



Police matters

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Planning Applications

Councillors welcome residents submitting planning applications to attend the Parish Council Meetings, where applications will be discussed. It would be a great help to the Cllrs, when making a decision regarding larger, more detailed applications to have the information presented to them by the applicants. This gives both residents and Cllrs the opportunity to ask questions and make well-informed decisions. If you want to check if your planning application will be discussed at the meeting, please contact the Clerk, Joanne Bullingham.

Crime Report

The Police have been unable to attend Parish Council meetings but have sent written reports indicating the incidents in the village within the last few months.:

Incidents which occurred in Great Alne for the period November- March 2018:

- Suspicious incidents/Scam callers x3
- Burglary/Theft x4
- Damage to property x 1
- Assault x 1

A weekly newsletter is issued by Warwickshire Police and can be found on their website <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> - Click 'My Area' and then 'Alcester South'. This report contains all incidents from the local area that week as well as advice around crime prevention.

Beware of bogus traders

Bogus traders operating door-to-door will often take advantage of poor weather conditions to offer their services, including flooding and high winds, which may have caused damage to your property. Otherwise they may try and point out 'problems' that don't actually exist. Bogus traders can be extremely persuasive and elderly and vulnerable people are often targeted. They may suggest that the property, if not repaired, will be dangerous or may put a time restriction on the offer to hurry you into making a decision. The work will normally be done immediately, before the householder changes their mind, and very often any information provided by the workmen (names, addresses, telephone numbers) are false, making them very hard to trace. Here is some advice, provided by Warwickshire Police on how to protect yourself from bogus traders:

- don't be forced into making a quick decision on the doorstep
- get at least three quotes from local reputable companies who have reputations to maintain, and if possible, seek recommendations
- only deal with firms with genuine verifiable telephone numbers and addresses - beware of companies that only use mobile phone numbers and accommodation addresses
- anyone who signs a contract on the door step following a visit that was not arranged (unsolicited) does have 7 days in which to cancel it by law.
- all cancellation rights must be provided in writing to the customer at the time the contract is agreed, usually on the doorstep - it is an offence not to do so
- if you don't want to speak to the trader don't open your door to them - it can be hard to distinguish the good traders from the cowboys so it might be easier to keep the door closed
- do not allow uninvited callers into your home
- refuse to be taken to the bank to withdraw money - if you ever feel intimidated by them, close the door and call the police

UBUS

UBUS is now travelling to Redditch or Evesham on Wednesdays. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, UBUS will travel to Redditch. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, it will travel to Evesham (including the Valley). Journeys will take place in the normal way with passengers being picked up from their home and then dropped at an agreed destination. Passengers will then be collected and returned home as usual. Travel to Stratford will still be available on Wednesdays via another UBUS service.

Prices range from £2.70-£3.40 for a single journey and £5.40-£6.80 for a return journey. If you are not yet a UBUS user, you will need to register in order to use this service. Please call 01789 26 44 91.

Salter's Oak Update

Works continue to progress well and to programme, with overall completion of the site still anticipated for July/August.

The final two local market homes for sale at Salter's Oak, plots 1 and 2 (four-bedroom detached homes with double garages), were released for sale on Saturday 9th March 2019. Plot 2 is presently the view home and has its own direct access from Sernal Lane whereas plot 1 is currently being constructed and is due to be completed summer 2019. Both plots are offered exclusively for 12 weeks to people with a local connection* to the Parish of Great Alne. If they remain unsold at the end of this period, they will then become available to the open (full) market on Saturday 1st June 2019.

Plots 3-8 are already sold or reserved and the first property handover took place on 22nd March. Plots 9 & 10, two 2-bedroom cottages with large gardens, are now available to the full market and viewing is highly recommended. Plot 2, the view home, is open by appointment, therefore if you would like to arrange a viewing please contact Peter Clarke New homes on 01789 852180. They will also be able to provide you with further information and details on local connection criteria as well as arranging to take you to view plots 9 & 10. It isn't currently possible to go inside plot 1 due to its stage of construction, however this will be possible shortly.

If you are interested in one of the affordable homes* to rent please contact Neil Gilliver or Philippa Osborne at Warwickshire Rural Housing Association on 0300 123 4009.

*Local connection criteria apply.

Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall

As you may already be aware there is now a gate to the rear of the Armistice Centenary Memorial Garden at the Hall. Although the Hall Trustees are willing to allow the gate to be used by the public to enter the garden from Appleby Close and cross the Hall frontage to access the Henley Road (and vice versa), they wish it to be known and recorded by the Parish Council that this is a Permissive Path and not a public right of way. As such they reserve the right to close the path at any time. A notice drawing attention to the fact that a Permissive Path has been created is attached to the gate.

Great Alne Park

Village Manager, Tina Digby, attended the March meeting to provide residents with an update on Great Alne Park. Great Alne Park would love to be an integral part of the village and hope residents will support them

- The Clubhouse opened in July. It has a swimming pool, gym and restaurant. They are now welcoming members and have a range of membership options available. For further information on this and/or classes (including Pilates and Aqua Aerobics) please call 01789 489 103 or email bookings@greatalnepark.co.uk
- Tina explained it is family-friendly and open for all to enjoy
- Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May – Family day for residents and the local community. To include Birds of Prey, entertainment and food.
- ParkFest is booked for Saturday 20th July. Details to follow
- They are open 7 days a week between 10.00 – 4.00. On Fridays they do Fish and Chips, Saturdays they have a brunch served 10.00 – 12.00 and they also offer a roast dinner on Sundays.

Cricket Club

Great Alne Cricket club kindly provided the following update:

"We are looking forward to the new season (which starts on 27th April). Indoor nets are taking place at Prince Henry's in Evesham on Wednesdays 9-10pm. We held a fund-raising evening - a casino night on 29th March - where we raised over £1000 towards the new showers. Thanks to great support from players and their friends and villagers. We welcome new players and supporters to join us."

For more information, please visit: <https://greatalne.play-cricket.com/>

Broadband Bid Update

We understand that many residents continue to be frustrated by poor broadband speeds. Good news may be ahead...

Stratford District Council (SDC) are committed to assisting in the provision of improved faster broadband connectivity for their communities and have made it one of their Corporate Strategy priorities. They have agreed to submit a BID for Government funding to the Local Full Fibre Network Programme. This fund has allocated £95million for the UK and welcomes BIDS from Multi Authorities. SDC are intending to submit a BID for themselves and any Parish Council that wish to be included.

Great Alne have requested to be part of this BID and SDC hoped to complete the work on this by the end of March. We will continue to provide updates on this in the Parish Council meetings.