

Meeting of Great Alne Parish Council was held at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at The Function Room, Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HX

PRESENT	<p>Councillors Mr L Bowring, Mr I Millard, Mr P Clark, Mrs D Francis.</p> <p>Cllrs Justin Kerridge, Cllr Thom Holmes. 22 members of the public in attendance.</p>
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	None
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	None.
3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES	<p>Minutes from the November 2023 Parish Council Meeting minutes were approved by the Councillors.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>ACTION: to be signed by the Chairman and filed by the Clerk.</i></p> </div>
4i. Openreach – ultrafast full fibre broadband provision in Great Alne – update from Robert Rowan, Partnership Manager	<p><u>OPEN FORUM</u></p> <p>In a change to the order on the agenda, the Chairman introduced our Guest Visitor, Robert Rowan, Partnership Manager at Openreach. Headline points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert provided a comprehensive overview of the planned upgrade in Great Alne for the provision of ultrafast broadband. • He explained it involved an upgrade from copper-based line to full fibre which would be fitted into individual properties (physical installation is required as it is a new line that is going into properties, and it may need to be in a different location to the existing line supply). This would result in a faster, more reliable service and would future-proof against new technological developments. • If residents are interested in taking up the ultrafast broadband service, they are encouraged to pledge their support. Every pledge received from residents generated a voucher worth the equivalent of £4,500 from central Government to Openreach to build the network. The target set for pledges received from local homes is currently around 115%. • The important part is validating the voucher (which is received direct via email). Once residents validate the voucher then they are committing to ultra fast broadband provision for at least 12 months, but necessarily to individual service providers. • After the network has been built, residents can still join the scheme. Robert noted that the value of properties increases if full fibre is installed. • The majority of the 600 residents on the Great Alne exchange will be picked up as part of the initial build. However, there may be issues for properties at the end of the line or down a remote track, so it would be preferable to know about these properties now while the engineers are at the planning stage. • Surveys have started in Great Alne and the first customers will be enabled around June/July 2024. There is a 12month period for the build, but Openreach are hoping for completion by September/October. Residents will be able to contact their current broadband provider with the installation date. The installation date will be available from their ISP or engineer/sub-contractor.

<p>4a. Representations from residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert emphasised that residents are advised to shop around to find the best provider for broadband service for their requirements. There are 700 providers using the Broadband network so there should be a provider suitable. The connection charge will be the same for everyone, but the provision of ultrafast broadband services will vary across providers – although in many cases the cost for ultrafast broadband is coming in cheaper than the existing price for broadband. • New properties are not included in this scheme as these should get this service as part of any new development. If there are more than 20 properties in a new development, Openreach provides the service for free. A developer has the choice of which provider to choose. If they go with Openreach there are 700 providers on the network; if they choose Cityfibre there are roughly 20 providers; if they choose Virgin then it's Virgin Media provision only. • The telephone number for the property stays the same. Depending on the age of the equipment being used in the house ie the telephone, equipment might need to be upgraded as legacy equipment might not be able to support full fibre. It could also affect alarms in homes and telecare pendants. Robert recommended going through the checklist with the chosen provider as properties may require alternative hardware which might be provided free of charge by the provider. • He confirmed that fibre is not the same as a digital service – it's the same product but a different infrastructure. • The fibre line can go as fast as the provider wants it to go – ie 900/1000 megs per second. However, entry level speed tends to be 100-150 megs per second which is roughly around £26-£28 pcm. <p>The Chairman thanked Robert for his presentation. Robert said he was happy to come back again to speak with residents or answer any further questions.</p> <p>There were two representations from residents: one in writing concerning dogs in the recreation ground and one from a resident in attendance at the meeting regarding lighting on the monoliths at the entrance to Great Alne Park.</p> <p>The Clerk commented that the issue regarding dogs in the recreation ground was due to be discussed at agenda point 5 b(c) and the Chairman agreed that we would address the resident's representation later in the meeting.</p> <p><u>Entrance to Great Alne Park:</u></p> <p>The GAP resident explained that it can be dark at the GAP Henley Road entrance for up to 15 hours a day in the winter months. The GAP resident has reviewed the previous planning application regarding the lighting on the monoliths. He noted that there was one objection from a resident/homeowner who lives close to the entrance. He suggested that GAPC 'silently supported' the resident by not objecting. However, the GAP resident felt that for those specific areas the light pollution was negligible - but the safety aspect for a larger number of residents, now that the area was becoming more established, would be much greater. The GAP resident queried whether GAPC would look again at its original decision and agree to the installation of uplighters to everyone's satisfaction.</p> <p>The Chairman asked what IVG management thought of this approach and Cllr Francis and the GAP resident confirmed that IVG had not yet been approached -although the Office Manager was happy to support the position on the basis there is an electricity supply already there.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that it was not possible to revisit a planning application for a decision that had already been made. GAPC are consultees in the planning process and not decision makers. If Stratford District Council (SDC) had disagreed with GAPC's</p>
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	<p>position, the application would have gone to the Planning Committee. The Chairman confirmed that any change at this stage would require a new planning application by IVG.</p> <p>The resident enquired whether GAPC would support another planning application If IVG were to submit a new one? The Chairman said he could not speak for all the councillors. It would probably require a site visit. He acknowledged that an increase in the number of residents and properties at Great Alne Park meant an increased level of risk. However, he confirmed that the residents would need to speak with IVG about whether they were prepared to submit a new planning application. Cllr Francis would have to declare a non-pecuniary interest in any such application.</p>
<p>4b. Alcester South SNT & crime statistics update</p>	<p>The Clerk, referring to the latest weekly report from the Alcester SNT, noted that thankfully things had been quiet on the incidents front in Great Alne recently, and there was nothing specific to report. The Clerk noted that a new Crime Prevention booklet had been published and was available online. A link had been posted on the GAPC Facebook page but if anyone required a hard copy they should contact the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk also reminded residents that they could speak directly with the Alcester SNT team/ police representatives at the Community Action Day on Saturday 2nd March as they would be exhibiting at the event. The Clerk also confirmed that the Police Commissioner for Warwickshire, Mr Philip Seccombe, would be attending Chatty Café on Thursday 28th March 2024. <i>[We have subsequently been advised that the Deputy Commissioner will now be joining us on 4th April instead of the Commissioner on the 28th March].</i></p>
<p>4c. County Councillor's Report</p>	<p>Cllr Justin Kerridge confirmed he would be commenting on agenda items scheduled for later in the meeting, including the consultation on proposed changes for the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
<p>4d. District Councillor's Report</p>	<p>Cllr Thom Holmes provided the following report:</p> <p><u>Flooding</u></p> <p><i>Following the recent flooding in our local area as well as around the district, Liberal Democrat Councillors are working on a motion about planning and flooding, and flood defences, and I will update you at the next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>If your home flooded during Storm Henk (2-5 Jan), please report it now. Reporting flooding may help us secure Government flood funding to support you, and help planning future flood prevention measures. Report flooding in your home:</i></p> <p>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding</p> <p><i>The flood risks in the district are well recognised. The wetter winters will only make this worse and we must make sure that our planning policies locally address this. Information below helps when there is a threat of flooding:</i></p> <p><i>You can check which rivers have flood alerts or flood warnings in place by visiting</i></p> <p>https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/alerts-and-warnings</p> <p><i>If you are affected by floodwater from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the road - please contact Warwickshire County Council Highways Team on 01926 412982</i> • <i>a main river - please contact The Environment Agency on 0345 9881188</i>

