

**A Meeting of Great Alne Parish Council was held on Thursday 12 May 2022 at The Function Room,
Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HX**

PRESENT	Councillors Mr L Bowring, Ms H Mainwaring, Ms D Francis. Members of the public: approximately 9.
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	County Cllr Mr Justin Kerridge, District Cllr Mrs G Forman (both of whom were attending the Parish Council meeting at Aston Cantlow in the absence of parish councillor appointments), Cllr Ian Millard, Cllr Paul Clark.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Cllr Francis declared an interest in Item 4e(e) regarding planning application 21/04093/FUL re additional units at Great Alne. The Chairman noted that this item would be for discussion only at this meeting as due to Cllr Francis' declaration, the council would not be quorate to make a decision on this agenda item.
3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES	Minutes from the March 2022 Parish Council Meeting minutes were agreed by the Councillors. <i>[These will be signed by the Chairman and filed].</i>
OPEN FORUM	
4a. Representations from residents	Two issues were raised by residents - one before the meeting and one at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk had received an email from a resident in Millway Lodge regarding item 4e(e) – proposed plan re additional units and the Barton Willmore letter received in response to the submitted objections. The Clerk confirmed that this issue would be discussed in greater depth further down the agenda. • A resident asked at the meeting whether the survey relating to the facilities available at the Medical Centre had been circulated to just residents of Great Alne park, or whether the other residents in the village of Great Alne had received it. The Chairman confirmed that this would be discussed at agenda item 4e(b).
4b. 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 vehicle crime including theft and damage, anti-social behaviour, burglaries of sheds, garages and outbuildings How to report a suspected crime or suspicious behaviour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
4c. County Councillor's Report	Cllr Kerridge provided the following written report to the Clerk: Cllr Kerridge emailed the Clerk to confirm that he had raised the 4x4 E-routes issue at the highest levels at WCC with both the leader and directors but was unable to get any drastic actions such as closing the lanes to traffic. Cllr Kerridge feels this is due to the high likelihood of legal challenge to such an action from 4x4 and off-road bike groups, and the belief at WCC that there is little chance of defending such an action. He is very keen to

	<p>hear suggestions from GAPC on potential options / next steps as he feels he is currently 'at a stop'.</p> <p>Cllr Kerridge is going to chase up progress on the footpath at the top of Park Lane on Hill Farm and revert back.</p> <p>With regard to the drains next to The Mother Huff Cap, these are scheduled for this financial year which is the closest estimate he currently has on timing.</p> <p>Cllr Kerridge had escalated the proposed speed limit reduction on Henley Road and had been given a definite 'no'. He suggested that trying again from the Parish Council might be worthwhile.</p>
<p>4d. District Councillor's Report</p>	<p>Cllr Forman provided the following written report to the Clerk:</p> <p><i>As I am sure you have seen Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council have jointly decided to end their political merger talks to form a South Warwickshire District Council. At the Stratford District Council meeting held yesterday Councillors voted to formally end the discussions on the merger, and that the submission to the Department for levelling Up, Housing and Communities to create a South Warwickshire District Council be withdrawn. Joint working on the South Warwickshire Local Plan and the South Warwickshire Economic Strategy will continue.</i></p> <p><i>The Council tax energy rebate are now being paid out to eligible residents who have paid the April instalment of their rates bill by direct debit, 18400 household have received their rebate so far. 1500 of the rebate payments were rejected so SDC staff are contacting these residents by post to check the information they hold, for example bank details. Following on from this SDC staff will contact residents by who do not pay by Direct Debit, again this will be by post. Councillors have been informed that scam phone calls are being made to some residents claiming to be from SDC and asking for bank details so that the payment can be made, this is not the case NO phone calls are being made by SDC staff, so please make residents aware of this scam</i></p> <p><i>SDC have started to deliver the green food cadies to residents ready for the new waste collections that start for the 1st of August. With the cadies is a leaflet explaining the new system and a calendar of collections dates.</i></p>
<p>4e. Update on Great Alne Park</p> <p>a. Closure of the shop at GAP</p>	<p>Update on Great Alne Park as follows:</p> <p>It was confirmed that the shop at GAP had closed at the end of April. IV welcomes views on options for the future of the shop.</p> <p>The general opinion was that the closing of the East Entrance Gate was not necessarily the issue for the shop. It was located within an enclave and needed the support of a community wider than the residents of GAP. Its location meant there was no passing trade and therefore little demand from outside the development. The offerings in the shop were limited – it was not possible to do a full shop in there and the range on offer was very specific.</p> <p>Once GAP is at full capacity, there may be increased demand for a shop; but the impulse or emergency purchase was not enough to sustain it. One resident also felt that there was not much communication from the shop to the residents outside of GAP and there was no signage on the road or leading into the village to indicate there was a store.</p> <p><i>(At the request of the Clerk, a dedicated email address was subsequently provided by IV management and circulated in the spring/summer 2022 Parish Newsletter for feedback on possible options for the shop).</i></p>

