

APPENDIX 1
GREAT ALNE PARISH COUNCIL: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020-21

The Parish Council normally meets 6 times a year and is responsible for, among other things:

- Responding to/commenting on Planning Applications;
- Maintenance of the Recreation Ground
- Maintenance of Defibrillator
- Maintenance and energy costs of Street Lights
- Acting as advocate for residents on issues with County and District councils and other Government agencies.

PLANNING

25 Applications received in year:

- 5 Tree work
- 3 Listed Building consent
- 8 Full Applications
- 2 Permitted development
- 2 Listed Building, lawful development
- 3 Approval of non-material amendment
- 2 Variation of conditions

RECREATION GROUND

- Toddlers' area closed for several months because of Covid lockdown. Costs of upkeep £168 in 2020-21.
- Weekly inspections reinstated when Covid restrictions eased. Annual external inspection carried out

DEFIBRILLATOR

- Weekly inspections maintained throughout lockdown.
- £186 per annum maintenance charge

STREET LIGHTS

- 27 lamps in village
- Cost £3793 in year, including £1872 on replacements (2 columns)

OTHER ISSUES

- **People.** Our clerk Jo Bullingham resigned and left us at the end of 2020. New clerk, Kyla Brown, appointed in January 2021, has quickly settled in!
Councillor Marie Holding resigned owing to work pressures and left the council at the end of March 2021. Our thanks are due to Marie for her excellent contribution over several years. New councillor, Diane Francis, appointed May 2021.
- **Great Alne Park, current phase of construction completed, more residents moving in.** Major issue has arisen over access via western entrance, traffic movements have become nuisance to residents in Park Lane and Gunn Court. Discussions continue with Inspired Villages (the developer) SDC and WCC to resolve the situation. Still no progress on off-site provision of affordable extra care.
- **Huff Cap has new owner, pub's re-opening dependent on development and sale of houses on car park.** PC objected to initial, unsuitable, planning application. No objection from PC to second planning application, approved in April 2021
- **U route/Stoat Lane, no progress on resolving issues with 4x4s**
- **Primary School: Covid has prevented further strengthening of links.** To be followed up when restrictions lifted permanently.

COVID 19

- **Impact felt throughout the year.**
- **PC May meetings cancelled, Annual Assembly delayed.**
- **Online meetings introduced, 5 held in total**
- **Alcester Town Council resilience programme continued:**
 - **Low demand in village but community support maintained**
 - **Plan to build on this once pandemic is over.**

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AND FINALLY

Thanks to my fellow councillors, our previous Clerk Jo Bullingham and our new clerk Kyla Brown, and to you residents, for great support throughout the year.

Lynn Bowring

Chairman, Great Alne Parish Council

May 2021