- a public sewer or burst water main - please contact [Severn Trent](https://www.severn-trent.co.uk) on 0800 7834444

You should also call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0345 988 1188 if you see flooding from collapsed or badly damaged riverbanks, or unusual changes in river flow. Main rivers may also be blocked by a vehicle or fallen trees and increase the risk of flooding.

If you see animals trapped in flooded fields, please call 999 and report this to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Please call Severn Trent Water on 0800 783 4444 if you see flooding from sewers and burst water mains.

If there is a risk to life dial 999.

Budget cycle

We are now in the first budget cycle of the new administration, with the proposed budget going for public consultation this month (January). Stratford-on-Avon District Council is required to set its budget annually; this is normally approved by Council at the meeting at the end of February each year. The Council sets out its spending plans for both revenue and capital for the year ahead, along with reviewing the position for the following four years.

There are huge pressures on local government finances across the country. The Local Government Association has identified an estimate £4 billion funding gap in the next two years for councils to maintain their current service levels. This gap has been significantly impacted by the lack of additional funding in the recent Autumn Statement from the government.

Since 2010, central government funding for local authorities has been cut by 50%. This means that in the 2024/2025 budget-setting process there will be some difficult choices. Despite these challenges, and in contrast to the government's current agenda, the new Lib Dem administration is focused on achieving a balanced budget and maintaining sufficient reserves to protect the council against future uncertainty. Further, the council is ensuring we spend resources on good quality public services that meet the needs of our residents, in particular the most vulnerable. The budget proposals include support for the cost-of-living crisis, help for the rural communities and vulnerable residents, support to address the Climate Emergency and resources to implement the new Council Plan agreed in December 2023.

Budget proposals include:

Rural communities and vulnerable residents

- £28,000 for Rural Crime Advisors, working with Community Safety Team, to improve response to rising rural crime.
- £85,000 to maintain support for the UBUS service, to protect the vital connection between isolated communities and public services.
- £5,500 for a new pilot scheme in Southam and Alcester for Customer Access Terminals in rural communities to enable face-to-face communication with the District Council.

Staying healthy and active

- £25,000 for a new Leisure Community Instructor to provide targeted support for people with long term health conditions.
- Reduction in hire fees for use of public playing pitches in Stratford-upon-Avon to incentivise more sporting activity.

Cost of Living Crisis support

- £250,000 to continue to protect residents from the ongoing cost of living crisis, providing grants for those most in need of support with energy bills.

Climate change emergency:

- £500,000 extra funding to enable the Council to achieve its carbon reduction targets.
- £250,000 to change the current refuse collection vehicles to the use of HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) fuel to reduce harmful emissions by nearly 100%.

Council Plan and Change Programme:

- £2million to implement the new Council Plan, benefitting residents within six areas of focus, including delivering better homes, boosting the local economy, increasing green spaces, encouraging alternative modes of transport, supporting Town and Parish Councils and their local communities, and improving the overall effectiveness of the Council.

The draft budget also proposes an increase to Council Tax of £5.00 for 2024/25 and 2025/26 and 2.99% thereafter, which for an average home represents just an additional 42p per month to the District Council next year.

Community Climate Change Fund

A new Community Climate Change Fund is being launched this month which will encourage Parish Councils and constituted community groups to carry out actions that support the Council's climate change goals.

Green waste bin subscription

Subscriptions for the Garden Waste Service April to March 2024 opened on the 16th of January. The annual charge is £46 per green bin.