<p>b. Medical Centre update</p>	<p>In relation to the Medical Centre at GAP, the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) recent assessment was that there was no need for the additional capacity. Nadim Zahawi MP had recently visited GAP and he had committed his support to opening the facility: GAPC had recently been copied in on a letter he had written to the CCG.</p> <p>IV are also seeking support from GAPC in obtaining CCG approval to opening up the centre, specifically in understanding what services and facilities the residents of Great Alne would most benefit from. Other from one phone call with Lesley Source from AHC in April last year in relation to an early draft of a business case, the Chairman explained that GAPC has had very little communication from AHC in relation to the facility - so the Chairman was not sure how we could provide support without further detailed information. It had been because of this that GAPC suggested a survey was sent out to the residents to obtain feedback directly to gauge residents' needs. There would also need to be a clear channel for any queries arising in relation to the Medical Centre, as GAPC would not be able to answer any queries. It would also be important to ensure that besides an electronic survey, there is a paper version available – otherwise there was a risk that the services required would reflect the age of the demographic replying electronically and not the wider audience that lives within Great Alne parish.</p> <p>The councillors considered that it seemed to be the case that the Centre was being driven by Alcester Health Centre (AHC) which are only one provider of GP services in this area. It is not clear whether other GPs have been involved; meaning that AHC may not reach residents who are under the care of other GPs. The Chairman is keen to understand how the services provided ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate – or not. It is GAPC's responsibility to do what is best for residents. If a high quality service can be provided to all, then of course we want to support that, but that is a different proposition to residents having to register with the AHC GP before they can access the services at the Medical Centre. So, one question for example would be whether the plan is for there to be an independent surgery presence?</p> <p>One of the residents also commented that there were other issues arising – for non-Gap residents, there was still a need to travel by car to get to the Medical Centre. Where would the patients park? They would still have to travel to Alcester if they needed a prescription. To be fully effective, the Medical Centre would need to provide an end-to-end service. The Chairman did not know whether a dispensing facility as part of a one-stop shop had been considered.</p> <p>Another resident noted that there were probably not enough people in the parish to sustain a GP practice full-time. Would the service be supported by a nurse for example? If it was going to be a proper practice, then a full package of services would be required rather than just general practice services.</p> <p>The Chairman understands IV's frustrating position regarding the Medical Centre – this facility was a requirement under the section 106 agreement – the provision of health facilities formed part of the original planning application. The original developer, in negotiation with SDC and WCC worked on the specification. IV has taken that on and enhanced that into a health facility in excess of what was required and there is now an asset in place that needs to be utilised. However, the general feeling was that IV should have communicated more effectively regarding the facility, and involved GAPC earlier in the process.</p> <p>In summary, GAPC feels that IV and AHC need to communicate with the CCG and other GP practices in the area. The councillors are happy with the questions in the IV survey, and are happy to circulate, but it needs to be approached more effectively so that more appropriate channels are provided for non -electronic access.</p> <p><i>(The survey has subsequently been circulated through the spring/summer 2022 edition of the Parish Council's newsletter. An email has also been provided for residents to raise any queries directly with IV).</i></p>
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<p>c. Planning application re signage on Henley Road – update</p>	<p>The Clerk reiterated the information received from Cllr Kerridge in his report: WCC have resolved not to reduce the speed limit along Henley Road outside GAP to 30mph. Another approach is required.</p> <p>IV have arranged for a private survey of traffic speed and movements along that stretch of road. The Clerk had mentioned that the Kier roadworks currently through the village were causing traffic to slow down - so now may not be the best time to undertake a speed watch survey.</p> <p>This issue to be revisited once we have some results back from this survey.</p>
<p>d. Planning application re signage on Henley Road – update</p>	<p>The Chairman confirmed that GAPC had been sent revised plans from Will Gardiner regarding the advertising and site monoliths. The Chairman was pleased to note that the monoliths would not be illuminated.</p> <p>The residents at the East Lodge confirmed that the new plans had been shared with them. The resident noted, however, that power provision has been made to the fir trees that have been planted – and this has not been approved under any planning application. The Clerk was asked to follow this point up with the planners.</p> <p>The power supply disappears at the pillars. There will be lighting on Henley Road but it's better now than it was before.</p> <p>The Chairman considered that these plans had probably been negotiated as far as possible: IV had listened to GAPC's and residents' concerns and have made changes to accommodate the issues raised. The Chairman considered that it would therefore be unreasonable to object further.</p> <p>The Chairman therefore considered that the parish council's objection to the planning application should be removed – and he would make this recommendation at the EGM on 24th May (no decision could be taken at this meeting because the council was not quorate in relation to GAP planning issues due to Cllr Francis' disclosure of interest).</p> <p>The councillors and residents considered however, that helpful warning signs could be installed along Henley Road as vehicles drove along the Little Alne and Great Alne approaches – perhaps 150 yards ahead of the entrance there could be 'slow down' or 'concealed entrance ahead' signs. Furthermore, there could be a solid white along the entrance/exit to GAP with a road sign 'stop at the line' or a give way' sign. Such feedback could be given to WCC through representative groups feedback.</p>
<p>e. Planning application re additional units – consideration of Barton Willmore letter regarding objections to the application</p>	<p>There was a detailed debate regarding IV's application for planning permission for 6 additional units in Phase 3 – which would be built along the eastern flank of Millway Lodge, as well as Barton Willmore's letter in response to the objections submitted.</p> <p>The Chariman acknowledged that any issues regarding parking had to be substantiated by GAPC in planning terms. The effect on the residents of the proposed plans for the additional units was, however, of significant concern to GAPC – and for this reason the Chairman considered that a site visit with the residents might be appropriate to get a better idea of the significance of the impact.</p> <p>The Barton Willmore (BW) letter considers that the issues of parking on the site generally is not relevant to the Phase 3 build – and there is merit in that argument as the parking concern is not specifically relevant to this application. The parking concerns have been long running and are broader in scope than just this planning application re the additional units. The Chairman considered that is an issue that is going to continue into the future and will become more pressing unless there are sensible proposals forthcoming. GAPC will continue to represent residents' concerns, and probably increasingly so as time goes on and more residents move in.</p> <p>SDC have confirmed that an extension will be given on this planning application to allow for comments, but the case officer, Louise Koelman will not commit to a date until she</p>

