

Meeting of Great Alne Parish Council was held at 7pm on Thursday 6th July 2023 at The Function Room, Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HX

PRESENT	Councillors Mr L Bowring, Mr P Clark, Cllr M Jenkins, Cllr J Kerridge and Cllr T Holmes No members of the public attended.
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Cllr I Millard, Cllr D Francis.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Cllr Jenkins has declared a non-pecuniary interest in the amendments to planning applications regarding Great Alne Park.
3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES	Minutes from the May 2023 Parish Council Meeting minutes were approved by the Councillors. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><i>ACTION: to be signed by the Chairman and filed by the Clerk.</i></div> <u>OPEN FORUM</u>
4a. Representations from residents	The Clerk confirmed there had been no representations from residents.
4b. Alcester South SNT & crime statistics update	<p>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.</p> <p>How to report a suspected crime or suspicious behaviour:</p> <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 <p>The main issues that are currently affecting our parish and surrounding area continue to be vehicle crime including theft and property damage, anti-social behaviour, burglaries of sheds, garages and outbuildings. There has been a recent report on an attempted break in on School Road where access had been gained to a front porch – the incident was reported to the police.</p>
4c. County Councillor's Report	Cllr Kerridge confirmed that the second round of this financial year's County Councillor's Grant Fund will be in February 2024. He encouraged the parish council and local community groups to apply. Cllr Bowring suggested that the parish council would take soundings as to how such a fund might be spent in Great Alne. Cllr Kerridge confirmed there is a shorter application for a smaller funding amount of £350. This can be made at anytime. The Clerk noted that this would help fund Chatty Café and huff space.

<p>4d. District Councillor's Report</p>	<p>Cllr Thom Holmes said that in the last month he had sat on two panel committees on crime and anti-social behaviour in our district. He had also undertaken a number of training courses. Cllr Holmes is also working with Alcester Academy to help with funding to deal with congestion in the corridors and create increased outdoor space.</p>
<p>4e. GAKMH parish councillor representative's report</p>	<p>Cllr Melvyn Jenkins, GAPC representative on the GAKMH committee, provided the following report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The sale of the Social Club is now going to auction and at this point in time no date has been announced.</i> 2. <i>The Village BBQ was held on Friday 30th June and despite the weather was a great success and enjoyed by all, with a great deal of beer being consumed.</i> 3. <i>The next scheduled event of the MacMillan Coffee morning on Saturday 30th September has been cancelled.</i> <p>There ensued a discussion about the former social club and SDC's decision not to register it as an Asset of Community Value. The Clerk has spoken to SDC's Estates Planning Team since the last PC meeting. The purpose of the call was to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) find out why SDC decided not to list the building when it did so in 2016 - nothing has changed since that time; ii) explain the foreseeable potential of the building for the benefit of the community and the funding streams that we might be able to apply for to make it happen; iii) understand GAPC's options in terms of appealing the decision / reapplying etc; v) explaining GAPC's concern about the owner's intention for the sale <p>Helen Smith at SDC was extremely helpful. She explained that the social club doesn't really fall within the criteria for listing under the Localism Act. The property is not economically viable and it does not provide a hub or focal point for a significant proportion of the local community. It needs to have done so in the 'recent past' <i>and</i> (ie cumulatively) potentially be able to do so in the foreseeable future. She said SDC hadn't appreciated how long it had been unused and derelict for and it had clearly been a long time. She said that with hindsight she's not sure that it should have been listed in 2016 and it is more of a case of they got it wrong then by listing it, rather than they've got it wrong now by not listing it.</p> <p>There is no option open to GAPC to challenge the Deputy Chief Executive's decision - there is no right of appeal or judicial review. There is no recourse under The Localism Act. Helen said that our best option is through the planning department for any potential future plan for the building. She appreciates that the owner may be intending to sell it so it can be knocked down for development (especially with the field next to it) but she said planning will be our best defence.</p> <p>She also said that we had nothing to lose by going for funding to get it back up on its feet - the owner may not sell it at the price he wants considering the state of it, and that we therefore still have options until the point he sells.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that as there is no 'cohesive list of wants' with the building, it is difficult to make a funding case. If the building were to be sold, there would be little chance of any development being passed by planning because of the conservation area and green belt policy. There is the possibility of the building being demolished but planning objections would remain regarding the field (the field is in the green belt but not the conservation area). The Chairman therefore considers there is not too much to worry about in the short term, so long as local planning rules continue to apply.</p>