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm>

For further information, you can contact the District Council on streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or 01789 260628

Podback coffee pods recycling

Residents will be able to recycle their plastic or aluminium coffee pods at home by signing up for free on the Podback website. They will be sent two rolls of Podback recycling bags (26 bags or six months' supply) along with instructions on how to use the service. Filled bags of used coffee pods can then be put out alongside or on top (not inside) of the waste,

<p>4e. GAKMH parish councillor representative's report</p>	<p>recycling, or garden waste container(s), on the scheduled collection day. Residents living in flats can participate by using the Podback Drop Off service.</p> <p>For more information, please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/podback</p> <p>To find out more about signing up for the new Podback service please visit: www.podback.org</p> <p><u>Sherborne Material Recycling facility</u></p> <p>The state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Coventry, which is a project by eight local authorities including Stratford District Council is now fully operational. Its technologies achieve high purity rates and tackle a wider range of waste materials, including single use plastics. The most advanced MRF of its kind in the UK, the plant utilises specialist AI technology to process dry mixed residential kerbside recycling in the most sustainable and efficient way possible. More information will be coming in the near future on what further material we can put in our recycling (blue lid) bins.</p> <p><u>Fire & Rescue services consultation</u></p> <p>As you might be aware, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) which carries out fire and rescue functions on behalf of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Warwickshire County Council (WCC), is consulting on a proposed change to its service delivery model as part of its Resourcing to Risk approach. It is a radical change to current operations. They are proposing to close Bidford, Fenny Compton, Henley, Shipston, Polesworth, Kenilworth, Wellesbourne and Gaydon as on-call fire stations into surge stations.</p> <p>I urge residents to engage with the consultation: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/</p> <p>If you have any queries or need any help or advice about the consultation, please email wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk or telephone Warwickshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410.</p> <p>Cllr Francis read out the following report provided by GAKMH as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christmas events at the Hall were all well attended and very successful. • The next social event is a Jazz evening on Saturday 20 April. Shades on Black will be performing. They are a 10 piece jazz and swing band based in Stratford. • The regular Film Club evenings will continue every third Thursday until the end of June. • The notice board shared with the Parish Council blew down in December. A replacement using recycled plastic will be sought as it would not rot or suffer damage from strimming round the support posts, as the original did. The cost will be shared by the Council. • The Union flag also blew down in the strong wind. The flag rope will need to be replaced. • Work on the installation of PIR sensors in the cloakrooms will start shortly. These will activate the lights when the cloakrooms are entered and switch off afterwards. This will avoid lights being left on overnight or for an even longer period. • Work on the installation of electric hand dryers will follow at a later date. • An application to cut back the dead wood on the diseased oak tree has been submitted. Hopefully the work will prolong the tree's life. It cannot be saved.
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<p>4f. Update on Great Alne Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The date of the planned auction of the former social club has not been announced yet, as far as anyone knows.</i> <p>Cllr Francis provided the following update from Great Alne Park and IVG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new village shop should be opening at the end of March, subject to a few unresolved matters. • Cllr Francis has asked IVG for a copy of the proposed travel plans that are incorporated under the section 106 agreement.
<p>4g. Climate Action Group update</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that at the recent meeting, the CAG had been discussing priority projects for the next financial year, based on feedback and views of residents taken from the 'Making Great Alne Greener' survey circulated in October 2023. There is limited funding provision in the proposed budget for next year, so we will need to secure external funding streams to secure delivery of all our proposed priority projects.</p> <p>The CAG is also working on their presentations and key areas of work to discuss with residents at the Community Action Day on 2 March 2024. We are looking at how to best present on flooding, speeding issues, and how we are calculating the parish's carbon footprint. We will also focus on trying to recruit more volunteers for the CAG and FLAG and discuss proposals for priority climate action projects in Great Alne.</p>
<p>4h. Housing Need Survey update</p>	<p>Our rural housing enabler from the WRCC, Sarah Brooke-Taylor was unable to attend the meeting. However, she will be attending the Community Action Day on 2 March and will be able to update residents in person, as GAPC hopes to have received a list of proposed sites in time for consulting with residents at the event.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the proposed development is to provide affordable homes in Great Alne for those with a local connection to the parish. The parish council proposes to follow a process similar to that used for the development of Linfoot Oaks. When Linfoot Oaks was being developed, funding was not available for purely affordable home schemes, so private market homes were included. These market homes were also reserved, however, for those with a local connection. If the houses could not be sold to those with a connection to Great Alne, they were offered to those in local parishes, then the general public. The difference this time round is the funding streams are different. It is possible to have just an affordable housing scheme - or a mix with private homes (notably there has been an identified need for both in the most recent Housing Needs Survey).</p> <p>The latest need for affordable homes was identified in the Housing Needs Survey undertaken in February 2023. The next stage in the process is the WRCC meeting with local landowners and investigate whether they are interested in selling their land for the development of affordable homes.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that this is the only area where GAPC has any power because the parish sits within the green belt. If GAPC does not support the development it will not take place: the PC can walk away from the project. This comes with a risk, however, that a higher authority can authorise a much larger development in or close to the village and the parish council could not reasonably oppose such a proposal having turned down a previous development opportunity. The current route allows GAPC to keep an element of control over the size and format of a small scale development.</p>

	<p>A resident asked if GAPC knows where the property purchasers came from. The Chairman recalled that for the market homes, only one of them had a Great Alne connection. For the rented homes, 6 or 7 had a Great Alne connection. Another home had a connection to Wilmcote.</p> <p>Another resident who lives at Linfoot Oaks commented that there is a covenant on the property that states if you sell, the property has to be made available for local residents for 13 weeks. The Chairman added that any sale is supposed to be notified to SDC and GAPC so that the same process can be followed ie availability first to people with a local connection to the parish – but that procedure is loose and it didn't happen the last time a property was sold; GAPC and SDC weren't even aware of the sale.</p> <p>One resident asked about the definition of affordable housing – the Chairman confirmed that for SDC this means housing association or social rent. The Housing Needs Survey identified a need for 11 or 12 affordable properties and 5 owner occupier/ privately owned. SDC decides on the level of social rent for the properties. WRCC has a formula for working it out and will know what the market rent value is.</p> <p>GAPC will have more information once we have a further update from the WRCC. Information shared with us will be shared with residents at the Community Action Day on 2nd March. We are hopeful that at this event there will be a list of shortlisted potential sites. From this point residents will be fully involved and be able to ask questions and express their preferences. GAPC will find ways of communicating with residents through other channels for those who are unable to attend the action day.</p>
4i. Openreach – ultrafast broadband provision in Great Alne	<p>[See the first page of these minutes as the order of the agenda was swapped round to accommodate the guest speaker.]</p>
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p>
5a	<p><u>General Maintenance Update</u></p>
a. Streetlighting – update on transition to LEDs	<p>The Clerk reported that the project is still ongoing but there are some outstanding tasks. Namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pole brackets on Henley Road for units 2 to 5 (for new LED lanterns to be fitted to existing wooden poles). • LC8 Henley Road – <i>'National Grid has repaired the earth fault to the LV cable so Eon can now complete the service transfer. The original order was for BB & Eon to attend together as 3-way lights were required which they did, but due to the earth fault Eon will need 3 way lights again to carry out the transfer, there will be additional costs for the 3 way lights'.</i> • LC3 Nightingale Close. The service was encased in concrete so couldn't be completed on the original visit.