	<p>knows the PC's position – ie whether it is going to withdraw its objection in light of the BW letter. Due to an administrative error, IV had not circulated the BW letter to the residents (specifically those at Millway Lodge who had objected) so they have not, prior to this meeting, had sight of it. They will therefore need a period for review and to consider their response.</p> <p>In summary, the councillors considered that a site visit is required, if time allows before the end of any extension date.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to arrange a site visit through IV management asap, and to notify the residents of the details.</p> <p><i>(The Parish Council subsequently made a site visit to Great Alne Park on Tuesday 31 May to assess the impact of the proposed additional units. IV management and a representative of the residents from Millway Lodge also attended. Following this site visit, the Parish Council decided to retain its existing objection to the planning application at this stage, primarily because of the impact on existing residents. In light of the site meeting, however, it may be the case that further proposals or changes to the planning application will be forthcoming).</i></p> <p>f. Clarification on section 106 contributions</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the Section 106 Agreements had been signed by the previous owners of GAP, Helical Bar. The contributions were to go towards improvements of footpaths in GAP and Great Alne. The money (£10,000) went to SDC. This money is therefore in SDC's possession and needs to be used.</p> <p>IV have paid half of a £5million+ contribution to affordably extra care provision – this is being provided off site (in Alcester). £2.5 million went to SDC.</p> <p>GAPC is supposed to get an update from WCC regarding the provision of extra affordable 'nursing care' as part of the planning process. The NHS/ WCC are equally responsible for the staffing of the affordable care. Regarding the allocation of spaces in such facilities, first refusal goes to the people in Great Alne, with this then cascading out to neighbouring parishes and then further afield. GAPC does not know where or when these units are being built.</p> <p>Furthermore, once 90 units are occupied, IV are to pay over the remaining £2.5 million.</p> <p>GAPC needs to find out the status of this contribution under the s106 Agreement and the current planning status of the affordable nursing care units.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p>
<p>6j. 4x4 and quad bike access on U-routes in and around Spernal Lane / HoEF</p>	<p>The Chairman decided to bring the issue of E-routes and use of 4x4s on the Old Warwick Road / Stoat Lane higher up the agenda as the next discussion point as the residents had been waiting for a long time as the previous GAP agenda items had taken a long time to discuss.</p> <p>The Clerk provided an update on the current position, including Cllr Kerridge's report above which means little progress is being made within WCC. The Clerk also referred to the publication of the recent Order of The Planning Inspectorate dated 11 April 2022 (Order Ref: ROW/3254955 concerning the Path No. AL223) – Warwickshire County Council Definitive Map Notification Order, Parish of Aston Cantlow, Order No 1, 2019.</p> <p>The Chairman provided a high level of the findings of the report (copies available from the Clerk if requested). In summary, the Inspectorate found that the weight of evidence points the original use of the road as a bridleway. The evidence was not unequivocal, but on balance, the Inspectorate ruled that it had originally been used as a bridleway.</p> <p>The route was therefore 'downgraded' or restored to this status, meaning vehicles are now precluded. The important point is if it can be proven that a route had a particular purpose or was a particular designation, the original purpose can be reinstated. The key issue is whether there is sufficient objective evidence – eg maps, witness statements.</p>

