

**A Meeting of Great Alne Parish Council was held on Thursday 17th February 2022 at The Function Room,
Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HX**

PRESENT	Councillors Mr L Bowring, Mr P Clark, Mr I Millard, Mrs H Mainwaring, Ms D Francis. Members of the public: approximately 25.
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	County Cllr Mr Justin Kerridge, District Cllr Mrs G Forman.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Cllr Francis noted that she has an interest in section 7 below, namely planning application 21/04093/FUL regarding Great Alne Park, as she is a resident. Cllr Millard declared that he had a conflict of interest with planning application 22/00199/Tree (Manor House) as the owner is a neighbour and also a client. The Chairman confirmed that this planning application would not be debated this evening, and Cllr Millard had previously declared this conflict with the Councillors.
3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES	Minutes from the January 2022 Parish Council Meeting minutes were agreed by the Councillors. <i>[These have been signed by the Chairman and filed].</i>
4. OPEN FORUM	
4a. Presentation by Will Gardiner, Development Surveyor and Mr Ben Ling, Village General Manager from Inspired Villages	The presentation provided an update on the Great Alne Park development, including closure of the Park Lane/ West Entrance, and details of the submitted planning application for additional cottages (21/04093/FUL). The presentation slides are attached as Annex 1 to these Minutes. There followed a general Q&A session with the residents regarding the proposed plans for the additional cottages, the design for the East Entrance to GAP, parking generally on the site, the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on Henley Road, and the current status of the on-site Medical Centre.
4b. Representations from residents	No issues had been raised before the meeting to the Clerk.
4c. Alcester South SNT & crime statistics update	The Clerk receives a weekly report from the Alcester South SNT, as well as through the new Warwickshire Connected Police free community messaging system which residents are encouraged to subscribe to. It is very quick and easy to sign up here: https://www.warwickshireconnected.com . The main issues that are currently affecting our parish and surrounding area include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle crime including theft and damage, anti-social behaviour, burglaries of sheds, garages and outbuildings • Particular hotspots seem to be in and around Alcester, although there have been a couple of recently reported burglaries on Sernal Lane and in Great Alne in January – mainly shed and outbuildings along the back of School Road. Update from Alcester SNT suggests gangs from Birmingham are responsible and at least one arrest was made shortly after these burglaries took place. Following a request by one of the affected residents, the Clerk has spoken to the farmer currently farming the field at the back of the School Road properties, and he is happy to speak to the concerned resident.

4d. Memorial Hall Representative's Report

How to report a suspected crime or suspicious behaviour:

- Always report an active crime on 999
- Non-emergency calls can be made on 101
- Online reporting services are also available on the Warwickshire police's website: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report/>
- Twitter - @AlcesterCops
- Facebook - Alcester Police
- Instagram – southwarwickshiresnts

CLlr Francis, the GAPC Representative on the Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall Committee gave the following update following the last meeting

The last meeting of the Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall was on 24 January. The next meeting will take place on 28 March.

- Repairs to the rendering and roof leaks were hoped to have started last autumn - the cost of this is approximately £5000. Hopefully will be started later this month/early March
- As no volunteers came forward to help maintain the gardens a quote for looking after the garden for a half day once a month is being investigated
- The village Hall still has plans to buy the snooker room from the social club. New double doors will be fitted shortly and then the lobby walls will be dry lined
- A slate plaque to commemorate the Hall's centenary has been ordered
- The cast iron guttering will be replaced asap
- The need for a step beyond the door into the garden and a ramp for disabled visitors needs to be taken forward
- After decorating the hall, LED lights will be fitted to the ceiling and the floor will be resurfaced
- It has been decided that the annual BBQ would be brought forward to Friday 3 June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, with live music
- Regular events are now returning to the Hall:
 - Zumba on Monday mornings at 10
 - WI second Tuesday of the month
 - Tap Dancers
 - Art Group on a Wednesday
 - Folk Dancers (suspended temporarily)
 - Ballet Class
- Ad hoc bookings are buoyant and discussions are taking place on how best we can advertise regular weekday use of the Hall and we are looking at installing wifi for hirers' use
- Film Club is usually held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The January film The Good Liar was very well attended. The February film is the latest James Bond, Little Women will be shown in March and Official Secrets in April
- We had a very successful coffee morning on 4 December with the WI hosting the bring and buy stall - we made £250+ . The tree lights were turned on on Sunday 5 December with a very good turn out and the Pop Up Pub on 10 December made over £650
- Plans for next year include:
 - Pop Up Pub and live music - 30 April
 - BBQ and Jubilee celebration - 3 June

