

A Meeting of Great Alne Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th November at Great Alne Primary School at 7pm.

PRESENT	Councillors Mr L Bowring, Mr P Clark, Mrs M Holding, Ms H Mainwaring County Cllr Mr C Rickhards, District Cllr Mrs G Forman Members of the public: 11
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Cllr Mr I Millard None
MINUTES	September meeting Minutes agreed by all Cllrs and signed by the Chairman
ALCESTER SOUTH SNT	<p>OPEN FORUM:</p> <p>The following incidents have been reported in the period 15/09/19 – 10/11/19. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft. School Rd. Pedal cycle stolen from outside of house. Between 21/09/19 and 01/10/19. • Suspicious circumstances. Nightingale Close. Two males looking around house and driveway with torch. Midnight 04/11/19. • Anti-Social Behaviour. Spernal Lane/Stoat Lane. Report of 4x4 vehicles using the path. <p>PCSO Mark Lucas and PCSO Sanjay Singh from Alcester South Police attended the meeting and provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another PCSO will be joining the Alcester team soon. Warwickshire Police Force have the best numbers they have had for 10years • New Sergeant, Angus Earles started in mid-October – replacing Sgt Bob Shaw who has joined the Rural Crime Squad. • Crime in the area is decreasing. • Vehicle Crime is increasing – both car key burglaries and keyless car entries. There is a strong focus on this within the force. The officers provided useful tips including being strategic with how you park – e.g. blocking higher value vehicles in with lower value vehicles in your household and steering locks are advisable. They explained that vehicle crime is a very challenging area to address. • The police officers advised residents to have a fresh look at the security around their houses. They are happy for people to contact the Alcester South Team if they have any queries or need advice. Contact details: 01789 444 816 or alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
UPDATE ON SPERNAL LANE DEVELOPMENT	<p>Linfoot Country Homes did not provide an update in time for the meeting. An update will be included in the December Newsletter.</p> <p>At the September meeting, a resident asked the Parish Council to confirm whether or not the Open Market houses were all sold to people with a connection to the village. The following response was provided by Linfoot Country Homes:</p> <p><i>“As far as the local market houses are concerned, we have succeeded in selling only two of the houses to people with a local connection to the parish which has been a disappointment to us. All the properties were fully marketed in accordance with the procedures set out in the section 106 Agreement and have strictly only been available for people with a local connection for a period of 12 weeks from the time they were released for sale. The properties were widely advertised to local people through local publications and directly delivered flyers as well as through open days and the usual Rightmove and local newspapers channels. Unfortunately, we had very limited interest from the immediate local community which was most surprising. There was one other family who were very keen to buy and we gave them significantly longer than 12 weeks to sell their house (7 months) but unfortunately their sale kept falling through and, in the end, they were not able to proceed. I can only assume that the current market conditions (which are not as buoyant as they were) have had an impact. The good thing however is that the restriction stays in place in perpetuity on all ten properties so when they are put up for sale in the future the same restrictions will apply and local people will get a 12-week exclusive period to buy. I can’t release any personal data I’m afraid to prove that the two families did have a local connection, who they are and which</i></p>

properties they purchased as this would be in breach of GDPR Regulations.”

A resident responded to this statement saying the houses were priced too high and wondered what was the point in the survey that was carried out assessing if there was a need for additional housing in Great Alne. The resident requested that the Parish Council object to any future planning applications. The Chairman assured residents that any future applications (of which there are none known to the PC at this time) would be considered carefully once received. County Cllr Rickhards reminded residents that each application must be judged on its own individual merits.

GREAT ALNE PARK
UPDATE (FORMERLY
MAUDSLAY PARK)

Kelly Webb provided the following update:

- Great Alne Park are in the final stages of recruiting a Village Manager
- The Christmas Fayre menu is proving popular and there are a few spaces left.
- Christmas Day lunch is now fully booked. They will be closed Boxing Day
- They are planning a Retro/70's night in January with live music. More details to follow.
- They are closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- There is one allotment still available for local residents of Great Alne. Please contact Kelly Webb if interested.

Residents enquired about the white fence that has been put up and were all in agreement that it is not very attractive when entering the village. Great Alne Park have confirmed that this fence is temporary with a time frame of 3-6months. Clerk to follow this up to ensure timescales remain accurate.