	<p>The Chairman considered that this would be the challenge for GAPC and the residents – we would need to provide similar evidence / maps that show how the lanes were originally designated.</p> <p>The Chairman considers the next step is to discuss with Cllr Kerridge how we take this forward. It is clear that WCC needs to allocate another officer or a team to this issue as there is currently only one officer which is not appropriate. There is now a model/precedent that can be used, so they can now apply it. If WCC does not take further action, we are going to press for the community trigger to be used.</p> <p>One of the residents commented that the status of the OWR is also a problem for other users. The route is currently marked down on OS maps as a bridleway. It has been gated - there are visible gate posts. One gate has been mangled up and thrown aside. It is also gated at Coughton Fields Lane. The resident is confident that the lane has been gated within the last 20 years and the gates are still extant.</p> <p>The residents also confirmed that they have a central database of all calls logged with the police, including photographic and video footage. All activity has been reported and copies can be easily accessed.</p> <p>Cllr Kerridge has not mentioned the Aston Cantlow Inspectorate's Report in any recent correspondence- nor has he mentioned the resident's conversation with one of the WCC Highways Officers (Dylan White) in which Mr White confirmed that WCC are planning to resurface the OWR – in conjunction with the developers of the barns who have offered support.</p> <p>Mr Roger Hawker, member of the West Midlands Trail Riders Fellowship asked to make a small presentation about the historical use of the local lanes. He provided a very useful file of background information and historical maps to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Hawker for his input. The Chairman considered that we need to see what the next steps are now to take this forwards- GAPC has made several suggestions over recent years – we have full support from the police on the health and safety aspect. It is clear that the issue to be addressed is the ASB aspect: WCC might get the road fixed but that doesn't necessarily mean that the ASB aspect will be fixed. If WCC cannot take action (because of funding restraints etc), GAPC needs to pull the community trigger under the legislation. At this point WCC, SDC and the police are obliged legally to take action. They need to provide an undertaking or get on and do something – or GAPC will take the community trigger route.</p> <p>It appears that the next step is a meeting with all relevant parties to determine a course of action.</p>
<p>4f. Climate Change</p>	<p>Climate change update is as follows:</p>
<p>a.Volunteers required to set up Climate Change Action Group</p>	<p>The Chairman is keen to engage volunteers for the Climate Change Working Group which is now GAPC's number 1 priority. Further information will be shared at the Parish Assembly on 25th May at GAKMH, where we also have a guest speaker, Mr Stephen Norrie from Stratford Climate Change speaking on; 'Effective Climate change at Local Level'.</p>
<p>b.WCC online event on 20 May 2022</p>	<p>Cllr Francis will be attending a WCC online event on 20 May 2022 on progress being made to reduce carbon emissions and increase biodiversity across the county, followed by discussions on reaching net zero targets.</p>
<p>c. Planting of the Jubilee Copse</p>	<p>Cllr Francis agreed to provide us with feedback on this event at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk provided the following update:</p>

