

**A Meeting of Great Alne Parish Council was held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the car park of  
Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall at 8pm**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillors Mr L Bowring, Mr P Clark, Mr I Millard, Mrs H Mainwaring Members of the public: 0
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	Cllr Francis.
<b>2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>	None.
<b>3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES</b>	Minutes from the October 2021 Parish Council Meeting minutes were agreed by the Councillors. These will be signed by the Chairman and filed.
<b>MAIN BUSINESS</b>	The Parish Councillors attended an informal Zoom catch up on Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2022, the evening before the PC meeting, in order to consider the matters that were going to be raised on the agenda for discussion at the outdoor PC meeting. The purpose of this informal catch up was ensure the outdoor physical face to face meeting was as brief and efficient as possible. GAPC is required by legislation to meet in full council for the purposes of setting and approving the budget and precept figures for the upcoming financial year.
<b>4a. Approval of the budget and precept for 2022-2023</b>	The Parish Council approved the proposed budget and precept for the Parish of Great Alne for the financial year 2022-2023. The Clerk was instructed to submit the precept request form to SDC before the deadline date of 29 January 2022 <i>(which the Clerk has subsequently completed)</i> .
<b>4b. Renewal of Amenity area grounds maintenance contract 2022-2025</b>	The Parish Council approved the appointment of Perennial Landscapes to be the new grounds maintenance contractor for Feb 2022-Feb 2025, subject to satisfactory references. A 12-month break clause is also to be included in the contract.  <b><i>NB – Further to the Clerk taking up the references provided by Perennial Landscapes, the Clerk advised the Chairman that the references provided were not satisfactory. The Chairman therefore agreed that Limebridge Rural Services should be appointed as the amenity area grounds maintenance contractor, subject to them agreeing the inclusion of the 12-month break clause, and confirmation at the next PC meeting.</i></b>
<b>4c. Approval of the draft Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk</b>	The Parish Council approved the draft Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk, which is based on the NALC Model Scheme of Delegation. This document is now one of GAPC's policy documents and is subject to annual review along with the other council policy documents. The document will be added to the website <i>(which the Clerk has subsequently done)</i> .

<p><b>4d. Next Parish Council meeting and postponement of the Parish Assembly</b></p>	<p>The Parish Council agreed to the postponement of the GAPC meeting scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> January and agreed that the Parish Assembly should be rescheduled for May 2022 – which will bring it back into line with the annual calendar.</p>
<p><b>4e. Date of the next GAPC meeting</b></p>	<p>The Parish Council agreed that the next PC meeting should be held in February 2022 to discuss urgent matters, with a fuller meeting planned for March 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting ended at 8.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>The dates of the next meeting have subsequently been confirmed as follows:</p> <p>The next GAPC meeting will be held in the Function Room at Maudslay House, Great Alne Park on <b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm</b>. This will be a brief meeting covering urgent matters requiring decisions or authorisation.</p> <p>A second GAPC meeting will be held in the Function Room at Maudslay House, Great Alne Park on <b>10 March 2022 at 7pm</b>. This will be a fuller meeting, covering remaining and relevant agenda items that were listed on the agenda for the postponed December 2021 meeting.</p> <p>These meeting dates are subject to the local rates of Covid 19 infection, and any Government Guidance or recommendations from WALC at that time.</p>