MINUTES
Alvington Parish Council Thursday, 3rd September 2026.
Present: Councillors: Heys, Macharg, Powell ,Turner.
Officers: Viktoriia Iemelianova (Clerk).
Members of the public.

1. **ATTENDANCE**
   a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend. **There were none**.
   b) **To accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence.**There were none**.

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.
   No declarations of interest were received.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
   a) **To consider for approval** as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2026.
   b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes. **There were none**
   c) **To consider for approval** as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 16th July 2026.
   d) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes. **There were none**

4. **PLANNING**
   a) To discuss planning application P0839/26/TCA- Remove Pine tree (T1) to ground level due to roots pushing boundary wall into lane. The tree will be removed and roots ground out to allow for repairs/rebuilding of the boundary wall.Barn Lodge Church Lane Alvington Lydney Gloucestershire GL15 6BQ
   Approved on 18 August 2026. No comments were made by the Parish Council.
   b) **ANY OTHER PLANNING UPDATE.**
   An update was provided on the **Bloomery Court** planning application.
   There has been some progress,and the Parish Council is currently awaiting the necessary legal documentation.

5. **REPORT FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR McFARLING**
   To receive and note a report from Chris McFarling who may attend the meeting. **No report was received. Councillor McFarling had sent his apologies for the meeting.**

6. **VILLAGE**
   a) **Resolved to note** the update on safety checks for the play equipment and general areas for Q1 (1 April–30 June 2026). **Councillor Heys is progressing the matter.**
   b) **Resolved to note** updates on village/parish improvement matters (see meeting pack).
   Cllr Richard Heys – provided a verbal report following his attendance at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of **Resilient Energy Forest of Dean (REFD)**, which operates individual turbines located in **Alvington (Alvington Court)**. He reported on the company's current financial position and advised that funds are expected to be available in 2028 following the financial issues discussed at the AGM.

7. **SPORTS FIELD**
   a) **Pavilion project: to receive any updates.**
   Cllr Heys presented two samples of wood for the Pavilion project.
   A supplier has been identified to build the wooden pavilion and will provide diagrams and drawings.
   The project will be completed in two stages, with an estimated building cost of £62,000 plus VAT.
   Scaffolding will be required for the roof, and **Cllr Powell** has identified a company for this work.

A digger will also need to be hired. A planning application will need to be submitted.
A meeting will be held with FODDC Finance to discuss a loan to cover the costs, which will be repaid when the VAT is reclaimed.
Cllr Heys has also attended a meeting regarding the installation of solar panels. The installation of water and electricity supplies will also need to be considered**.**
Cllr Heys provided details of the available grant funding for the project**.**

b) **To receive** any other reports on the Sports Field.
Cllr Powell reported on the success of the local Cricket team and Football Club and congratulated the team on their achievements.

8. **CHURCHYARD**

a) **To discuss** the condition of the beech tree in Alvington churchyard and consider whether any action is required. **A specialist will inspect the beech tree and also assess the tree at the corner of the churchyard this week. If the beech tree is diseased and requires removal, the estimated cost is approximately £1,000..**

b) **To receive** updates on any churchyard matters.
Cllr Heys reported that all materials required for the ongoing maintenance of the churchyard are available. A weekend will be arranged to assess and carry out the necessary work.If approval from the church authorities is still not received, the cost of the gravel will be requested back.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Alec Davis – raised concerns about the overgrown vegetation and weeds (Blacksmith) .The matter will be reported to the relevant authority. Alec Davis also raised an issue regarding the installation of the Clanna Straight sign, which is still awaited. **Action**: Clerk to write to Highways.
Alec Davis asked for an update on the NDP. **The Clerk** confirmed that the information would be updated on the website.
Alec Davis – raised concerns about rubbish between Clanna Lane and Clanna Straight. **Action: Clerk to contact FODDC to establish whom the matter should be reported to.**
Chris Shill – reported that someone had dumped rubbish in the Garland Road car park. **Action: Clerk to report the matter to the relevant authority.**
It was agreed that FODDC would be contacted to establish the appropriate contact for reporting small local issues and concerns.

10. FINANCE

All transactions on the **HUNDRED Club Account** will be added and available on request, together with the corresponding bank statements . **Proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Powell.**
The 100 Club draw was held. First prize: Number 4. Second prize: Number 6.

a) **To ratify payments made in August 2026**

Richard Morgan	Grass cutting Churchyard	£240.00
Richard Morgan	Grass cutting Garlands Road	£60.00
V Iemelianova	Clerk pay August 2026	£386.66
R Heys	Tombola Fun Day	£37.99
FES	Dog Bin Collection	£66.52
Passmores Portable	Planning Drawings	£192.00

Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Turner.

b) **Resolved to approve payments for September 2026.**

V Iemelianova	Clerk Pay September 2026	£386.68
FES	Dog Bin Collection	£66.52

Proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Powell.

c) **Resolved to note receipts of income received July and August 2026.**

Lloyds Bank July	Bank Interest	£18.14
Lloyds Bank August	Bank Interest	£19.24
Bream Gardening		£25.00
R Heys	Pavillion Donation	£73.50

d) The cost of a **one-week digger hire**, at **£603.03**, was agreed.
Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Turner.

11. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

a) Resolved to approve suitability of cover of Insurance Policy with Clear Councils and that it meets the Parish Council's requirements. Renewal Invitation Letter Schedule

b) Resolved to approve renewal of Parish Council Insurance Policy with Clear Councils. Year 2 of a 3 year Long Term Agreement to 30th September 2027 @ £653.52 per annum (including Insurance Premium Tax and administration fee).

11. HIGHWAYS

a) **Resolved to note** updates on Winter Action Plan 2026/27. **The request from Highways was noted. Action: The Clerk will provide the required update.**
b) **To receive updates** on road safety matters.**There were none.**
c) **Resolved to note** any updates on highways matters (see Meeting Pack).

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Resolved to note** correspondence for information.

13. COUNCIL

a) **Resolved to receive** The Clerk's Report.
b) **The current Councillor vacancy was discussed. The Council considered filling the vacancy to avoid the cost of an election in 2027.**
c) **To receive** Councillors reports and items for future agendas.**There were none.**
d) **Resolved to note** the date of the next Full Council Meeting – **Thursday, 1st October at 7.30 p.m.**