	<p>The Clerk is keen to get the invoice from WCC so that the upgrade works can be paid for before year end. The Chairman suggested asking WCC for an invoice for work completed to date.</p> <div> <i>ACTION: The Clerk to keep chasing WCC regarding this list of outstanding tasks, and seek an invoice for works completed to date.</i> </div>
<p>b. Highways - Potholes and Pelham Lane</p>	<p>The Clerk stated that the potholes are particularly bad on Pelham Lane at the moment after all the recent flooding events. GAPC understands from WCC that there are major roadworks planned for Pelham Lane in the near future. The Clerk said she will keep nudging WCC for updates.</p>
<p>c. Footpaths survey and WCC's ROWIP</p>	<p>As part of the ongoing public engagement exercise to gain the views of as many people as possible prior to drafting the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan, Warwickshire County Council is publicising a public survey. There is a consultation for residents to complete online, as well as a separate one for local authorities eg parish councils. The deadline for both is 7 April. GAPC intends to provide a submission and encourages residents to complete the public survey online.</p> <p>https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/</p> <p>The Clerk also noted that to report a problem on a public right of way, anyone can visit Warwickshire County Council's website https://rowreporting.warwickshire.gov.uk/CAMSWeb/standardmap.aspx</p>
<p>d. Community Speed Watch / Road Safety Update</p>	<p>The CSWG will be setting up a new rota with a view to starting up sessions again in the spring when the weather improves and the evenings are lighter.</p>
<p>i) New central reporting system</p>	<p>Cllr Millard stated that the Clerk has been liaising with the Bearley CSWG who still record the speeding data manually but are now using a new program whereby the vehicle information is uploaded directly into the Warwickshire Police Statistical System, which saves time.</p>
<p>ii) New Bushnell camera</p>	<p>Bearley PC has recently purchased a Bushnell Speed Camera with a hard case for £215:00 on Amazon. The Councillor responsible for CSW in Bearley reported that the camera is 'incredibly easy to use' and is being used in the new recruits training module. The councillor highly recommends it and confirmed it's cheaper than a year's service charge on the old camera.</p> <p>PC Gary Strain attended a Bearley Speedwatch meeting and provided a demonstration on the Bushnell camera. Their latest recruit underwent training on site with the Bearley Speedwatch group. However, no independent training session has been scheduled. PC.Gary Strain is offering to join the group on a Speedwatch session if training could not be adequately completed.</p> <p>Cllr Millard is keen to look into both the new system and the possibility of purchasing a Bushnell camera to use from the spring.</p> <div> <i>Action: The Clerk is going to speak with PC Gary Strain about the Bushnell device and uploading of vehicle data directly to the police.</i> </div>

<p>e. New noticeboards required</p>	<p>The Clerk has done considerable research into new noticeboards which are required in all three village locations. The information was sent to the councillors prior to the meeting. The councillors discussed the options put forward and agreed that recycled plastic was the preferred option due to its robustness and longevity. GAKMH will be sharing the cost of the noticeboard in front of the Memorial Hall and they were also keen to replace with a recycled plastic noticeboard.</p> <p>There was debate about the preferred size of the noticeboards, due to the fact there are a lot more notices and information to keep residents up to date eg huff space, Chatty Café, FLAG, CAG etc. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the councillors about the different options and consultation with the GAKMH trustees - and a decision would be made about the best way to proceed.</p>
<p>f. Bin outside the Memorial Hall</p>	<p>The latest feedback from SDC is they have new stock arriving imminently and they will try to allocate us a bin to replace the one that was recently destroyed. The Clerk will provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
<p>5b.</p>	<p><u>Recreation ground and defibrillator</u></p>
<p>a. Treeworks</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that the quote for treeworks on the field maple in the park and the ash tree on Henley Road next to the entrance to the park has been approved by the councillors. We are waiting for a date for the works from the tree surgeon. The Clerk will then liaise with the residents at Number 12 School Road..</p>
<p>b. Gate and post work required at Henley Road entrance</p>	<p>A quote has been received from M&P Buildings to repair the gate and the post. The quote has been circulated to the councillors. The councillors consider this quote to be on the expensive side and asked the Clerk to obtain another quote for the work. They noted that 20% of the M&P quote was VAT and therefore recoverable but it was still considered to be on the high side.</p>
<p>c. Update on dog signage and access to the park.</p>	<p>The Clerk read out the written representation from the local resident regarding dogs in the park. In summary, the resident was against a total ban of dogs in the park. They agreed that dogs should be on a lead at all times. The resident combines the walk to school with a dog walk and would not want to have no option but to walk along Spermal Lane and around the blind corner by the pub. There is no pavement on the road - but there is a safe path across the park from Nightingale Close to Henley Road. The resident was pleased that GAPC was reviewing the decision and hoped that clear signage stating that dogs must be kept on a lead and away from the play area, and a fine for fouling, would be respected by other users.</p> <p>The Clerk also advised the councillors that one of the residents had prepared a map of the park providing an aerial view of where a fence might be located across the park, in line with the foot path.</p> <p>The Chairman reiterated that GAPC's policy had for some years been that dogs were not allowed in the park – and this was the basis of the decision taken at the last PC meeting in November 2023. However, GAPC had not had all the information to hand during the last meeting- in terms of dog walkers having to walk down Spermal Lane where there is no footpath, serious speeding issues and no streetlighting. This is particularly an issue for families walking their children to school with the dog. These are all reasonable arguments</p>