<p>d. Progress re upgrading of streetlights to LED towards the end of the year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the first tree for the Jubilee copse has been delivered to the Clerk and will be planted on 5th June at the Jubilee picnic. Appropriate organic matter for the tree is being organised. ii) GAPC will look into the option of applying for WCC 'Green shoots' funding for the other trees to be planted in the copse in the autumn. iii) The Clerk also plans to make an application to the Woodland Trust for tree packs in the autumn. <p>The Clerk has had a helpful discussion with a new contact at WCC who is responsible for street lighting. The Clerk has agreed with the officer that once the broken streetlamp on Henley Road is fixed, they will have a meeting to discuss upgrading options for the non-LED lamps in the parish.</p>
<p>4d. Jubilee Plans</p>	<p>The Clerk provided an overview of the activities and events taking place at the Jubilee Picnic in the Park on 5th June from 1-5pm. Plans include bouncy castle, family games, raffle, bottle tombola, sustainable fancy dress competition for children, best dressed house, Jubilee Bake Off, family treasure trail, crafts, tree planting.</p> <p>The Alcester Minister have contacted the Clerk and asked if they could be involved in the event, especially as the Queen is Head of the Church of England and June 5th is the first day of Pentecost. The Clerk is working with the church on a brief service of celebration and thanksgiving, to include recognition for her Majesty's outstanding service on her Platinum Jubilee, as well as acknowledgement of National Thank You Day.</p> <p>At the same time as burying the Jubilee Tree, a time capsule will be buried in the same place in the park. The capsule will last for 200 years underground. The Clerk is working with Great Alne Primary School (GAPS) that will enable each year group to make a contribution to the time capsule.</p> <p>The marketing of the Event is going well – the Clerk is working with the Mother Huff Cap on flyers which will be delivered to each house in the parish. These posters will also go in each schoolbag at GAPS. There are regular posts planned for GAPC's FB page and there is a regular update on the News section of the GAPC website. This information is also going into the GAP weekly newsletter and on the electronic news feed direct to residents. The Clerk is also planning to get the spring/summer newsletter published in the next couple of weeks so all the details will go in there and be delivered to every household.</p> <p>The Clerk has encountered several issues in trying to secure first aiders. However, we now have a team booked in for the Event. The price for first aiders for the Jubilee weekend is generally extremely expensive! It has come in at £100 more than budgeted which may mean the budget for the Event is slightly exceeded – however we are required by our insurance policy to have first aiders on site.</p> <p>The Clerk will need some help to get set up on the day and to man the stalls during the Event. There are 5 people already on board, but we need approx. another 11. Please contact the Clerk if you can help, even if it just for a couple of hours.</p> <p>There is a meeting on Sunday 15th May at the Mother Huff Cap at 8pm for anyone who would like to be involved with the Event planning – even if they can't attend on the day.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>
<p>5a. The Mother Huff Cap and site update</p>	<p>The Clerk emailed Greg White for an update prior to the meeting but has not yet had a response. Work on the houses seems to be slowly starting up again.</p>