4f. Update on Great Alne Park	<p>The latest developments on Great Alne Park were provided by Cllr Melvyn Jenkins following a recent update from IVG Management (IVG):</p>
i) Discussion regarding IVG's proposed planning amendments	<p>i) Update on IVG's submitted planning amendments –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IVG recently submitted a non-material amendment application for 46 additional parking spaces across phases 1 and 2. This will provide 1 to 1 parking plus additional spaces for guests. [Approval decision was granted on 24 May 2023]. IVG has now appointed a contractor. Works are scheduled to commence the middle of July and should be completed by the end of August. ii. IGV recently submitted non-material amendment application to resolve technical issues on the Western Entrance Gateway off Park Lane. The Clerk noted that the deadline for submissions was 4th July and no objections had so far been submitted. [Approval decision was granted on 10.8.23] iii. Update on application ref DISCN/00242/23 which is seeking to discharge condition 4 - external materials for application 16/03277/FUL (Extra Care Development (use class C2) including 44 Extra Care Units, laundrette, staff facilities, car parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure) which is the 3rd phase of development– regarding amended stone samples. Comments are required by 15th July. The Councillors considered the photographs provided by IVG showing the different samples compared to the existing stone. It was very difficult to appreciate the differences using a photograph, so the Clerk was asked to set up a site meeting to see the stones in context. [The Clerk set up the site visit for the 14th July which was attended by Cllrs Bowring and Jenkins. On the basis of what the councillors were told and particularly what they saw, they had no objection to the use of the new stone. The Clerk confirmed the same to the case officer at SDC on 14th July]. iv. With regard to the proposed solar farm, IVG are undertaking a feasibility study on whether they can install a solar farm to reduce their carbon footprint. The proposed location is in the field next to the cricket ground.
ii) Update on signage on Henley Road at the East Entrance	<p>ii) The Clerk updated the council on her discussions with IVG re signage and traffic calming proposals for the Henley Road at the East Entrance to GAP (see minutes from the May meeting for further details). There has still been no response from WCC Road Safety Unit which is very disappointing as the meeting was held at the end of March and confirmation of committed funds was confirmed to WCC in May. The Clerk confirmed she has been pushing for a response since May. Cllr Kerridge suggested she copy him in on the next email and he would escalate.</p>
iii) Closure of the West Entrance to GAP	<p>iii) Closure of the West Entrance on Park Lane. The Clerk noted that this signage has been done and the gate to the West Entrance was closed on 3 July. This was slightly later than planned due to technical issues with the gate closure mechanism. The Clerk said that she would speak to IV management about a sign being located on the triangle of grass outside the West Lodge, to prevent vehicles driving up to the closed gate and then having to reverse back and potentially damaging the property of the West Lodge.</p>
	<p>Other updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The proposal to hold Autumn events in a marquee in the grounds of GAP has been abandoned. ➤ The opening of the show house opposite Austin House has been delayed due to construction problems and is now scheduled for September this year. ➤ The installation of fibre cabling (wi-fi) to the Phase 1 properties has been completed and the system is scheduled for commissioning on Wednesday 5th July.