<p>d. Metal detectorists in the park – WALC feedback</p>	<p>and the councillors considered that reviewing their initial decision was the best thing to do in light of this information.</p> <p>The Chairman has researched into the risk to children of dog faeces; there are roughly 120 cases a year in the UK but the level of risk is very low, with no major symptoms for the majority of cases. The decision is therefore about balancing risk between infection against people walking down Sernal Lane with the traffic etc. Is there a way we can cover both aspects? It has been suggested that we clarify/remove the ambiguity so that dogs are either not allowed at all or are allowed on a short lead at all times from point A to B, with no exercising. This latter option is worth considering. A rule could be set along these lines but how do we police it? There are already notices indicating there will be a penalty for fouling, but it is hard to enforce it.</p> <p>Cllr Francis strongly felt that parks are for children and families and not for dogs. It is not just because of illness – dogs often jump up and frighten children. Cllr Francis considers that dogs should not be allowed in the park.</p> <p>Cllr Millard noted that the existing sign says dogs are not allowed in the park. Installing a fence would be costly although it would be for the benefit of the whole community. Perhaps the rule should be that there are absolutely no dogs allowed off the lead in the park area – it is a thoroughfare only.</p> <p>Cllr Francis asked what would happen if there was an issue? Cllr Millard replied that if we ban dogs completely, we still have an issue with policing: if it's a free for all, we still have an issue with policing. He considers that most people are reasonable and will follow the rule. Cllr Francis said this had not changed her mind and she does not want dogs in the park.</p> <p>The Chairman had a suggestion: whether the residents who are dog owners would form a group to observe what is going on? We know who walks their dogs in the park anyway and it would be a reasonable rule to say dogs are allowed to walk through the park provided they are on a lead at all times. They must also stay on the pathway and not go on the grass. If the rule is flouted, an appropriate penalty will be applied. The only way to have a dog in the park is on accordance with the new signage.</p> <p>The Chairman suggests trialling this suggestion for 3 months to see how it goes. After the initial feedback we can trial it again for another 3 months. If the rule is abused, then the rule will be no dogs whatsoever. The Chairman suggested a leaflet through the doors of residents in Nightingale Close and Linfoot Oaks about this suggestion.</p> <p>A resident who lives near to the park said he had spoken to the neighbours and all would be happy to police this suggestion. If there is a dog bin at each end of the path there would be no excuse for any dog mess.</p> <p>The Chairman made it clear that this is a trial and that it will be kept under review. If the rule is abused, then the new rule will be no dogs in the park.</p> <p>Following an incident in the park over the Christmas period where a resident and the Clerk had separately approached metal detectorists in the park and had received a very aggressive response, the Clerk approached WALC for guidance on GAPC's position with regard to metal detectors in the park. The legal officer at WALC advised that the park is not strictly private property as there are access rights. GAPC can put a sign up saying something along the lines of 'metal detecting is not allowed' and that prior permission must be sought.</p>
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	<p>The councillors appreciate that this won't prevent someone metal detecting if they want to do it. It was suggested that we might ask guidance from the Rural Crime Team.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>ACTION: The Clerk will seek guidance from The Rural Crime Team on this issue.</i></p> </div>
<p>e. Potential water from the recreation ground impacting resident neighbour</p>	<p>The Clerk has received an email from a resident regarding potential water from the park affecting their garden and that of a neighbour. The Clerk asked the residents to provide further information ie a description of the issues and photographs if possible. It would also be helpful to have information on whether this is the first occurrence of the issues or for how long it has been going on. We are experiencing an unseasonably wet winter and have had an excessive amount of rainfall across the district – but notwithstanding, once we receive further information we will investigate further.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>MAIN BUSINESS</p>
<p>6a. Flooding update Points i)- vii) on the agenda item</p>	<p><u>For Information:</u></p> <p>Councillor Millard stated that the Flood Action Group (FLAG) had met for the first time. It was very timely after all the recent flooding events in the parish. There has been a build-up of significant work over recent months looking into ways and means in which we can help ourselves with the flooding issues and encourage agencies to support us.</p> <p>Fifteen residents attended the FLAG meeting to volunteer and offer their support.</p> <p>Recent workstreams include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways and Stratford District Council; - Working alongside Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) to look at natural flood measures and understand the lay of the surrounding land and catchment area of the river - Working with local farmers/ landowners and the community <p>The goal is to increase awareness and regular management of these areas.</p> <p>There are a number of areas for the Clerk to keep working on, for example, with the local agencies and authorities (eg chasing WCC); as well as seeking additional funding. But there are a number of tasks that can be done by the FLAG group such as drain clearance and establishing a process of regular reporting to SDC.WCC?</p> <p>There will be another FLAG meeting at the end of February. Before then we will be identifying what we have got to manage ie an inventory of drains; as this has not been done before. More volunteers are encouraged to join the FLAG group and help us with the flood mitigation and alleviation measures. We will continue to work closely with and chase organisations such as WWT and CPBT, where possible. We are also hopeful that now we have a FLAG up and running, that we can meet with the SDC and Flooding Teams.</p>
<p>b. Vacancy for a new parish councillor</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that there is vacancy for a new parish councillor. She confirmed that it will be possible for GAPC to use the co-option process to fill the vacancy. We are required by statute to advertise the vacancy in the local press so we will be posting an advert in The Stratford Herald in the next week or two. We are keen to fill the position before the start of the next financial year. If anyone is interested in the role or has any questions, please contact the Clerk.</p>