<p>5b. General Maintenance Update</p> <p>a. Streetlighting</p> <p>b. Highways</p>	<p>The Clerk provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Replacement streetlight</u> - WCC have surveyed the broken streetlamp on Henley Road outside Shawford and will send through options on replacing the lamp, replacing the column etc, i) <u>Update on VAS sign</u> – the Clerk has been investigating the status of the VAS sign near GAPS. WCC have confirmed that it is not on their register and there is no information regarding its installation on their system. They have asked the Clerk to provide further information if possible. Either way, the unit is not supported by WCC and any guarantee would have long expired. The Clerk plans to speak to Cllr Kerridge to find out whether a replacement would be something that GAPC could apply for under the Councillors’ discretionary highways budget (which is largely for minor improvements etc). ii) <u>Update on Kier Utilities roadworks through the village</u> – The Clerk has contacted the project manager for these works and he confirmed that there have been no major issues so far, and the project is still on schedule. iii) <u>Dangerous tree on Henley Road</u> – The Clerk has made a report to WCC regarding the dangerous tree on the bank of GAKMH which split during the storm in December - and which has become increasingly dangerous. iv) <u>Missing double bend sign</u> – The Clerk has made a report to WCC about this sign on School Road heading into Alne Cote Corner. v) <u>Replacement no dogs sign at the park</u> – the Clerk has ordered a replacement No Dogs on or off the lead sign for the recreation ground. This was subsequently fitted by Cllr Clark. vi) <u>Draining repairs update</u> – as per Cllr Kerridge’s report, these works have been scheduled for this financial year but there is no commitment on a date yet.
<p>c. Community speedwatch / road safety update</p>	<p>The Clerk provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The CSWG are increasingly active with the improving weather conditions and lighter evenings. Their presence on the road definitely acts as a deterrent. ii. Update on training – the Clerk has arranged for two formal training sessions to take place at GAKMH with our area trainer, PCSO Liam Allen. The first session is Mon 23 May at 6.30pm and the second in Sunday 26th May at 6.30pm. At the end of this session all of our volunteers will have been formally trained and will be qualified to use the speed gun during a CWS session. We are currently working through the vetting process for each volunteer before they can do the training. iii. We also have new volunteers joining our training groups from Little Alne and Kinwarton which is good news as we have a good stretch covered geographically either side of our parish once these CSW groups have been established.
<p>MAIN BUSINESS</p>	
<p><u>For information:</u></p>	
<p>6a. Treeworks at the park/Nightingale Close</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that these long-running treeworks have been fully completed and the contractor’s invoice paid.</p>
<p>6b. Great Alne Parochial Charity</p>	<p>The new parish council representative on the Great Alne Parochial Charity Management Committee is confirmed as Mrs Louise Bennett.</p>