4g. Climate Change update	<p>i) Update on last meeting and workstreams The Chairman confirmed that the group is currently working on drafting the overall Climate Action Master Plan for GAPC, the CAG group and residents of the parish. This plan will bring us closer to being a net zero council. The master plan is split into different topic areas or priorities – which is providing us with a guide which will then allow us to work on more detailed tasks. The plan is proving to be a helpful tool in enabling us to sequence our thoughts. There are a number of meetings scheduled over the summer.</p> <p>ii) Attendance at LCE program for South Warwickshire on 19 June This was a good session with a reference group to prioritise a dozen climate change actions to be worked on in the short-term including communication strategy, planting and access to information. Matt Whitehead is the WCC officer to whom all climate activities and information should be forwarded.</p> <p>The session also discussed the South Warwickshire Climate Engagement Showcase Event that looked at three local pilot schemes working on engagement of the public. These events include pop up stands in the High Street at Henley in Arden and the Alcester CAFÉ in Alcester in June. What is clear is that climate change events attract those who are already engaged in climate change – but we need to ensure we can engage everyone – perhaps focusing on energy reduction actions, saving costs and tackling flooding.</p> <p>The CAG will give this some further thought as the group is planning to host an event next spring for the community.</p> <p>iii) Attendance at Alcester CAFÉ on 24 June This was an extremely good climate event held in Alcester on 24 June. However, 5 out of the 16 attendees were from the Great Alne Climate Action Group and there were no members of the public from Alcester in attendance. Invitations to Bidford and Kinwarton PCs were extended but neither council engaged.</p> <p>The Chairman and Clerk will report back on the event once we have received the feedback on the session from the organisers.</p>
4h. Housing Needs Survey Result	<p>The Chairman welcomed Sarah Brooke-Taylor from the WRCC and thanked her for attending our meeting to report back on the results of the HNS.</p> <p>Sarah started by confirming the results of the survey – there are 11 respondents who need housing association rental properties – mixed accommodation and 5 needing owner/occupier properties ie bungalows.</p> <p>On the housing list with SDC at the time of the survey (Feb 2023) there were 16 householders registered on the Homechoice + list.</p> <p>On the basis of this information, we should be focusing on a small building development of 16 properties.</p> <p>The Clerk had forwarded a couple of questions to Sarah, raised by councillors who were unable to attend this meeting.</p> <p>➤ <i>The first was whether the owner occupiers could be on a shared ownership basis?</i></p> <p>Sarah confirmed that the owner occupiers could not be on a shared ownership basis. Shared ownership is considered a different tenure to owner-occupier (the three tenures being rent, shared ownership & owner occupier). Although three respondents indicated a <u>preference</u> for shared ownership none of them had savings or similar for a mortgage deposit so they are analysed as requiring rent.</p>