MEMORIAL HALL REP
REPORT

Cllr Mrs M Holding provided the following update:

- The new bi-fold doors have now been installed and look fantastic.
- The Memorial Hall looked into the possibility of getting a weddings licence but it was cost prohibitive and also quite a complicated process
- They are keen to work together with the Church, Cricket Club, School and Parish Council on VE Day Celebrations
- Christmas Coffee Morning is on Saturday 30th November
- Christmas is Coming – Saturday 1st December
- Christmas Supper – 14th December
- Calendar Photographic Exhibition & Coffee Morning – Saturday 7th March 2020
- VE Day Celebration – Friday 8th May 2020

REPRESENTATIONS FROM
RESIDENTS

Speeding in the village – Further emails have been received from residents detailing their concerns over speeding in the village. At the last meeting, Cllr Millard requested volunteers contact him should they wish to sign up to form a community 'speeding team'. There have been insufficient volunteers so far. PCSO Mark Lucas did say there is a current hold on training on mobile speed cameras but advised to proceed with it as the process of registering is lengthy. Please contact Cllr Millard or the Clerk if you would be interested in getting involved. It was suggested we need rumble strips; more speed warning signs and also the flashing speed sign needs repairing. As reported previously, the County Council have made the decision not to repair the flashing speed sign and this will be removed in due course.

Flooding – A resident expressed concerns over the flooding of the road as you leave the village heading towards Little Alne. One bend in particular floods severely such that one side of the road becomes impassable, and to make progress it is necessary to drive on the wrong side of the road, on the bend, and this is potentially very dangerous. It is also very dark (no street lights) so people who don't know the area would just drive straight in to the flood. Clerk to send County Cllr Rickhards some photos of the area and he will take this forward.

Great Alne Park – A resident is unhappy that lorries are parking overnight at Great Alne Park. and the lorries are beeping excessively at one another as they leave the site. Additionally, the ditch overflowed again during the heavy rain. The Chairman will visit the resident in the next week or so to discuss concerns and will then proceed to raise them with Great Alne Park.

Pavements by the church – A resident has emailed stating that the pavements between the Church and Village Hall need clearing and the debris makes the pavement very narrow in places (particularly on the corner by Manor Court). This is dangerous as it is forcing pedestrians close to the road. The Chairman will have a look at this and report back necessary actions to the clerk to

	<p>take forward. Bloor Homes, who own Plantation Wood, were supposed to be carrying out some tree work. Clerk to find out what is happening with this.</p> <p>A46 – Turning at Billesley – Resident expressed concerns about this turning and asked County Councillor Clive Rickhards to look in to this.</p> <p>Charging for Green Bins – A resident feels the proposed plans to charge residents for green bins would encourage fly tipping and should be considered very carefully.</p> <p>Residents thanked the Parish Council for their hard work and requested this was added to the minutes.</p>
<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>County Cllr Rickhards had the following updates:</p> <p>Bus Service – Following the disrupted bus services reported at the September meeting, County Cllr Rickhards raised the concerns immediately. He has been trying to develop a relationship between County Transport and Stagecoach so they can keep in regular contact and hopefully ensure any future problems are communicated successfully. County Cllr Rickhards was pleased to report there are no current threats to the X19 service.</p> <p>Alne Cote Corner – County Cllr Rickhards contacted Traffic & Safety to enquire about the amendments the Parish Council had requested to their initial drawings. The Parish Council had requested that the 30mph speed sign be extended further so that it sits at the other side of Alne Cote Corner, Alcester side. Sadly, this request has been declined. Traffic and Safety are happy to move the 30mph closer towards the bend but will not make the bend itself (heading towards Alcester a 30mph zone). The reasons were complex and it was agreed that the Parish Council should request clarification in writing. Traffic and Safety have offered to install an extra reflective chevron which the Parish Council have accepted.</p>
<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</p>	<p>District Cllr Forman provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC's recycling contract expires in 2022 and there will be a large price increase. SDC are therefore looking at creating a new recycling centre, of which SDC would be a stakeholder. Potentially, in the future, they could extend its use to other authorities at a charge – which will in turn bring in funds to SDC. • SDC are committed to improving their carbon footprint and work continues on this. • SDC have renewed their objection to the Croft Lane Power Station. • SDC's contract with Everyone Active (for leisure centre) expires in June 2021 and new tender will be submitted/requested • SDC are considering charging for Green Bins. There has been a consultation open requesting feedback. District Cllr Forman reported that other councils who have introduced this charge have reported no increase in fly tipping which seems to be the predominant concern people have.
<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	<p>Huff Cap Update – Since the last meeting, the local community group who were interested have withdrawn their interest. The pub was boarded up on 6th November to keep the building safe and protected. A group of residents met at the pub to object to its closure for an article in the Stratford Herald on the 7th November. The owners are keeping in contact with the Parish Council but as of date of this meeting, they are unable to say anything other than they are assessing the site for alternative uses. Residents are unhappy with the state of the grounds of the pub and feel the owners should be prepared to tidy this up/cut the grass etc. The Chairman has requested for a letter to be sent requesting they cut the grass or confirming we will happily instruct our contractors and forward them the invoice.</p> <p>Emergency Committee – The equipment stored at the Memorial Hall has now been checked (annual requirement) by the Chairman and is all in good working order.</p> <p>U_Route Sernal – Coughton Fields Lane (AKA E5998) –It has been agreed that large tree trunks will be placed at both ends of the track as well as the middle. These will be sufficient in size to prevent vehicular access but will not block horse riders, pedestrians or cyclists. This does mean that motorbikes may still be able to access the track but it is necessary to allow continued access to horse riders. This work will take place week commencing 25th November 2019. The Chairman and Clerk are meeting with the contractor prior to this just to clarify exactly what will be done. Residents were very pleased this work was being completed and everyone hopes it will put a stop to the ongoing problems. A resident suggested CCTV at this location would be useful but</p>