<p>Management Committee</p> <p>6c. Hill Farm electric fencing complaint</p> <p>6d. Work completed by CPBT and future tasks</p> <p>6e. New Model Code of Conduct</p> <p>6f. Homes for Ukraine</p> <p>6g. Alne Fest donation</p> <p>6h. Mother Huff Cap assistance</p> <p>6i. Access to GAPC website</p> <p>6j. Limebridge contract</p>	<p>Cllr Kerridge has confirmed that a site visit has been made to Hill Farm and the electric fence obstruction is inappropriate. The case officer is trying to get in touch with the proprietor.</p> <p>The CPBT continue to do great work for us around the parish. They have recently completed the installation of a handrail around the brook along the footpath between the church and the pub. They have cleared all the undergrowth so the brook is visible and the handrail highlights that there is a potential risk at that location. The CPBT has finished its work up at GAKMH (although we have had a request for them to come back and varnish the external doors). They continue to work up at the church yard each week. They have also completed the 'siding out' of the footpath along Henley Road, parallel to Appleby Close as a lot of debris had slid down from the bank and had encroached onto the footpath. The Clerk has a list of future tasks for the team, having walked round the village with the supervisor - and there are plenty more things for the team to do, including some tasks in the recreation ground, and working on the outside forest area at GAPS.</p> <p>The Chairman and the Clerk have completed the training on the new Code of Conduct (which was approved by GAPC at the Annual Meeting preceding this General Meeting). This was presented by WCC. A summary of the key points was explained during the Annual Meeting when the councillors were considering the new Code.</p> <p>There is no further update on the Community Sponsorship Scheme although WCC are working very hard on their plans for welcoming Ukrainian guests to our local area. The Clerk has registered GAPC's interest in helping/assisting WCC with this task, so we shall wait to see what we might be able to do to assist.</p> <p>In the meantime, 50% of any funds raised at the Jubilee Event on 5th July will be donated to Welcome Here, Stratford, a local charity who help refugees who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of war or persecution.</p> <p>A letter of thanks has been received from Friends of Great Alne School for GAPC's donation of £250 towards the operating costs of Alne Fest on 18 June.</p> <p>GAPC would like to extend its thanks to The Mother Huff Cap for recently arranging for the picnic tables in the park to be cleaned and treated – in preparation for the Jubilee Picnic in the Park. Their handyman also treated the bench by the bus stop on School Road outside the park. The CPBT will be moving the benches away from under the trees in due course so that they are in the sunshine, better located near the two different play areas, and no longer subject to the algae and bird droppings under the tree!</p> <p>The Clerk informed the other councillors that there are new security requirements for accessing the GAPC website, which is hosted by SDC. The security code fob is now obsolete, and access is via a code on an app.</p> <p>Cllr Mainwaring commented that fast broadband fibre has been installed in Shelfield. None of the residents were notified and the Clerk did not receive prior notification. However, this will make a big difference to residents living on that side of the parish.</p> <p><u>For decisions / approval/ action:</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Limebride Rural Services has signed the draft contract prepared by the Clerk. (Signatures were required by two councillors, which were duly provided at the meeting). The Clerk will send a copy to Limebridge.</p>
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<p>6k. Gate into the park from the MHC car park</p>	<p>The Councillors discussed the merits of adding a gate into the fence to the Recreation Ground off the car park of The Mother Huff Cap for occasional use. This would be managed by the pub and they would notify the Clerk when they intended to open the gate. Staff at the pub would take full responsibility for clearing up in the park and removing any litter. Only plastic receptacles would be used – no glass. A padlock will be put on the lock which only the manager and GAPC staff will know.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Clerk confirmed that she had checked the Deeds of the park from 1927 and there were no restrictive covenants that would prevent the proposed plan. b) The Clerk and Chairman had discussed setting up a Letter of Agreement between GAPC and the MHC to cover the terms of use and responsibilities involved. Sarah and Andy were very happy to sign up to this and the Clerk will draft the Letter for approval before signing.
<p>6l. Commemorative plaque for the Jubilee tree</p>	<p>The councillors considered the options for the commemorative plaque for the tree and approved a design. The Clerk will order the plaque from one of the authorised suppliers. The tree, a Queen Elizabeth Acer, will form part of the Queen’s Green Canopy and will be added to the official map in October when it opens for planting season.</p>
<p>6m. Donation towards the cricket club defibrillator</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that following the last PC meeting, she had received a copy of the invoice and confirmation of maintenance schedule for the defib at the cricket club. The cricket club will pay for the running and maintenance costs of the defib – but it is available for use by anyone at any time in the parish. The councillors agreed that GAPC would make a donation of £800 towards the cost of purchase.</p> <p><u>For discussion:</u></p>
<p>6n. U-routes / 4x4 vehicles</p>	<p>This agenda item was discussed earlier in the evening as part of the open forum (see above).</p>
<p>6o. Parish Assembly preparation</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Assembly for 2022 will be held at GAKMH on 25th May from 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The local groups and organisations have confirmed attendance – all are coming apart from the tap-dancing group and art class group, b) The Chairman explained that we will be seeking volunteers to help us with our ambitious plans for the next year, including setting up a number of working groups (Climate Change, Good Neighbour, Churchyard Friends, Friends of the Playground etc). c) We have arranged for a guest speaker – Stephen Norrie from Stratford Climate Action to present ‘<i>Effective Climate change at Local Level</i>’ and hold Q&A session. d) The councillors confirmed that refreshments at the end of the Assembly should be cheese and wine - which the Clerk will organise.
<p>6p. Housing needs survey</p>	<p>The Chairman has been considering whether it is time for GAPC to carry out another housing needs survey: it has been 2 years since Linfoot Oaks was completed, but the survey on which it was based was undertaken in 2010. In November 2013 there were 13 households in Great Alne registered on the local housing waiting list. GAPC does not know what that figure is currently.</p> <p>Now that there are other means of accessing funding, there is no need to rely on open market funding to build houses. But we need to establish whether there is a need to support building houses in Great Alne ‘now’.</p> <p>The councillors debated the pros and cons and concluded that if there is a need for affordable housing we should know about it in order to be ahead of it - and there is nothing to be lost from undertaking a survey.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested we invite Sarah Brooke Taylor to the July PC meeting so that a public discussion can be held. (<i>Due to the large agenda for the July meeting, it was</i></p>

7. Planning applications

subsequently agreed by the Chairman that we would invite Sarah to the September meeting).

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

Any yellow highlighted applications are still to be determined, with submissions to SDC yet to be completed.

The Clerk confirmed that there are no outstanding planning applications to discuss other than the proposed additional units at GAP.