	<p>So, if shared ownership properties were to be built there is no evidence that local residents would be able to afford them. And, of course, the local needs housing policy states that development has to respond to identified need and no shared ownership was identified.</p> <p>➤ <i>The second was how the numbers on Homechoice+ compare to when Linfoot Oaks was developed. Has this number increased in the last 2 years?</i> November 2022 – 16 households with a Great Alne address on Home Choice Plus, comprising 6 x pensioner/DLA, 8 x family/other, 2 x single November 2020 – 13 households with a Great Alne address on Home Choice Plus, comprising 4 x pensioner/DLA, 6 x family/other, 3 x single Sadly, like every other rural community, numbers continue to rise.</p> <p>➤ <i>The third was seeking clarification of the conclusion of 9x 1 bed flat/maisonette. House preference was the highest and 2 bed upwards:</i> Housing preference and analysed need are often different. A couple with a joint income of £30k, two children under 3yrs, no savings and currently in private rent may prefer a 3 bed owner occupier home but would be analysed as requiring a 2 bed house for rent from a housing association. Many single people prefer the idea of a 2 or 3 bed house, but a housing association would offer them a 1 bed maisonette (or can make the case to develop 2 bed houses instead, which is referenced within the report at item '4. Conclusion'). A housing needs survey specifically considers analysed need, not aspiration.</p> <p>Sarah confirmed that the next step is a list of site possibilities. Sarah is aware of two possible sites from the work that was previously done on Linfoot Oaks. WRCC has been approached by a landowner. Sarah is happy to do some further research (a desktop site canvassing exercise) but these are three possibilities to start with. If GAPC has any other thoughts or ideas of possible sites, Sarah asked us to share those with her.</p> <p>Sarah also confirmed that a call for sites could be put out locally – with the caveat that GAPC could change its mind at any time on this.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Sarah for her very logical and comprehensive report. He confirmed he is aware of 4 or 5 possible sites. He reiterated that these would be local needs schemes and therefore on a small scale. The maximum for our community would be 10/12 homes. Linfoot Oaks was a combination of 10 affordable homes, 7 were private for local market. The funding situation was different with Linfoot, however. There are now more settled means of funding through the Government.</p> <p>Sarah stated that one third of any new homes would be owner occupier and two third would be rented through affordable / social housing.</p> <p>In terms of the size of the site, we would be looking for an acre of land for a rural development of 10 homes.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins enquired whether we could look at two sites possibly to accommodate the 16 homes? Sarah responded that this would be possible if there were mixed homes on both, but if we were looking at 20 homes this would lead to complexities. If there were 5 or 6 on each site these would be considered small scale. But costs would be increased as there would be two sets of legal fees/ two access points to pay for etc.</p> <p>The Chairman then raised the issue of compliance with the section 106 agreement. He noted that SDC and GAPC are supposed to be informed of any sale of the properties. However, neither council seems to know until the vendors' solicitors have confirmed the sale. The Clerk spoke to the legal department at SDC when we found out about the first sale of a property on Linfoot Oaks – it is clear that SDC's legal department is also very frustrated about this process. The Chairman asked whether we can strengthen links so that there is definitely a local connection to Great Alne? Sarah agreed this is very frustrating and is an issue that needs to be raised by both sides. It might be that such a</p>
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	<p>condition could be included as a breach of covenant.</p> <p>At the end of the discussion, the councillors agreed that Sarah would carry out a desk top survey to find suitable land and would report back to GAPC. The Chairman and the Clerk would meet and discuss any potential sites that they are aware of and share these with Sarah. There would be no restrictions on any sites that they put forward.</p> <p>Sarah will be in touch again soon once she has done her desk top site canvassing exercise.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Sarah again for coming along to the meeting.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>
5a. Mother Huff Cap	<p>The Clerk confirmed that two disabled spaces have been created in the car park of the pub. These do not have appropriate signage as yet, so unfortunately non-disabled customers are parking on them. The next requirement is for direct access over the terrace from the road. Sarah and Andy are liaising with Greg on getting this done.</p> <p>The Clerk has also looked into the specifications of the surface of the car park and note that semi-permeable tarmac was specified. The shale that has been used meets this specification and is probably appropriate due to potential flooding in that area.</p>
5b General Maintenance Update	
a. Streetlighting – update	<p>The Clerk confirmed that work on installation of the LED streetlights continues, with the installation of new steel poles in locations across the village. The work on the lamps will be done by EON and there is likely to be a 3-month time period within which EON and Balfour Beatty will coordinate on the upgrade. The project should be completed by the end of August/early September.</p> <p>The Clerk would like to thank the residents at 4 Gunn Court for their prompt major pruning of a hedge that was obscuring access to the old lamppost. The Clerk has reported to WCC that the lamp post can now be changed but as this is done by a third party they do not know when it will happen!</p>
b. Highways	<p>The Clerk provided the following update:</p>
i) Meeting with WCC Highways officer in June	<p>i) The Clerk, two councillors and Cllr Kerridge held a meeting in the village with Alan Caldwell Jones from WCC's Highways team on 14 June. The summary is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appleby Close/ Spernal Lane Junction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was confirmed root clearance was carried out with a root cutter@ 6m ago and all significant issues resolved by removal of roots. ○ It was confirmed that the WCC storm drain no longer goes into the Mother Huff Cap (MHC) and all relevant works have been completed. The officer confirmed that any water going into the MHC cellar is rainwater only. ○ GAPC explained that the area around Appleby Close/ Spernal Lane/ MHC is still flooding despite the above works. One potential option for future works is to make the pipe bigger on Appleby Close so that it can manage increased water capacity. This is a project that WCC could have ready to go as soon as funding arrives from Central Government. [<i>The WCC officer confirmed that this will be added to 'the list' should any future funding become available.