appreciates that there are a lot of legalities to explore here. Additionally, a resident felt an official sign stating 'No Motorised Vehicles' would be beneficial.

General Maintenance Issues:

- **Cricket Club Parking** – Mr Chris Moody has confirmed that the Cricket Club car park has now been totally cleared and hedges flailed in preparation for next season.
- **Alne Cote Corner** – Please see County Cllr update.
- **Pavements by church** – Ongoing concerns over the poor state of the pavements by the Church have been raised with County Highways repeatedly and whilst it is on the programme for repair, it is taking a lot of time. We have expressed our concerns clearly and County Highways confirmed that whilst there is very little they can do to improve the condition of the footway without a full scheme to address the surface, they have now put this as priority number 1 for the Stratford Area. The Parish Council will continue to chase this up and report back at each meeting.
- **Pavement – School Rd** – This has been logged with County Highways and has now been put forward for footway improvement works. It will be added to the programme but realistically, is unlikely to be dealt with very quickly.
- **Tree work required – very dark by the bungalows next to the school** – The clerk raised this issue with Orbit Housing Association who explained they would look in to it. Clerk will follow this up if no action.
- **Blocked drains** – During the extreme wet weather over the last few weeks, there have been concerns over flooding/drainage in many parts of the village. The Parish Council have been in contact with County Highways who confirmed the drains had been recently cleared and they are done so on a cyclical programme. County Highways did report problems with the drainage systems being simply overwhelmed due to the waterlogged ground conditions. County Cllr Rickhards suggested that the Parish Council request a comprehensive survey from the Flood Risk Management Team. The Chairman and Cllr Clark will review the village and compile a list of areas of concern before requesting the survey. Other Parish Councils have seen considerable improvements following this type of survey and necessary work.

MAIN BUSINESS

PROGRESS AGAINST BUDGET

As of 4th November 2019, progress against budget stands at 70% (£12,960 of £18,564). The repair for Karinya streetlight should come from the reserves account and is not included in the figures above. The clerk predicts that the Parish Council will be over budget for 2019/20 and explained this was largely due to the amount of work that has/needs to be carried out on the recreation ground (essential maintenance) as well as the work prompted by the Tree Survey and U_Route. Cllrs were comfortable with these costs though and appreciate it has been a costly year and these won't be regular expenses.

DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

A draft budget for 2020/21 was prepared by the clerk ahead of the meeting ready for review by the Cllrs. A precept of £18,887 was proposed. Cllr Mainwaring queried if the CPI inflation rate of 1.7% was perhaps a little low and it was agreed to use inflation of 2% instead and round up to the nearest ten pounds. The Parish Council had ringfenced monies for streetlight repairs as these are approximately £1250 per light. In 2019/20, 3 lights will have been replaced and there is a fourth that may potentially need replacing. Based on this, Cllrs agreed that a further £1000 should be added to the budget in Street Lighting Reserves to be transferred into ringfenced monies. Clerk to amend budget and re-circulate to Cllrs to review.