c. Speeding data following recent speeding surveys	IVG Management has confirmed that GAPC can forward the data from the speeding surveys to WCC for analysis. This relates to the survey undertaken across the parish in October 2023. Once WCC has analysed the results we hope to meet with the Road Safety Team to discuss options for traffic calming outside GAP's Henley Road entrance, near to school and along the bottom end of Sernal Lane.
d. Community orchard planting	GAPC is currently liaising with WCC on a potential plan to plant a community orchard in the recreation ground in the autumn. We have submitted an application for funding from the CHLF – Community Orchard Project. Our application has been acknowledged. We have received an email from one of the forestry officers who is keen to have a meeting with GAPC to discuss. The Clerk will follow up with WCC after the Community Action Day on 2 March.
e. Fly-tipping update	The Clerk has been liaising with a local waste collection company based in Coventry who have said they will collect the waste that has been dumped off the bridge at Ford Lane. The Clerk will report back to councillors once it has been collected.
f. Newsletter in February and enclosures	The Clerk confirmed that there will be a newsletter circulated in the next week or so which will inform residents about the Community Action Day on 2 March, as well as other issues such as ultrafast broadband, the speeding survey and upcoming consultation on proposed sites for affordable housing in Great Alne.
g. New headteacher at Great Alne Primary School and Waitrose Snappers	Just before Xmas, the Community Champion from Waitrose in Alcester telephoned the Clerk to offer some Snappers for the school children. This is the plush toy of the character that features in the festive John Lewis advert. Waitrose were able to provide one Snapper for each child. GAPC contacted The Stratford Herald and they were keen to come along and take a photograph for the paper. This coincided well with a new Headteacher starting at the school – Mr Matthew Penn. The article appeared in The Herald between Christmas and New Year and was good PR for all involved. GAPC has already had a meeting with Mr Penn and is looking forward to supporting him and working closely with GAPS.
h. Update on winter warm hubs	<p>The Clerk provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chatty Café – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Clerk and Cllr Francis gave a presentation to residents at GAP in early January about Chatty Café and encouraged them to come along – especially those that are on their own. ii. We have introduced an activity table each week – ranging from games, crafts, demonstrations etc. This is to offer something a bit different each week for anyone who may not want to sit and chat. This is funded by the WRCC grant. iii. We are now offering a free light lunch every session to attendees, again funded by the WRCC grant. iv. We are also keen to welcome guest speakers – we welcomed Healthwatch Warwickshire earlier this month who were keen to talk to residents about their experiences – good and bad- of the local NHS services.

	<p>v. At the end of March, we are looking forward to welcoming the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>b) Huff space – The next session is at the HoEF on 3 Feb [NB – this session was subsequently cancelled by the HoEF].</p> <p>c) WRCC slow cooking course completion and feedback. The course finished shortly before Xmas and the feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. It was a great opportunity for GAPC and good for profile raising.</p>
i. Town and Parish Council Reference Group Meeting feedback	<p>The Chairman attended the latest Reference Group meeting on 18th January. A number of relevant issues were discussed including:</p> <p><u>Speeding reporting</u> – engagement by residents to report speeding concerns was encouraged.</p> <p><u>Fire & Rescue Service consultation</u> – The proposals are an exercise in balancing resources against risk. There are more 999 emergency calls to the fire brigade in the day than the night - this is an attempt to match a shift in resources to use them more effectively. There will subsequently be a reduction in the number of firefighters on call but no fire stations are set to close completely. The consultation closes on March 10th. The Clerk will add the information on how to respond to the consultation in the newsletter.</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u>- Warwickshire County Council has set an ambitious target to be net zero as a council by 2030 and the whole county to be net zero by 2050. The meeting discussed the various means by which this target would be achieved including a number of pillars such as transport, waste treatment, sustainability and biodiversity.</p> <p><u>Annual Funding Statement</u>-This relates to s106 Community Infrastructure Levies which is money paid by developers to the community to improve or enhance the infrastructure as a way of offsetting the impact of the development.</p> <p>In 2023-2024 the amount of CIL money that had been retained and unspent was £84 million.</p> <p><u>FOR DECISION/APPROVAL:</u></p>
j. Next steps following HNS	<p>The councillors discussed the next steps following the results of the housing needs survey. On 2 March at the Community Action Day, a list of proposed sites will be made publicly available. GAPC needs a set of policies setting out the criteria it wishes to use when making a decision on the most appropriate site, eg we expect any development to optimise the effects of carbon reduction, ideally to <i>Passivhaus</i> ' standard. The model or precedent is Linfoot Oaks and how well that blends into the village. The Chairman explained that any proposal has to be acceptable to the majority of the village.</p> <p>The Chairman will circulate a new draft of possible policies which will be something for developers to work from.</p> <p>GAPC also needs advice from Sarah that funding is going to still be available.</p> <p>The councillors agreed on this course of action for the next step of the project.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><u>ACTION:</u> Chairman to circulate a new draft of possible policies on criteria it wishes to see in a new development.</p> </div>

