotes.

It was agreed with the SPS regarding the proposed work (context can be added if needed).

Cllr Powell confirmed he can take away the old trim trail.

b) **Quiz and Pudding Night 2025.**

A total of 12 tickets have been sold to date, planning for the event is ongoing.

c) **To receive** any other reports on the Sports Field.

It was noted that the football team will return to use the sports field in two weeks.

An incident was reported regarding someone turning the toilet.

A proposal was made to purchase a new gate for the field.

### **9. FINANCE**

a) **To ratify [payments made in October 2025](#)**

GAPTC Clerk's the Knowledge Part1 £45.00

**Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Macharg.**

**b) To approve [payments for November 2025](#).**

V Iemelianova	Clerk Pay October 2025	£387.32
Forest Equipment Services	Dog Bin	£120.96
Ellwood Youth FC	Portaloo rental – finalised to date	£72.00
Cllr A Turner	Reimbursement for Quiz Night flyers	£49.91
Cllr G Thompson	Reimbursement for Quiz Night events licence	£21.00
GAPTC	Clerk's the Knowledge Part2	£45.00

**Proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Powell.**

**c) To note the receipts [of income received September 2025](#).**

FoDDC	Precept payment (pt 2 of 2)	£5368.00
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**d) To note the receipts [of income received October 2025](#).**

Lloyds Bank October	Bank Interest	£18.86
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**e) Bank Reconciliation for Q2 of 25/26: to note. Noted.**

**f) Budget Statement for Q2 of 25/26: to note income and expenditure. Noted.**

**g) Accounts Statement for Q2 of 25/26: to note. Noted.**

**h) Internal controls checks for Q1 25/26: to note completion.**

**Completion will be noted by the December meeting.**

**i) Internal controls checks for Q2 25/26: to assign to a member.**

**Cllr Thompson volunteered to conduct the checks for Q2. Agreed.**

**10. CHURCHYARD**

**a) To receive updates on any churchyard matters. None.**

**11. HIGHWAYS**

**a) Resolved to receive updates on road safety matters. None.**

**b) Resolved to note any updates on highways matters ([see Meeting Pack](#)).  
Noted.**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolved to note [correspondence for information](#).**

Correspondence noted.

**13. COUNCIL**

**a) Resolved to receive [The Clerk's Report](#).**

**b) Resolved to receive Councillors reports and items for future agendas.**

**c) The Parish Council discussed matters relating to the village allotments.**

**It was agreed that the annual allotment fee will be £5 per year.**

**Action:** Clerk update allotment holders regarding the new annual fee.

**d) Resolved to note the date of the next Full Council Meeting – Thursday, 4th of December at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting ended at 20.55 p.m

. Signed: ..... (Chairman) Date: .....