</i>]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with gullies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walking along the road from the MHC, past the Memorial Hall along Henley Road, a number of the gullies were blocked with silt, even though there has been very little rain for a number of weeks. There is also a water leak at the gully opposite The Maples on Henley Road. <i>[SevernTrent Water have attended to this.]</i> ○ The crowbar is an effective method of clearing some of the blockages and the parish council will look into setting up a drainage and flood team to carry out regular basic maintenance. ○ The officer explained the gullies are emptied every 24m, with problem areas (like Great Alne) being done every 3-6m. The Great Alne gullies were last cleared out in November 2022. The gullies on Spernal Lane/ Appleby Close were done in May 2023. <i>[The officer later confirmed that Spernal Lane and Appleby Close are on the 6 moth programme, and Henley Road can be added to this too. The three-month programme has been abandoned due to budget restrictions.]</i> ○ With regard to how frequently the SDC road sweeper comes to Great Alne, the officer confirmed that according to SDC's website, this is undertaken five times a year. The details can be found here including their contact details: https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/channel-sweeping-and-litter-picking.cfm • Ditches in Great Alne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The officer explained that a major issue in Great Alne is the field ditches/ land drainage. Work needs to be done to prevent water from the agricultural land running onto the highways. The officer confirmed ditches adjacent to the road are the responsibility of the farmers. ○ The parish council could consider applying for funding from the WCC County Councillor's Grant Fund / Discretionary Highways fund/ UKSPF to clear ditches and maintain hedges. • Drain outside the Memorial Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This still floods every time there is significant rainfall. The officer mentioned that this could be a capacity issue / the gullies can't cope with the volume of water. He mentioned that Great Alne has a very unique scenario with its roads where the water comes of the fields/ down the hill from Spernal Lane, and then runs down the hill and around the bend from School Road into Henley Road and then pools at the junction with Pelham Lane and outside the Memorial Hall. ○ Residents' photos of the flood water would be helpful so that WCC can assess what the issue is exactly - it may be that WCC adds an extra drain outside the Memorial Hall. • Siding out on Henley Road opposite The Maples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Along Henley Road opposite The Maples we have a bank of soil which regularly falls onto the pavement especially after rainfall. The officer has since arranged for this siding out to be done in the next 6-12 months. • Pothole repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Road repairs – the officer mentioned that utility repairs have been done to the reported pothole issues. These will require proper fixing in the next few months and are on a list to be done. • Pelham Lane junction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Road signage and sharp bend arrow signs.</i> A report was sent to WCC in Feb/March about road signage that had been knocked down and badly damaged. The officer replied that it would be repaired at the beginning of the next financial year. However, now in June and the road signs haven't been replaced - they were direction arrows with local place names on. There has subsequently been a further accident and the black and yellow sharp bend
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	<p>signs have been badly damaged and need replacing on the same junction. <i>[The officer later confirmed that there is a fair amount of sign work to be done here and further along Pelham Lane; the works have been issued to the contractor for action and it should be undertaken in the next couple of months. There is a significant backlog of works to be gotten through which were all issued to the contractor at the start of this financial year.]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relining - Relining work is scheduled at the Pelham Lane / Henley Road junction in @ 6m time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other points raised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Little Alne bend which regularly floods and occasionally prevents access in and out of Great Alne – <i>[This area is being looked into by WCC and the Clerk is expecting feedback in due course.]</i> ○ Alne Cote Corner - This job is already on the list and WCC has been liaising with a local resident re ditch digging. <i>[The officer later confirmed that there is no meaningful timing on this yet]</i> ○ Coughton Fields Lane - this area has been cleared recently and seems to have improved. If it floods again, photos from residents would be helpful to indicate whether the lowest point of water is near the drain - the option would be to reposition the drain so it is at the lowest level required. <p>The Clerk will keep on top of these ongoing issues and report back to the councillors at each meeting.</p>
ii)	<p>New Flooding and Drainage Action Volunteer Group</p> <p>As a result of this meeting, and in the context of the work being done by the GAPC Climate Action Group, the Clerk will be setting up a new volunteer group of residents to help manage the flooding and drainage issues in the parish as there is clearly a lot that we can do to help ourselves. A couple of residents have already come forward offering assistance.</p> <p>More information to follow, but if anyone would be interested in being part of this group, please contact the Clerk.</p>
iii)	<p>Ground-works at Pelham Lane and subsequent flooding.</p> <p>The Clerk has had a response to the email dated 14.3.23 that she sent to SDC regarding the groundworks at Pelham Lane and the subsequent flooding issues. The enforcement officer at SDC forwarded the email to WCC as they are responsible for any flooding issues. WCC raised the matter to the Environment Agency who advised that they have investigated from a flood risk perspective and shared the following:</p> <p><i>‘Unless the works have the potential to directly impact a large number of homes or major infrastructure the Environment Agency would not take further action from a flood risk perspective, it would be difficult to identify the baseline of how the location operated previously in terms of flows/ floodplain and then suggest remedial actions which could take place (particularly if all of the waste has now been removed). The removal of tree’s is the responsibility of the landowner and considering the extent of the floodplain in a larger event would have very little impact on flood risk.’</i></p> <p>WCC Highways have since confirmed that the ditches are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. The Clerk noted again how important it is that the landowners clear the ditches adjacent to their land to help alleviate the flooding risk for Great Alne.</p>
c.	<p>Community Speed Watch / Road Safety update</p> <p>The CSWG leads have received new forms for completion from the police and a suggestion that they should be running no more than one session per fortnight. The team is setting up the next 3 months’ sessions to take them to the end of Sept. There will then be a discussion about how to deal with sessions over the winter.</p>