- Hall AGM -9 June
- Christmas coffee morning - 3 December
- Christmas is coming – 9 December
- Pop Up Pub and Yuletide gathering- 9 December
- A Bhangra and Curry evening is also being planned for the autumn

4e. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Kerridge provided the following written report to the Clerk:

- a. Great Alne Park: section 278 roadworks update - *Good news that the IV application on the Eastern entrance has now passed the technical approval and is on to the legal department for the final stage.*
- b. Stoat Lane South (Spernal lane to Coughton fields lane) and Old Warwick road (called New end farm road on WCC maps) E routes. use and abuse by 4x4s:

I am in discussion with Highways (Jeff Morris) and rights of way team (Richard Barnard) on this. They are aware of the situation and have some initial plans but there is no clean solution. In response to PC Davis from Alcester police, GAPC and myself WCC have investigated both roads

There is no plan to reclassify the E routes as "non-vehicular" in the near future although in the long term this may be attempted.

Due to the recent public enquiry over Newnham Lane e route in Aston Cantlow WCC are learning a lot about the legal processes involved in trying to re-designate an e route as a foot path or bridleway. It will be challenged by off road organisations.

WCC will erect notices informing people that they are official highways which will allow the police to act with more confidence regarding its use i.e. vehicles must be taxed, insured MOT etc.

The initial approach from WCC is to make the e routes clear and passable so there is no excuse for drivers to go off road. I think this is the best starting point. If this is done and damage is still being done a next step can then be identified.

On the old Warwick Road at the New End farm end there is a prospect of improving the surface. No details at present but I will keep the PC informed of progress.

So this is a starting point in a complex situation and I am glad WCC are so engaged.

*I think that, as well as policing and route "improvement", some **physical structures might well be needed in time**, similar to the wooden stakes put in on the Coughton Fields Lane end of Stoat Lane some years ago. Perhaps more robust. I think the PC and landowners leading on this would be most efficient.*

- c. Flooding and drainage issues:

Working with the relevant departments within WCC on these ongoing issues:

1. *repair to gulleys by Huff Cap and blocking of drain into Huff cap.*
2. *associated root clearance of onward drain.*
3. *jetting of gulleys on the separate drainage system down the hill from*

Huff Cap to bridge.

WCC Highways have confirmed; The wider system (round to where the village hall is) was jetted and cleared in early February last year and on the 10th of January this year.

WCC is still looking for a time scale for the Huff Cap Junction works (which have been agreed so will happen) but unlikely to be before the new financial year. Will try and push it up the list with the "delivery team" who contract out the work.

[The Clerk has also spoken to the owners of The Mother Huff Cap who have also been liaising with WCC re their drains. They have been told the same as above: work is being scheduled soon to deal with the damaged drains in the location. The drain at the end of Spernal Lane / Appleby Close was damaged by BT and they are coming back to fix it.

The Clerk also understands that we are on a schedule for further investigation with cameras to establish if there are more significant issues occurring – ie roots crushing pipes around the Huff Cap junction. We are also due to be added to a new program of maintenance whereby we will benefit from regular visits and drain clearance]

CLlr Forman provided the following written report to the Clerk:

4f. District Councillor's Report

- You will be glad to hear that Covid rates across the district are falling after peaking on the 4th of January, when cases were 2000 per 100,000 population, as of the Sunday the 6th (the last figures I have) they were 1020 per 100,000, and 87% of the adults in the SDC area have now had 3 jabs.
- A lot of Council work recently has revolved around the possible merger of Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council. There is already a lot of close working between the two councils, which is helping to save a considerable amount of money for both councils. Many council staff and senior officers now work for both councils and joint negotiations now take place when contracts are up for renewal. An example of this is the waste collection contract. A joint contract has been agreed with both councils and Biffa which will start on the 1st of August 2022.
- Both Councils held a full Council meeting on the 13th of December where Councillors at both meetings voted in favour of the merger. A letter has now been sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities proposing the merger, we await his response.
- Finalising the budget for 2022/23 has also taken up a lot of Officer and Councillors time. The budget will go to full Council on the 17th of February for approval. The proposal at the moment would see Council tax for Bank D properties increase by £5.00, and the green bin charge increase from £40.00 to £42.00 with no early bird discount.
- As I have already said the new waste contract starts in August which will see the cost of waste collection substantially increase. When you receive your council tax bills you should receive details of the new waste collection arrangements.
- Councillors have been asked to pass on a request from the waste collection team: Please can households not put batteries in their refuse bins. On Tuesday the 11th

