

MINUTES

Alvington Parish Council Thursday, 5th March 2026

Present: Councillors: Macharg, Thompson, Turner.

Officers: Viktoriia Iemeljanova (Clerk).

Members of the public.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Cllr Heys and Cllr Powell.
- b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Cllr Heys and Cllr Powell.

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 5th of February 2026](#). Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Turner.
- b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.
Chris Shill noted that the total **GROSS** cost associated with the bus stop is £360.

4. REPORT FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR McFARLING

Report from Cllr McFarling received, available on request.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Alec Davis reported that several roads across Alvington have holes forming in them. Cllr Macharg noted that she had seen some of these issues herself and had already reported them. Cllr Macharg and Chris Shill further emphasised that all councillors and residents should use the **FixMyStreet** website to submit reports.

Alec Davis raised the issue of the old closed shop located on the A48/Church Lane corner. He noted that the premises have been shut for many years and that numerous requests have previously been made to FODDC regarding its status. However, no progress has been reported. **Action:** Clerk to revisit this matter and reopen the case.

It was also noted that the old building on the way to Lydney, located behind the petrol station, is in a poor and deteriorating condition. The Council agreed that the ownership of the site needs to be established so that appropriate action can be taken.

Action: The Clerk will review previous correspondence and reopen the case.

Alec Davis reported that the footpath on the Sandford Hill requires attention. He noted that the path needs to be cleared of overgrowing grass, overflowing soil, and encroaching trees, and that hedges should be trimmed back. It was agreed that this work falls under Highways' responsibility. **Action:** The Clerk will contact Highway maintenance.

Alec Davis noted the work completed on the right side of Garlands Avenue and highlighted that payment for these works—promised two years ago—remains outstanding. **Action:** The Clerk will contact Highways.

Members of public raised concerns regarding water flowing from a property onto the main road.

It was reported that the water appears discoloured and has an unpleasant odour.

Several residents have already reported the matter to Severn Trent.

Action: Write to Severn Trent to request confirmation that the issue will be fully investigated.

Seek assurance that appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent recurrence, particularly in the interest of public health.

John Wood noted that on both sides of Garlands Road, vehicles are being parked on the grass verges.

This is resulting in significant damage and deterioration of the verges. **Action:** Write to the Highways

regarding parking on the grass verges. Also write to Two Rivers Housing to determine whether they own any of

the grass verges and, if so, request that they implement protective measures.

6. PLANNING

- a) **To consider-P0200/26/TPO.** [Reduce crown of 1 x False Acacia in back garden of 28 Clanna Country Park covered by W1 of DFTPO 195 by approximately 3 metres or to nearest BS3998:2010 compliant pruning points. A medium sized branch has recently failed and landed within the garden. There are concerns that further branch failure may occur due to tight branch unions within the canopy of the tree.](#) **Agreed.**
- b) **To consider-P0186/26/FUL.** [Conversion of half of ground floor and first floor extension of existing garage to create a holiday let. Colliers Brook Cottage Lower Common Aylburton Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 6DU.](#) **Agreed. Action:** Cllr Macharg to contact the house owner regarding the application.
- c) **To discuss** any updates regarding **Bloomary Court**. It was noted that the current deadline for the application is 24 April 2026.
- d) **To discuss** any other planning updates. **There were none.**

7. VILLAGE

- a) The council discussed updates to the meeting pack . **Action:** Clerk to update the meeting pack accordingly.
- b) The council discussed the purchase of a bench for the bus stop. The cost of £102 was noted, Cllr Turner requested a budget of £150 to cover the bench and all installation materials. It was agreed that safety standards need to be checked before approval.
Resolution: Decision deferred to the next meeting.
- c) **To note updates** on village/parish improvement matters (see [meeting pack](#)).
Resolved to assign the general safety inspection for Quarter 3 2025/26 to a member. Cllr Macharg volunteered to conduct the checks, and this was agreed.

8. SPORTS FIELD

- a) **To discuss** Alvington **Summer Fun day**. The council discussed the Alvington Summer Fun Day, scheduled for 28 June 2026. It was noted that the Council will require maximum help with advertising. All leaflets will be prepared by May, and Cllr Turner will investigate the associated costs.
- b) **To discuss** the 'Hundred Club'. It was agreed to add this item to the April agenda. If the Council can find a volunteer to run the "Hundred Club", it will be included on the leaflet.
- c) **To agree** a suitable date to: Install the new gate/Reinstate the fallen fence at the end of the car park/Take down the beacon to enable welding repairs and repainting. **Action:** Agreed to meet with all Council members the weekend before Easter to inspect the gate, determine exactly what is needed.
- d) **To discuss** the possibility of creating an additional exit at the far end of the car park. **Action:** Agreed to meet with all Council members the weekend before Easter to inspect the gate, determine exactly what is needed.
- e) **To discuss** the introduction of an online calendar on the website to enable users to book the field. Cllr Turner offered to assist with setting this up.
- f) **Resolved to note** that the ROSPA inspection has been booked for April 2026 at a cost of £83.00 + VAT per play area.
- g) **Resolve to note** that the **Cricket Club** is holding a bingo night at the Netherend Inn on 13th April to raise funds for the cricket team.
- h) **To receive** any other reports on the Sports Field.
Cllr Turner observed that there were voids present beneath the matting in the new playground.
Action: Clerk to contact supplier.

9. CHURCHYARD

- a) **Resolved to note** cost green waste bin licenses for the churchyard, it is 3 x £70.00 each .
- b) **Resolved to receive** updates on any churchyard matters.
John Wood noted that there is mud near the church entrance and suggested it should be covered with pea gravel. Cllr Turner advised that it had been the Council's intention to address the paths; however, materials were depleted during the installation of the gates. The Council will proceed with the work and arrange for the gravel to be ordered. A whacker plate will also be required, and Cllr Macharg proposed approaching Kevin Strong to enquire whether one could be borrowed.
Action: The Clerk to ask Kevin Strong whether a whacker plate can be borrowed and will obtain a quote for the purchase of gravel. Further discussion will take place online.

10. HIGHWAYS