<p>5c. Recreation Ground and Defibrillator</p>	<p>We have four volunteers waiting for training on how to use the speed detection device. However, the local police have no training sessions scheduled at the moment.</p> <p>Cllr Clark commented how fast some vehicles have been travelling up the B4089 from Alcester into Great Alne- some at a perceived speed of up to 70mph. Cllr Clark said he was going to speak to Cllr Millard about obtaining approval from the police to use the speed device at that end of School Road.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the park and defibrillator are currently all ok.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The damaged plank on the wobbly bridge on the multiplay set in the toddler area has been replaced. This is the third plank in as many months and has been extremely costly. ii. There has been an incidence of graffiti in the park. Following a Facebook post with images of the vandalism, the Clerk had contact from two parents whose children had said they were involved. Both parents took their children to the park to clean off the graffiti. Fortunately, it has come off which means M&P will not be required to come in and clean it. <p><u>MAIN BUSINESS</u></p> <p><u>For information:</u></p>
<p>6a. AGAR documentation</p>	<p>All documentation and accounts information for auditing of GAPC's Annual Governance Accountability Return 2022-23 (AGAR) were provided to the external auditor, Moore on 24 May. Moore acknowledged receipt. The period of rights of inspection is underway and runs until 14 July. Documentation required is on the noticeboard and updated documents are on the GAPC website.</p>
<p>6b. Coronation Copse update</p>	<p>The Clerk provided an update on the Coronation Copse and reminded tree sponsors that they need to water their tree in hot dry spells at least once a week. The Clerk has produced an information sheet on how to maintain newly planted trees that has been circulated to the tree sponsors. Woodchip is also now available for mulching.</p> <p>The Clerk has produced an article with the Heart of England Forest on the planting of the copse. This has appeared in the recent WLAC news and has prompted a call from WCC who are keen to come along and see the copse and do an interview with the Clerk about how we managed to get such good community engagement.</p>
<p>6c. Update on fly tipping</p>	<p>The Clerk has recently reported two incidents of fly tipping in the lay by on Pelham Lane. Both have been collected within a day by SDC.</p> <p>The large fly tipping is still sitting in the ford, however. SDC have confirmed they are unable to deal with it. The councillors suggested that either SDC engages a professional removal company at a reduced rate and we pay SDC back, or GAPC pays a professional company recommended by SDC.</p> <p>The feedback from Aston Cantlow PC on installing CCTV at the entrance to the lane is that the councillors felt that for the time being they would prefer to monitor the situation. If the fly tipping escalates then they will reconsider the position.</p>
<p>6d. Update on mowing at school</p>	<p>The Clerk is still trying to help school with the mowing issues. Sports Day is on July 14th but it will not be able to go ahead if the grass stays as long as it is. We have tried getting a</p>