of January a bin lorry caught fire due to batteries being placed in a refuse bin and then being punctured when emptied in the bin lorry. No one was hurt and the vehicle was not damaged, but it could have been so much worse. The council does provide a separate kerbside collection service for household batteries – they can be placed next to or on top of any bin on scheduled collection days in a standard carrier bag for collection and recycling. Most supermarkets and large stores also have battery recycling points.

[Cllr Francis requested the Clerk obtain clarification from Cllr Forman on the new waste contract starting in August, and clarification re the substantial increase in costs, in light of a joint waste contract being agreed with both councils, which would arguably reduce costs.

Cllr Forman responded as follows: The new contract with Biffa was negotiated jointly with WDC and therefore we got a better deal than if SDC had negotiated it on their own, but the costs of this new contract is higher than the contract that it is replacing. Also, after the unfortunate fire at the waste recycling plant in the Autumn of last year SDC have had to find alternative sites to dispose of the recycling waste which again has been at a much higher cost. As I am sure you are aware SDC along with several other Councils are building their own recycling centre that should help with reduced costs in the future.]

MATTERS ARISING

- a) The picket fence installed by the PC along the south-west boundary of the park next to the pub, is looking untidy and some of it is in disrepair. In light of the larger 6ft fence erected by the contractor, it is recommended to remove this fence. The contractor has been asked if he will take it down, but he has no capacity at present. Clerk will ask the CPBT if they will add it to their list.
- b) Work is progressing quickly on the two properties now that Western Power Distribution have completed their work to the power lines.
- c) Scaffolding has been erected around the pub building while work is carried out to repaint and tidy-up the exterior.

The Clerk provided the following update:

- a) Flooding and drainage – update provided alongside Cllr Kerridge’s report.
- b) Street lighting – WCC have been emailed regarding replacement required for streetlight outside Shawford on Henley Road. GAPC still intending to upgrade all streetlights in the parish to LED steel columns but this is currently on hold while we await the works scheduled by Kier Utility Group (see below).
- c) Highway maintenance
 - i. The roads seemed to manage much better with the rainfall this week after the drains had been jetted and cleared around the middle of the village.
 - ii. Two incidents of flytipping have been reported by the Clerk this week and duly collected.
 - iii. The arisings from the fir tree on Henley Road. Clerk has requested for these to be cleared four times. Also contacted Streetscene who said it was Highways issue so couldn’t collect. Another email has been sent this week to Highways.

**5a. The Mother Huff
Cap and site update**

**5b. General
Maintenance Update**

5c. Community Speed Watch/Road Safety update

d) Community Pay Back Team progress

- i. The team are doing some great work up at the Church – clearing trees back and raising canopies, moving soil heaps and creating clearings, tidying up footpath access and generally making the area much more amenable. The warden has a list of jobs still to be completed including trimming back undergrowth in the paddock area.
A big thank you also to the residents who have been volunteering at the church with the pruning and tidying up of the fruit trees.
- ii. The CPBT has also fixed the five-bar gate at the bottom on Church Walk.
- iii. The team will be starting work on a couple of the local footpaths soon, and has also agreed to be involved with reclaiming the Forest Learning area at the school.
- iv. We are scheduled to benefit from CPBT visits until the end of the year so if any resident has any ideas or suggestions of tasks that would benefit the whole community, please let the Clerk know.