<p>k. Proposed budget for 2024/25</p>	<p>The Clerk circulated figures for the proposed budget to the councillors prior to the meeting. In summary, GAPC proposes to set a budget of £40,000 for next year and to apply for a precept of £30,000. The difference will be taken from reserves.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that we are required to justify the level of reserves if they are more than twice the level of the precept.</p> <p>The Chairman said we are confident we have enough money to meet our spending objectives. He added that project work is not in the budget so to pay for these projects we will need external funding or contingency accumulations.</p> <p>The councillors were happy with the proposed budget figures for 2024/25.</p>
<p>l. Proposed precept for 2024/25</p>	<p>The councillors were happy with the explanation for the proposed precept figure and approved the precept amount for 2024/25.</p>
<p>m. Contribution to religious organisations</p>	<p>The Clerk explained the updated position in parish and town councils being able to make a financial contribution to religious organisations.</p> <p>Part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, includes a possible amendment clarifying the legal position. The SSLC has published a note that confirms that an amendment is being made to the Local Government Act 1894 that facilitates parish councils funding the maintenance and upkeep of churches and other religious buildings should they wish to do so. This is the SSLC note here: https://www.slcc.co.uk/parish-council-funding-for-places-of-worship/</p> <p>The councillors had reviewed the note prior to the meeting and approved the proposed contribution to the parish church allocated in the budget for 2024/25 ie both the budget element and CIL allocation.</p>
<p>n. GAPC representative on the GAKMH Committee</p>	<p>While GAPC is in the process of appointing a new councillor, Cllrs Francis and Millard agreed to cover as the GAPC representatives at upcoming GAKMH meetings on a pro tem basis. It was agreed that we would revisit the portfolios of responsibility when a new councillor was co-opted.</p>
<p>o. Lengthsman scheme</p>	<p>The Clerk has been researching into WCC's lengthsman scheme following a suggestion by one of the FLAG volunteers. https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/community/lengthsman-scheme.</p> <p>Creating such a scheme in Great Alne would provide many benefits for residents and would provide a consistent 'eyes and ears on the ground' for reporting purposes. The role would also be a big support to both the FLAG and CAG and other volunteer groups.</p> <p>After discussion, the councillors agreed that the Clerk would prepare a draft programme of works including minimum hours of assistance required in a week or month, and proposed wage (likely to be national minimum age level as varies from time to time). The work would not be done on the basis of a contract of employment, but on a contract for services – ie the lengthsman is self-employed and contracted by GAPC to provide services. There is a template on the WCC webpage that can be tailored to our needs, as well as a specification for the type of tasks involved.</p> <p>The councillors agreed to trial the scheme for a 6 month period and then review.</p>

	<div data-bbox="571 208 1477 300" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>ACTION: The Clerk will send the lengthsman information to the councillors and prepare some basic documentation for consideration.</i></p> </div> <p><u>FOR DISCUSSION:</u></p> <p>p. Stagecoach X19 bus route</p> <p>The councillors discussed the options to further investigate the Stagecoach X19 bus route stopping at the top end of Great Alne village near Great Alne Park. Cllr Francis had contacted Cllr Kerridge about the issue and his opinion was that this outcome would be very unlikely. There is little option on turning places which would mean providing a new route with very little custom (there need to be sufficient passengers to make a bus route viable). Cllr Kerridge's view was that a privately organised minibus might be a better option, which could then also serve the local community.</p> <p>Cllr Kerridge also advised that approaching Stagecoach might be preferable when there are some stats available about numbers of people likely to use the service and when it is wanted. At this point he would be happy to find out who we should contact at Stagecoach. The councillors felt it could be worthwhile approaching the operator about extending the service. Aston Cantlow also doesn't have a bus service so the route could perhaps be rerouted to connect other villages. However, Cllr Kerridge still felt that any statistics might be better used to support a local minibus service.</p> <p>After considerable discussion, the councillors agreed that a survey would be added to the next newsletter to gauge interest in approaching Stagecoach about a bus stop at the Great Alne Park end of the village. Cllr Francis is going to prepare some draft questions.</p> <p>It was also suggested that GAPC could approach IVG about funding – the s106 agreement covered details on a proposed travel plan for residents. We could also ask Cllr Kerridge about this plan as it had been sent to WCC and they approved it.</p> <p>The Clerk wondered if there was any mileage in investigating the UBUS option – especially as SDC has just made additional budget provision for the service. Cllr Francis through this was a good idea and is going to follow up.</p> <div data-bbox="491 1261 1450 1420" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>ACTION: Cllr Francis to prepare some draft questions for a newsletter survey; will ask IVG for a copy of the travel plans under the s106 agreement and investigate options on the UBUS.</i></p> </div>
<p>q. Village Hall Week in mid March</p>	<p>The councillors discussed this upcoming event and how GAPC might offer support to GAKMH, specifically relating to environmental / climate change ideas that could be put forward. The Chairman said he would speak to Peter Harris and Martyn Davey about the potential opportunities.</p> <div data-bbox="480 1644 1495 1756" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>ACTION: The Chairman will speak with Peter Harris and Martyn Davey about working together on some environmental/ climate change projects.</i></p> </div>
<p>r. Community Action Day – 2 March 2024</p>	<p>The Clerk discussed progress on the plans for the Community Action Day on 2 March 2024 including the exhibitors list. This now includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcester Safer Neighbourhood Team • Rural Crime Team – crime prevention toolbox • Act on Energy – community energy champions • Alcester Fire Service – safety in the home

7. Planning applications

- Healthwatch Warwickshire
- The Warwickshire Rural Community Council
- Great Alne Primary School
- Heart of England Forest
- Great Alne Park
- The Mother Huff Cap
- Great Alne's Climate Action Group.
- Other local community groups and organisations

The Parish Assembly will follow the event from 2-3pm. The risk assessment, posters and information will be circulated along with a flyer in the next newsletter.

PLANNING

Following the last meeting, GAPC submitted the following responses:

- 23/03039/TREE – The Councillors agreed 'No Objection'.
- 23/02882/FUL – The Councillors agreed 'No representation'.
- 23/02812/VARY – The Councillors agreed 'No objection'.

Following agreement in writing after the last PC meeting, GAPC submitted a response of 'Objection' to 23/02992/FUL and 23/02993/LBC on the basis the proposed entrance gates are not in keeping with the rest of the property and are unsympathetic to the thatched canopy roof or properties of that age.

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.