RECREATION GROUND

Please see separate document (Recreation Ground Update) that details the work required following the annual playground inspection report. Quote of £1185.00 +VAT from Limebridge Rural Services has been accepted by the Cllrs. Clerk to instruct Limebridge.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Roy Prince for installing the new Fields in Trust sign at the recreation ground – free of charge.

STREET LIGHT REPAIRS

Henley Rd (next to Arden Cottage). This light is currently totally obscured by trees and bushes. The Street Lighting team at Warwickshire County Council have provided an estimated quote of £1400 plus VAT to remove the tree branches, foliage and concrete column and install a 5-metre steel

	<p>column finished in Dark Grey with a 27W LED lantern in the same position. Councillors agreed this.</p> <p>Park Lane – The Street Lighting team suggest moving the position of the street light to the grass verge area of Gunn Court. This is due to the lantern being too near to the overhead BT cables and the potential issues of the trees and foliage obscuring and coming in to conflict with the light. The Chairman and Cllr Millard met to discuss this but wanted to get the views of local residents. Residents have expressed a strong desire for the streetlight to remain in its existing position and the Cllrs are happy to support this. Estimated costs of £1250 plus VAT were given to remove the existing concrete column and install a 5-metre steel column with 19W LED lantern. Cllrs have approved this expense.</p>																
RENEWAL QUOTE – GRASS CUTTING	<p>The amenity maintenance contract that the Parish Council have with Limebridge Rural Services Ltd expires in January 2020. They have provided their new draft contract. Whilst the Cllrs do not have any issues with the revised quote, it was agreed it would be sensible to obtain a further quote for comparison – especially as another company have been in touch requesting to provide us with a quote. Clerk to arrange. Chairman reminded Clerk that references will be required if we use a different contractor.</p>																
FACEBOOK	<p>A new group called ‘Great Alne Parish Council’ has been set up and we hope residents of Great Alne will join this. The clerk, Cllr Holding and Cllr Mainwaring are the administrators of the group. It will be used to provide updates to residents about meetings, minutes etc and to share important news quickly. Information on Facebook will be added to the website also.</p>																
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES & PARISH ASSEMBLY DATE 2020	<p>Cllrs are all happy for future meetings to take place on the 3rd Wednesday every other month. Therefore, the dates for 2020 meetings will be: 15th January, 18th March, 20th May, 15th July, 16th September and 18th November. Clerk waiting for confirmation from Great Alne School that we can continue to hire the room on these dates.</p> <p>Cllr Mainwaring suggested 17th May 2019 for Parish Assembly (avoiding Bank Holiday weekends). Clerk to see if the Memorial Hall is available. Cllrs agree that the coffee morning format proves most successful.</p>																
WINTER NEWSLETTER	<p>Clerk requested input for the Winter Newsletter. Cllr Clark to send suggestions via email. Agreed that a request for volunteers to be part of ‘Speeding Awareness’ team would be useful, as would highlighting that we will be requesting a comprehensive flooding survey so that residents are reassured these issues are being managed.</p>																
BROADBAND UPDATE	<p>CSW Broadband team issued an update confirming fibre upgrades had been taking place in Great Alne along with a list of postcodes benefitting from these upgrades. Cllr Mainwaring has contacted them about the accuracy of this however as, despite her postcode being listed, she is not able to get fibre. Will feedback at the next meeting.</p>																
ICO- ANNUAL DATA PROTECTION FEE	<p>Organisations that process personal data are subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Under the Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018 (the Regulations) they must also pay an annual data protection fee (the fee), unless they are exempt. Great Alne Parish Council will renew its registration for 2020 at a cost of £40.00.</p>																
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19/02501/TREE	03/09/2019	Tree Works approved	Arden Cottage, Henley Rd, Great Alne
19/02320/FUL	19/08/2019	Permission with conditions	Crocketts Farm, Alne Hills, Great Alne
19/02298/TREE	14/08/2019	Tree Works approved	Alne House, Park Lane, Great Alne
19/01852/FUL	03/07/2019	Permission with conditions	Seymour House, 50 School Rd, Great Alne
19/01853/LBC	03/07/2019	Listed building consent approved	Seymour House, 50 School Rd, Great Alne
19/01294/FUL	10/05/2019	Pending consideration	Glebe Farm, Alne Hills, Great Alne

At the Parish Council meeting this evening, the following decisions were reached:
19/03141/TREE – The Parish Council will submit a representation of No Objection
19/03150/TREE - The Parish Council will submit a representation of No Objection
 19/03181/FUL – Whilst no immediate concerns, Cllrs did have some queries over the drawings and questioned if they were missing a window. The Chairman will look in to this and a decision will be submitted before the 10th December deadline.