a) Formal training for volunteers – The Clerk has chased Warwickshire Road Safety Unit again to find out the dates for formal training but has yet to have a response. In the interim, the 11 volunteers who have had the informal but not the formal training, will be added to the CSWG whatsapp group and be invited to join the team when they start to go out with the new speed detection device. We are also making progress on obtaining mobile signage from the police - which is the only thing stopping the team going out. PC Rob Davies at Alcester SNT has also approved a site for the speed device on Sernal Lane. Cllr Millard confirmed that the Group were booked to go out in the next 2-3 weeks as soon as the mobile signage arrived.

b) Installation of temporary signs at school crossing by WCC – after half term, some additional speeding signs will be added to a couple of the lampposts approaching school. This is part of an additional risk assessment for the lollipop warden.

c) Issue surrounding the VAS – as part of the above discussion, the WCC officer is looking into the status with our VAS sign. There was a review last year across the county and we should have had feedback at the end of the year. Clerk chased for an update and received the following response from Jon Rollinson, Principal Strategy & Policy Officer, Transport & Highways, WCC

I took a report to our Corporate Bd in December and their response was that we needed to wait until the Budget setting meeting had taken place in early February, as this would inevitably have implications for our VAS maintenance and repair opportunities.

I have a meeting at the beginning of March to understand the full implications of that budget setting in relation to VAS, after which I hope to bring a second report to Corporate Bd and then to Cabinet to approve a policy.

The intention remains to be able to provide a policy which includes robust criteria for the installation of new, proposed vehicle activated signs and allows for the removal of signs which have not been effective in road safety and are a maintenance burden to be removed.

County Highways colleagues have provided me with a list of the 400 or so VAS in the county and I couldn't find an entry for Great Alne. On streetview there is a sign opposite the entrance to the Primary School, so I have added it to the list. Do you

<p>5d. Amenity Area Grounds Maintenance Contract renewal update.</p>	<p><i>know when this sign was installed?</i></p> <p>The Councillors could not remember the date when the VAS sign was installed so the Clerk will look back through the records for further details and take the issue forward with WCC.</p> <p>The Councillors considered and approved the appointment of Limebridge Rural Services Ltd in light of unsatisfactory references provided for the originally- approved contractor. The Clerk was instructed to prepare a formal contract with a 12month break clause, which Limebridge had also agreed to.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that Limebridge was unable to commit to the additional ad hoc tasks that were required and suggested GAPC consider appointing a lengthsmen / company who can provide services on an ad hoc basis, including for the park eg to remove the picket fence. The Councillors approved this action, with remuneration to be agreed on an hourly rate on a discontinued contract (Clerk to research further). The Clerk will approach the Community Pay Back Team in the first instance to see if they can manage the ad hoc tasks while a suitable company is engaged.</p> <p>The Clerk also requested authorisation to investigate companies who can quote to treat and move the picnic benches in the recreation ground and also obtain a quote for treating the benches outside GAKMH -preferably before the Jubilee weekend. The Councillors agreed, and suggested the Clerk might approach the Community Pay Back Team about this work in the first instance.</p> <p>MAIN BUSINESS</p>
<p>6a.4x4 and quad bike access on U-routes in and around Sernal Lane / HoEF</p>	<p>The Clerk provided an update in conjunction with Cllr Kerridge’s report.</p> <p>A debate amongst local residents ensued, including input from Mr Richard Hawker who has had a personal interest in similar issues around the area for a number of years. Mr Hawker provided a detailed history of the U-routes, and has subsequently provided the Clerk with copies of maps and historical data which is extremely useful.</p> <p>The Clerk has had significant conversations with residents, one of the affected local land-owners and also Alcester SNT and Cllr Kerridge on taking this forward. The best way to take this forward is to focus on the ASB aspects of recent events in the location and potential harm to people and property. The Chairman confirmed that focusing on the ASB aspects should allow the relevant authorities to come together and agree a plan that considers all the complexities but assists all the parties involved. If they do not, GAPC will be giving serious consideration to the ‘community trigger’ mechanism provided by the legislation.</p> <p><i>[Section 104 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. community trigger is a mechanism for victims of persistent anti-social behaviour to request that relevant bodies undertake a case review. A case review would entail the relevant bodies sharing information in relation to the case, discussing what action has previously been taken, and collectively deciding whether any further action could be taken].</i></p> <p>A Schedule of works has been provided by Kier Utility to upgrade the village’s electricity supply cable which is over 50 years old, and which does not have capacity for future demands. A map of proposed works has been provided by Kier Utility and will be available</p>