	<p>team of volunteers in, but we could not get the ride on mower from the Cricket Club onto the trailer from GAP and the CPBT has not been to site so often recently – partly driven by the weather. The Clerk asked whether the councillors would be prepared to pay for a one off cut to get the school to the end of term.</p> <p>The councillors considered that this could come from the contingency budget and if legally allowed to support school for fund mowing, would be prepared to do it as a one off. The Clerk has made contact with John Stedman at Limebridge to see if he would be interested in helping and he had indicated that he would. The Clerk said she would look into the legal power and liaise with the school and councillors.</p> <p><u>FOR DECISION/APPROVAL/ACTION:</u></p>
6e. Next steps; Housing Needs Survey	<p>The councillors have made the decision that Sarah Brook-Taylor from WRCC should undertake an investigation into possible sites in Great Alne for affordable housing. See minute reference 4h above.</p>
6f. Update on former social club	<p>This has already been discussed at minute reference 4e in the context of Cllr Jenkins' update on GAKMH. In terms of next steps, we need to see when the building comes up for auction and keep in contact with Martyn Davey for any news or developments.</p>
6g. Review of council documentation	<p>At the Annual Meeting on 18th May, it was decided that, due to absences and other issues, the review of the following policies would be carried out at the next PC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scheme of Delegation ➤ Filming and Recording ➤ Donations ➤ Tree Management ➤ Volunteer policies ➤ Privacy Notice <p>The first two policies have been reviewed by Cllr Jenkins and he is happy with the documents as drafted. The Clerk just needs to change the date. In relation to the Donations policy, the councillors agreed with Cllr Jenkins that a clause should be added that only one application for a grant or donation can be made in one financial year.</p> <p>The other three policies have been reviewed by Cllr Clark and he is happy with the documents as currently drafted. Therefore, only the date needs to be changed.</p> <p><u>FOR DISCUSSION:</u></p>
6h. CIL remittance	<p>GAPC has received £3,390.82 in CIL monies from SDC for the redevelopment of The Mother Huff Cap. The councillors discussed how to use or allocate this money based on the defined criteria.</p> <p>Initial thoughts were the addition of a new streetlight along School Road from the pub towards Alcester – by the park or on the opposite side of the road. There are also a number of climate resilience projects that the money could be allocated to.</p> <p>The Chairman said he would give this some consideration prior to the next meeting.</p>