Reference	Received	Status	Address
22/01107/FUL	5/4/2022	Pending Consideration	New End Barn Spernal Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6JD
22/01110/LBC	5/4/2022	Pending Consideration	New End Barn Spernal Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6JD
22/00822/TREE	10/3/2022	Tree Works Approved	Stuart Cottage Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
22/00205/VARY	3/3/2022	Pending consideration	Dan Skelton Racing, Lodge Hill, Shelfield Green, Alcester B49 6JR
21/03871/VARY	7/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Alne Wood Park Natural Burial Ground Spernal Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6JG
22/00199/TREE	24/1/2022	Tree works approved	Manor House Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HR
22/00232/TREE	24/1/2022	Tree works approved	Long House Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
22/00145/LDP	17/1/2022	Proposed Lawful Development - Permitted	49 School Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HQ
21/04057/ADV	22/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Great Alne
21/04093/FUL	21/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Great Alne
21/04013/FUL	20/12/2021	Permission with conditions	Juniper Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HX

21/04097/FUL	17/12/2021	Pending Consideration	Great Alne Mill Mill Lane Great Alne
21/04099/LBC	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/LDP	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/FUL	6/10/2021	Application Withdrawn	49 School Road Great Alne B49 6HQ
21/03069/FUL (and amendment dated 24.2.22))	27/9/2021	Permission with conditions	15 Appleby Close Great Alne B49 6HJ
21/02879/TREE	8/9/2021	Tree Works Approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HR
21/02796/FUL	1/9/2021	Planning Permission Refused	Seymour House 50 School Road Great Alne B49 6HQ
21/02797/LBC	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/TREE	9/8/2021	Tree Works Approved	2 Maudslay Cottages Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HX
21/02370/FUL	22/7/2021	Permission with conditions	1 Linfoot Oaks Great Alne B49 6RG
20/03403/LBP Appeal	23/6/2021	Appeal In Progress	Trap House Manor Court Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HR

21/01847/LBC	4/6/2021	Listed Building Consent Approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne B49 6HR
21/01632/FUL	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 Sprenal 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

8. Accounting information

Accounts (payments/invoices for approval since the 10 March 2021 meeting). Those highlighted in white are paid, those in blue have been paid but are yet to be presented. Those in yellow are yet to be paid.

End of year accounts have been prepared and forwarded to GAPC's new auditor, Eleanor Choudry for review.

14/03/22	Bank charges HSBC	8.00
14/03/22	GAPC donation to Friends of Great Alne Primary School for Alne Fest	250.00
16/03/22	GAP - Function room for May PC and Annual meeting	35.00
30/03/22	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd- Grass cutting - 2131	102.00
31/03/22	Clerk's wages for March 2022 (tax period 12) plus holiday pay for 2021-2022 (less HMRC deductions)	
31/03/22	Clerk's expenses for March 2022 (Jubilee event)	504.44

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<p>9. Correspondence</p>	<p>Bank Account Balances @: 31 March 2022</p> <p>Community Account: £ 30858.93 Business Money Manager: £ 9297.22</p> <p>Money in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0.25p in interest received on funds in the Business Money Manager account on 21.3.22 ○ Wayleaves payment from WPD on 1 April 2022 (£38.24) ○ First tranche of 2022/23 precept received from SDC on 28 April 2022 (£12,420) <p>The Clerk confirmed the following correspondence had been received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Emails chasing response from WCC regarding 4x4 use of U-routes b) Correspondence regarding assistance for Ukrainian guests in Warwickshire and various webinars etc c) Emails arranging CPBT tasks d) Emails regarding CSWG formal training and volunteers e) Correspondence with GAP regarding various ongoing planning issues, medical centre etc f) Correspondence regarding extension of electric fencing along public footpath at the top of Park Lane g) Emails with WCC regarding streetlighting h) Emails with WCC re issues regarding the Vehicle Activated Sign i) Preparation for Parish Assembly on 25 May j) Emails with auditor regarding submission of accounts k) Correspondence regarding Jubilee celebrations and plans l) Alcester SNT Team: weekly police report. 				
<p>10. Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>Date of next meeting – Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7pm in The Function Room, Maudslay House, Great Aine Park, Henley Road, Great Aine B49 6HX</p> <p>Please note 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 GAPC GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JULY AT 7PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting ended at 10pm. *****</p>				