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

24/00041/LBC	8/1/2024	Pending Consideration	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
23/03414/TREE	19/12/2023	Pending Consideration	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
23/03066/TEL28	14/11/2023	Comments sent	PCP005 Henley Road Opposite Little Orchard Henley Road Great Alne
23/03039/TREE	13/11/2023	Tree Works Approved	Great Alne And Kinwarton Memorial Hall Henley Road Great Alne

			Warwickshire B49 6HL
23/02992/FUL	7/11/2023	Pending Consideration	Alne Cote School Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HG
23/02993/LBC	7/11/2023	Pending Consideration	Alne Cote School Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HG
23/02882/FUL	25/10/2023	Permission with conditions	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
23/02812/VARY	18/10/2023	Pending Consideration	Alne Wood Park Natural Burial Ground Sernal Lane Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6JG
23/02777/TREE	12/10/2023	Tree Works Approved	Stuart Cottage Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
23/02778/AMD	11/10/2023	Pending Consideration	Maudslay Park Great Alne
23/02474/TREE	13/9/2023	Tree Works Approved	Whitts End Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
23/02421/FUL	11/9/2023	Planning Permission Refused	Alne Park Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
23/02292/TREE	29/8/2023	Tree Works Approved	Gunn Court Park Lane Great Alne
23/02079/FUL	4/8/2023	Permission with conditions	7 Linfoot Oaks Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6RG
23/02038/TREE	1/8/2023	Tree Works Approved	The Lodge Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR

	23/01942/TREE	21/7/2023	Tree Works Approved	Coffee Pot Wood Henley Road Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6HR
	23/01647/LDP	21/6/2023	Permission with conditions	7 Linfoot Oaks Great Alne Warwickshire B49 6RG
	23/01532/AMD	7/6/2023	Application Withdrawn	Maudslay Park Great Alne
	23/01519/FUL	6/6/2023	Planning Permission Refused	Alne Park Park Lane Great Alne Alcester B49 6HS
	23/01384/HHPA	19/5/2023	Householder Prior Approval Not Required	31 School Road Great Alne Alcester B49 6HQ
	23/01366/AMD	17/5/2023	Approval of Non Material Amendment	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	Planning Permission Refused	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

The councillors decided as follows on the outstanding applications:

- [24/00041/LBC](#)– The Councillors agreed to submit a response of ‘No representation’.

8. Accounts

ACCOUNTS

a. Progress against budget update

The Clerk provided an update on progress against budget. There is nothing of any concern raised.

b. Payments for approval

The following is a list of invoices and payments presented for authorisation and paid since the last PC meeting on 21 November 2023. The blue cells represent payments currently set up to be authorised by a second bank signatory.

31.10.23	unity ref 509408468	Limebridge Rural Services Ltd (Inv 2810)	592.80
30.11.23	Unity ref 570306550	WALC Inv 649 - AGM Conference	12.00
5.12.23	Unity ref 334644484	SDC Invoice 2025727 (uncontested election fee)	100.00
5.12.23	Unity stmt 17	npower Business Solutions (Inv IN09106781)	148.25

9. Correspondence since the last PC Meeting	12.12.23	unity payment	Clerk's wages for Nov 2023 (including NALC pay increase and back pay to April 2023)	N/A
	12.12.23	unity payment	Clerk's expenses for Nov 2023	113.49
	12.12.23	unity ref 168022187	HMRC payment. E'ers NICS = £129.95. E'ee NICS = £78.20 Inc Tax = £130.20)	338.35
	12.12.23	unity ref 629980751	WCC DBS charges for huff space volunteer	20.40
	31.12.23	unity stmt 17	Unity Bank Service Charge (quarterly fee)	18.00
	1.1.24	unity ref 683938253	Great Alne Park - Inv 008284 (function room hire for Jan mtg)	35.00
	4.1.24	Unity stmt ****	npower Business Solutions (Inv IN09358907)	153.93
	16.1.24	unity ref 814960852	Clerk's wages for Dec 2023	N/A
	16.1.24	unity ref 814960852	Clerk's expenses for Dec 23	88.16
	16.1.24	unity ref 242017533	HMRC payment. E'ers NICS = 64.91. E'ee NICS = £21.65 Inc Tax = £36.00)	122.56
	The payments list was approved by the councillors.			
	Bank Account Balances @ 31 December 2023: £76,856.56 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unity Trust Current Account T1 ending 0348: £20,616.50 ○ Unity Trust Instant Access Account (reserves) ending 0351: £56,240.06 			
	Money in: £646.60 being £269.96 refund from the Clerk via her Barclaycard credit card account following scam company purchase of wheelie bin stickers and £376.64 credit interest from Unity Trust Bank.			
	Transfers: None			
	The Clerk confirmed the following correspondence had been received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Liaising with WCC and other groups and organisations re flooding b) Correspondence re slow cooking course with WRCC, residents, ATC and chef c) Correspondence re WRCC warm hubs, funding and training 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Correspondence regarding the X19 Stagecoach route e) Emails about Rights of Way Improvement Plan and footpaths f) Correspondence regarding a community orchard g) Liaising with WALC re metal detectors in the park h) Correspondence re ultra fast broadband progress and next steps i) Liaising with SDC re treeworks relating to streetlight upgrade j) Chasing WCC re streetlight upgrade k) Arranging Chatty Café presentation at GAP l) Emails re budget for 2024/25 and precept m) Correspondence with Bearley PC re speed watch device and central reporting system n) Liaising with HoEF re volunteering event o) Emails from residents re concerns over flooding and various matters related eg Flood Action Group p) Various correspondence dealing with residents' queries q) Emails re treeworks in the park r) Correspondence re huff space and Chatty Café. s) Correspondence re Climate Action Meeting and various workstreams and meetings t) Alcester SNT Team: weekly police report.
10. Date of the next meeting	<p>Date of next meeting – Tues 26th March 2024 (Function Room, Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, Henley Road, Great Alne B49 6HX)</p> <p>Councillor Millard stated that he would be unable to attend the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><i>Councillors are reminded of their duty to consider all aspects of equal opportunities, crime prevention, unlawful discrimination, biodiversity of the natural habitat, and other best practice when making decisions at the meeting.</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting ended at 10.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>