7. Planning applications

PLANNING

Following the last meeting, GAPC submitted a response of 'no objection' to application [23/01114/LDE](#), Kingsway, Park Lane. GAPC also submitted a response of 'no objection' to application [23/01519/FUL](#) Alne Park, Park Lane, and 'no objection' to [23/01366/AMD](#) Maudslay Park, Great Alne.

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

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

At this meeting, GAPC is required to consider and make a decision on the submission for those applications highlighted below.

Reference	Received	Status	Address
23/01647/LDP	21/6/2023	Pending Consideration	7 Linfoot Oaks Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6RG
23/01519/FUL	6/6/2023	Pending Consideration	Alne Park Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
23/01384/HHPA	19/5/2023	Pending Consideration	31 School Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HQ
23/01366/AMD	17/5/2023	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Great Alne
23/01352/AMD	16/5/2023	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Cutlers Farm Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HR
23/01143/AMD	24/4/2023	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Great Alne Park Village Road Great Alne B49 6HS
23/01144/AMD	24/4/2023	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Great Alne Park Village Road Great Alne B49 6HS
23/01145/AMD	24/4/2023	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Maudslay Park Great Alne
23/01114/LDE	21/4/2023	Existing Lawful Development - Permitted	Kingsway Park Lane Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HS
23/00703/FUL	8/3/2023	Pending Consideration	The Coppice Park Lane Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HS

	23/00689/ FUL	7/3/2023	Permission with conditions	31 School Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HQ
	23/00723/ TREE	6/3/2023	Tree Works Approved	Parkfield House Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
	23/00403/ FUL	13/2/2023	Permission with conditions	Three Mill Cottage Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HX
	23/00115/ FUL	16/1/2023	Permission with conditions	Clyne House Park Lane Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HS
	23/00098/ TREE	12/1/2023	Tree Works Approved	Clyne House Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
	22/03629/ COUQ	9/12/2022	Change of Use PA grant Class J, K and M	Barn School Road Great Alne
	22/03472/ LBC	25/11/2022	Listed building consent approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
	22/03056/ TREE	13/10/2022	Tree works approved	Coffee Pot Wood Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
	22/03007/ TREE	10/10/2022	Tree works approved	Greystone Cottage Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
	22/02809/ LDP	22/9/2022	Application Withdrawn	Woodside Cottage Spernal Lane Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HZ
	22/02786/ FUL	20/9/2022	Permission with conditions	Glebe Farm Kinwarton Alcester B49 6HB
	22/02626/ FUL	1/9/2022	Permission with conditions	Crocketts Farm Alne Hills Great Alne Alcester B49 6JS
	22/02485/ AMD	11/8/2022	Approval of Non Material Amendment	Maudslay Park Great Alne

	22/02305/FUL	1/8/2022	Application withdrawn	31 School Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HQ
	22/01894/FUL	24/6/2022	Permission with conditions	Crocketts Farm Alne Hills Great Alne Alcester B49 6JS
	22/01855/LBC	22/6/2022	Listed Building Consent Approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HR
	22/01577/TREE	19/5/2022	Tree Works Approved	Long House Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
8.Accounts	ACCOUNTS			
8a Progress against budget update	The Clerk provided an update on progress against budget for the new financial year. There is nothing obvious to consider at the moment.			
8b. Payments for approval	Accounts information: as this PC meeting is so early in July, the June accounts have not yet been prepared. There are no outstanding payments set up and awaiting secondary authorisation for payment.			
8c. Payments made between meetings	The following is a list of invoices and payments presented for authorisation and paid since the last PC meeting on 18 th May 2023			
	18.5.23	Unity ref 903860452	Auditor's fee for AGAR and year end accounts - Eleanor Choudry	340.00
	23.05.23	Unity ref 99998915	WCC DBS charges for Gareth Roberts-Davies	20.40
	31.05.23	Unity ref 927245162	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd (Inv 2628)	548.40
	7.06.23	Unity ref 258433624	Clerk's wages for May 2023	N/A
	7.06.23	Unity ref 258433624	Clerk's expenses for May 2023	60.76
	7.06.23	Unity ref 39376929	HMRC payment. NICS - E'ers=£88.33 E'ees=£42.01, KB Inc tax = £69.80. Total for tax period 3 of 2023-24 = £200.14	200.14
	7.06.23	Unity Stmt ***	npower Business Solutions (INV07219334)	127.20