<p>6b. Notification and information regarding significant Kier Utilities roadworks through the village from March – July 2022</p>	<p>on the noticeboards/ posted on FaceBook/ in the spring newsletter etc. Work will start at the Arden Trading Estate and come up Captains Hill, through Kinwarton and through the centre of the village, up to the electricity sub-station on the bend towards Little Alne on Henley Road. The Clerk is currently waiting for confirmation of the start date and will update accordingly.</p>
<p>6c. GAKMH request for contribution from GAPC to contribute to mowing cost</p>	<p>GAPC has received a request from GAKMH to contribute 50% of the costs of grass cutting at the Memorial Hall for the 2022 season, to be split with Kinwarton PC. The Clerk read out the letter received from Martyn Davey. The Councillors approved the 50% contribution for a maximum of 8 cuts for the coming season, totalling £345.60.</p>
<p>6d. Update on treeworks at the park / Nightingale Close</p>	<p>The Clerk would like to thank the residents of Nightingale Close for their forbearance with these ongoing works. The residents requested the treeworks as their properties are affected by the size and scale of the trees, which, being in the park, are the responsibility of GAPC. The residents have been very patient over the last few weeks while the Clerk tries to deal with the availability on site of the appointed tree surgeons.</p>
<p>6e. Precept for 2022-2023</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that the contractor had agreed that the damage caused to the grass at the park would be repaired by Limebridge Rural Services once the works are completed.</p> <p>At the time of the meeting, the position was that only one day's work has been carried out. The works were supposed to be completed in January; then the sub-contractor committed to 3 days in the first week of Feb, but has only been on site for one of those. The Clerk has been chasing and making phonecalls and had a visit from the director of the contractor, but the sub-contractor is proving very elusive. The Clerk recommended, and the Councillors agreed, that a deadline be set for the work to be completed, or Limebridge will be put on notice that an alternative contractor will be appointed and the bill passed back to Limebridge for payment.</p>
<p>6f. Internal Audit</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed the precept request for 2022-2023 was submitted to SDC following GAPC approval on 25th January, and acknowledgment received. In summary, the PC element of the council tax will be lower for an average Band D property than last year, even though the overall precept will be increasing because of the increased number of dwellings.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the GAPC internal audit was completed on 20 January by Cllr Millard and the Clerk.</p>
<p>6g. Appointment of new auditor</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed a new auditor has been appointed for GAPC for the year-end accounts March 2022. The Clerk has scheduled a call with the new auditor next week and the appointment letter will be sent.</p>
<p>6h. Banking options</p>	<p>The Clerk requested authorisation to revisit banking options again due to HSBC's removal of Community accounts and imposition of 'small business' charges, including for cheques (issue with internet banking). The Councillors agreed that the Clerk should research alternatives.</p> <p>The new Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk, which was approved by GAPC at the last PC meeting in January, has been uploaded to the GAPC website and will be reviewed each</p>

<p>6i. Scheme of Delegation</p>	<p>year at the Annual Meeting</p> <p>Update provided at section 4c above.</p>
<p>6j. School Road break-ins</p>	<p>Update provided at section 5b(b) above.</p>
<p>6k. Replacement streetlamp required</p>	<p>Update provided at section 5d above.</p>
<p>6l. Treatment of benches</p>	<p>The Clerk has had a meeting with a representative from the WI regarding the possibility of planting a flowering pear tree in the Recreation Ground behind the hedge along School Road. The tree will be supplied, planted and maintained by Limebridge Rural Services Ltd.</p>
<p>6m. WI planting in the park</p>	<p>The Councillors approved the WI's request for permission to plant the tree in the recreation ground.</p> <p>The Clerk discussed the plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June. Preliminary ideas involve a Picnic in the Park on Sunday 5th June at 1pm. Further thoughts around this theme include:</p>
<p>6n. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The event being part of the National Thank-You Day celebrations ii. Bouncy castle and fairground games/entertainment iii. Raffle- proceeds to raise funds for school iv. Bottle tombola (donations from residents) – to raise money for a GAPC chosen charity v. Jubilee Fancy dress competition for children vi. Best dressed/decorated house vii. Jubilee Bake Off viii. Village rounders games on the playing field (team tournament) ix. Treasure trail for families around the village x. The Mother Huff Cap is keen to be involved xi. Possible involvement of the WI – cake sale and crafts? xii. Permanent memorial – planting of community orchard/copse in the park between the pub and the path – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Queen's Green Canopy initiative 2) Greenshoots funding 3) Meeting with WCC regarding advice on best species of trees to plant 4) Advice from local Climate Change / Environmental professional on trees and soil considerations 5) Planting at Easter-time with the school? 6) Bench in the copse with a plaque to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee? 7) 'Official opening' at the Picnic 8) Thoughts on live music? <p>The Councillors were happy with these suggestions and the date. Cllr Mainwaring suggested obtaining some bird nest boxes for the craft activity which also aligns with GAPC's climate change objectives and will be a great souvenir for the children of the Jubilee weekend. The Clerk will research options.</p> <p>The Clerk noted there is no allocated budget for the Jubilee event. The Councillors agreed the event will be free for all residents, with no ticket sales etc. The Clerk has a quote for the bouncy castle which the Councillors confirmed GAPC would pay for. It is harder with</p>