ACCOUNTS

Bank Account Balances @: 21st October 2019

Community Account: £28663.93

Business Money Matters: £13979.59

The Chair and Cllr P Clark approved and signed all of the invoices and cheques. Those highlighted in blue below were paid since the last meeting.

Precept received from SDC £9,284 on 26th September 2019.

Compensation of £100.00 from HSBC for an error they made issuing incorrect forms - received 8th October 2019.

Whilst it was agreed at the May 2019 meeting that the clerk should be added as a signatory, it was agreed to re-minute this in case the bank had any concerns over the length of time since it was agreed. Clerk to re-submit forms now that we have the correct ones.

	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount (£)
a.	200181	Churchyard Grant/Donation	500.00
b.	200032	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd Inv No 1234 Grass cutting	373.94
c.	dd sheet 430	E.ON (UMS electricity supplies) Inv No H17A9643D3	161.01
d.	200182	Clerk's wages and exps - September	
e.	200183	Clerk - reimburse cost of padlock for rec ground gate	17.99
f.	200033	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd Inv No 1276 Grass cutting	317.68
g.		E.ON (UMS electricity supplies) Inv No H17C8D53BE	166.37
h.	200031	Clerk's wages and exps - October	
i.	200034	The Information Commissioner - Annual data protection fee	40.00

<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>Void cheques to date: 200004, 200011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms A Gregory – WALC - Member Briefing: Meet the Planning Service (Drop in Session) 3 October 2019 - An invitation to meet the planning officers and managers, find out more about what the service provides, get the update on development in your area, raise issues on behalf of your residents and ask that question that you have always wanted to ask. b. Mr J Crossling – WALC - Applications are now being accepted for the 2nd round of WCC's Councillors' Grant Fund 2019/20- Warwickshire County Council (WCC) announce the launch of the 2nd round of the Councillors' Grant Fund for 2019/20 which is open for applications from voluntary and community organisations across the county. c. Mr J Crossling – WALC - Government consultation regarding 5G telephone masts Details of the latest government consultation regarding changes in planning regulations to allow new masts for 5G networks and prompt to respond to the proposals in this document. d. The Monarch's Way - The Monarch's Way September Newsletter e. Ms M Woodfield - Slowing traffic through our village – Follow up email further to concerns raised ahead of September’s meeting. Agreement that mobile speed cameras would be useful and a message of thanks to the Parish Council for the work we do for the community. f. Mr J Crossling – WALC - WCC Council Plan 2025 Engagement – Request to complete this survey g. The Pensions Regulator - Your legal duties: workplace pensions re-enrolment – Confirmation of our Re-enrolment and re-declaration legal duties h. Ms C Johnson – SDC - Service Fair, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, 23 October 11am-1pm Invitation to the Service Fair. An opportunity to come and find out more about what each service area does in their day to day work, their key priorities, any projects that are underway and other useful information. i. Ms W Sherwood – Alcester Town Council – Alcester activities – some information/posters on different events and groups going on in Alcester over the coming months j. Ms J Carr-Smith - New revised plans for Croft Lane Power Station – Request to let Parish Council and residents of Great Alne know of the new plans and the need for support in objecting to this proposal. Deadline for objections confirmed as 24th October. k. Mr D Malin – Poppy Appeal – Request for Great Alne residents to help with Poppy Appeal Collections l. Mr G Roberts-Davies – A thank you from the Church for the recent £500 donation m. Mr J Ross – The Huff Cap – request for information about potential community interest group n. Ms J Gardner – The Huff Cap – Concerns over state of the pub car park, and outside areas, with over growing weeds, plants and grass. Request if anything can be done. o. Ms S Tyler - Marie Curie needs support from local parishes- Request for support from the community. This could be anything from making a donation, promoting Marie Curie in the community, advertising Marie Curie in local media and volunteers. <p>The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at Great Alne Primary School at 7pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting finished at 9.45pm</p>