	<p>the striker activity as people play for prizes – residents would therefore need to pay for this activity if they wished to have a go. The Councillors also suggested the Clerk consider whether any local employers might be prepared to provide some sponsorship for the event.</p> <p>The Clerk will check all license and insurances, test certificates etc and confirm the provider will supervise the bouncy castle. The Clerk will also check GAPC event insurance and prepare a risk assessment.</p> <p>The Clerk also had a very productive meeting with Sarah, Andy and Khan at the Mother Huff Cap and they would be delighted to co-host the event with GAPC. They have lots of ideas which they are going to explore further. We agreed that there would be no live music so as not to clash with the Alne Fest II event at school on 18 June. On this, Cllr Francis suggested it would be good if GAPC were to acquire or donate something to school (eg a bird table) in commemoration of the Jubilee.</p> <p>The Councillors agreed that the event will be discussed further at the next PC meeting due to time constraints this evening. The Clerk will then be able to prepare a flyer for circulation/ posting to all residents / parentmail through school etc.</p> <p>The Clerk is co-ordinating with other parish Jubilee Plans organised by local community groups:</p>
<p>6o. Co-ordination with other parish groups</p>	<p>a. GAKMH BBQ has been brought forward to Fri 3rd June with live music</p> <p>b. GAP hopefully holding a street party event on the terrace – open to all in Great Alne – possibly the Saturday TBC.</p>
<p>6p. GAPC Jubilee Fund</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that GAPC has set up a Parish Council Jubilee Fund for local community groups and organisations who would like to run a Jubilee event for their members. Groups are encouraged to speak to the Clerk if interested in applying for funding.</p>
<p>6q. Jubilee Plans – volunteers required!</p>	<p>GAPC will require volunteers to help organise the Jubilee Celebration Picnic in the Park – all volunteers requested to please contact the Clerk asap!</p> <p>The Councillors suggested the Clerk select a date for a meeting in the Mother Huff Cap and invite anyone to come along who would be interested in assisting. Tasks can be allocated.</p>
<p>6r. Climate Change</p>	<p>The Chairman provided an overview of the recently attended conference, Climate Action Day which was held on 19th January 2022 and was attended by 2 councillors and the Clerk. He explained the areas covered by the facilitated workshops and how to engage the community.</p> <p>GAPC is currently working on a Climate Action Plan for the parish – to be discussed in more detail at the next PC meeting in March. There is a lot of work that we can be doing, starting immediately with some easy wins such as LED streetlamps, planting trees, making climate change a permanent agenda item, sharing info and increasing recycling options, encouraging car sharing, engaging 100% green energy suppliers etc.</p> <p>The councillors agreed that the agenda item ‘Climate Change’ would be added to every PC meeting agenda from 10 March, and located in the Open Forum section.</p> <p>A number of volunteers will be needed to help GAPC with its Climate Change Program and</p>

to establish a Community Plan. We need volunteers to help us with this very important community objective. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer.

The rescheduled Parish Assembly will be held in May. At this meeting, GAPC will be seeking willing volunteers to establish/re-establish a number of working groups to address various workstreams across the parish, including:

- i. Church Friends Group
- ii. Community Speed Watch Group (to include new volunteers)
- iii. Climate Change Group
- iv. Good Neighbour Group
- v. Park Friends Group
- vi. Parish Plan Group

This meeting will be a call for volunteers to assist with setting up of these working groups, under the guidance of an allocated Parish Councillor. Please come along and show your support for these important projects.

The Clerk confirmed that the First Aid training / how to use the new defibrillator will be rescheduled for the spring once Covid rates have eased.

6s. Rescheduled Parish Assembly meeting

6t. First Aid training to be rescheduled

The date and location of the next GAPC meeting is **10 March 2022 at 7pm** in the Function Room of Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, B49 6HS. The Clerk will agree the meeting dates for the rest of 2022 over email with the Councillors (ideally returning to the third Thursday of alternate months). Dates will be posted on the noticeboards and website.

6u. Date of next PC meetings

The following are the planning applications recently submitted in the parish of Great Alne and their current status.

7. Planning applications

The yellow highlighted application was discussed by the Councillors. The Clerk had requested an extension for submission of GAPC's response, due the date of this PC meeting and the fact IV would be presenting slides regarding the same. Following their discussion, the Councillors agreed to object to the application on the basis of; i) the proposed layout of the additional cottages, which is incompatible with the rest of the site, ii) the impact on existing residents, and iii) issues with the proposed parking arrangements. The Councillors agreed to confirm the exact wording of the submission response over email prior to submission on Monday.

Ref	Received	Status	Address
22/00199/TR EE	24/1/2022	Pending Consideration	Manor House Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HR
22/00232/T REE	24/1/2022	Pending Consideration	Long House Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
22/00145/L DP	17/1/2022	Pending Consideration	49 School Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HQ
21/04057/ ADV	22/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Great Alne
21/04093/E	21/12/2021	Pending	Maudslay Park Great Alne

UL		Consideration	
21/04013/F UL	20/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Juniper Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HX
21/04097/F UL	17/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Great Alne Mill Mill Lane Great Alne
21/04099/L BC	17/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Great Alne Mill Mill Lane Great Alne
21/03871/ VARY	7/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Alne Wood Park Natural Burial Ground Sernal Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6JG
21/03788/L DP	30/11/2021	Proposed Lawful Development - Permitted	2, 7 And 8 School Close Great Alne Alcester B49 6HE
21/03778/ AMD	25/11/2021	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Great Alne
21/03644/ AMD	10/11/2021	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Maudslay Park Great Alne
21/03205/F UL	6/10/2021	Application Withdrawn	49 School Road Great Alne B49 6HQ
21/03069/F UL	27/9/2021	Pending Consideration	15 Appleby Close Great Alne B49 6HJ
21/02879/T REE	8/9/2021	Tree Works Approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HR
21/02796/F UL	1/9/2021	Planning Permission Refused	Seymour House 50 School Road Great Alne B49 6HQ
21/02797/L BC	1/9/2021	PP or LBC Not Required	Seymour House 50 School Road Great Alne B49 6HQ
21/02656/ AMD	11/8/2021	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Maudslay Park Great Alne
21/02546/T REE	9/8/2021	Tree Works Approved	2 Maudslay Cottages Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HX
21/02370/F UL	22/7/2021	Permission with conditions	1 Linfoot Oaks Great Alne B49 6RG
20/03403/L BP Appeal	23/6/2021	Appeal In Progress	Trap House Manor Court Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HR
21/01847/L BC	4/6/2021	Listed Building Consent Approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HR
21/01632/F UL	17/5/2021	Permission with conditions	2 Gunn Court Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS

21/01634/FUL	17/5/2021	Permission with conditions	Broadlane Cottage Spernal Lane Great Alne B49 6JD
21/01566/ADV	10/5/2021	Application Withdrawn	Maudslay Park Village Road Great Alne B49 6HS
21/01496/TREE	4/5/2021	Tree Works Approved	1 Gunn Court, Barnfield Park Lane Great Alne B49 6HS
21/00984/TREE	24/3/2021	Tree Works Approved	Yew Tree House Park Lane Great Alne B49 6HS
21/00941/AMD	20/3/2021	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Flaxfields Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HX
21/00900/VARY	18/3/2021	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Village Road Great Alne B49 6HS
21/00865/AMD	15/3/2021	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Maudslay Park Great Alne

Accounts payments/invoices for approval since the October 2021 meeting. Those highlighted in white are paid, those in blue have been paid but yet to be presented. Those in yellow are yet to be paid.

8. Accounting information

07/10/21	HMRC NI contributions (E'ee r= £21.25, E'ee = £11.28)	32.53
11/10/21	WALC training - Data Protection (DF) Inv-21694	36.00
18/10/21	LaserTech UK Ltd	1495.19
31/10/21	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd- Grass cutting - 2014	420.00
03/11/21	WALC Training - Planning applications (DF new c'llor training)	60.00
	ICO Data protection fee - ref ZA303310	40.00
09/11/21	GAKMH booking for the Parish Assembly 22.1.21	65.00
17/11/21	Clerk's wages for Oct (tax period 7)	N/A
18/11/21	Clerk's expenses for Oct 2021	76.73
18/11/21	Community Heartbeat Trust- first aid and defib training	210.00
18/11/21	Hall hire for First aid training on 9.1.22	40.00
19/11/21	E.ON (UMS electricity supplies) Inv No. H1A69DEF69	142.25
24/11/21	WALC Training - Protecting Public Rights of Way INV-21834	36.00

03/12/21	E.ON/ npower (UMS electricity supplies) Inv No. H1A7EB188E	137.67
09/12/21	Clerk's wages for Nov (tax period 8)	N/A
09/12/21	Clerk's expenses for Nov 2021	263.52
16/12/21	WALC Training - Climate Action Day (LB/KB) INV-21896	36.00
06/01/22	npower Business Solutions	181.31
07/01/22	WALC Training - Climate Action Day (DF) INV-21897	36.00
11/01/22	Clerks expenses for Dec 2021	56.25
11/01/22	Clerks wages for Dec 2021 (tax period 9)	N/A
11/01/22	Clerk's holiday pay (5 Jan-31 March 2021)	N/A
11/01/22	Bank charges HSBC	16.00
22/01/22	Limebridge - Inv 2100 (strip clearance in park)	174.00
08/02/22	GAP - Function room for Feb PC meeting	35.00
08/02/22	GAP - Function room for March PC meeting	35.00
15/02/22	Clerk's wages for January 2022 (tax period 10)	N/A
15/02/22	Clerk's expenses for Jan 2022	39.28

Correspondence since the last meeting includes:

- a) Numerous emails and phonecalls with residents and the Alcester SNT and Cllr Kerridge regarding 4x4 use of U-routes.
- b) Emails and calls regarding planned treeworks in the recreation ground / Nightingale Close.
- c) Correspondence regarding renewal of amenity areas ground maintenance contract and responses to tender documentation, taking up of references etc.
- d) Correspondence regarding dogs off leads on public footpaths and issues arising
- e) Correspondence regarding extension of electric fencing along public footpath at the top of Park Lane.
- f) Correspondence with Great Alne Primary School re advertising job vacancies
- g) Correspondence re contractors' rubbish at The Mother Huff Cap
- h) Emails with WCC re additional temporary signage on lamp posts approaching the School Crossing on School Road and issues regarding the Vehicle Activated Sign
- i) Emails regarding submission of precept to SDC, internal audit and appointment of a new auditor
- j) Correspondence regarding Jubilee celebrations and plans
- k) Liaising with local resident who is also heavily involved professionally with local Climate Change Projects, seeking advice and guidance on ideas for GAPC climate change actions
- l) Correspondence with GAP management team regarding ongoing planning issues and developments and general update

9. Correspondence

<p>10. Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>m) Organising training and conferences – Climate Action Day and Digital Mapping n) Alcester SNT Team: weekly police report.</p> <p>Date of next meeting – Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7pm in the Function Room at Great Alne Park, B49 6HS. The Clerk confirmed that all meeting dates are based on current rates of Covid 19, any working from home guidance recommended by WALC and relevant Government guidance at the time.</p>
	<p>THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MARCH AT 7PM IN THE FUNCTION ROOM AT MAUDSLAY HOUSE, GREAT ALNE PARK, HENLEY ROAD, GREAT ALNE, B49 6HX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting ended at 10pm. *****</p>