

# Teddington & Alstone Parish Council

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### **Teddington and Alstone Parish Council**

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Teddington Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

#### Present

Chairman	Cllr Bishop
Vice Chairman	Cllr Munday
Parish Councillors	Cllr Ryan, Patrick Cullen and Tim Carter.

#### In Attendance

The Clerk and 8 members of the public.

#### 1448 Apologies for absence.

1448.1 No apologies from Parish Councillors were received.

#### 1449 Declarations of Interest

- 1449.1 Councillor Carter declared an interest in Agenda Item 14b Grant Application from Teddington Village Hall and took no part in that discussion.
- 1449.2 Councillor Bishop declared an interest in Agenda Item 17 Alstone Bus Shelter and took no part in that discussion.

#### 1450 Requests for Dispensation

1450.1 There were no written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).

### 1451 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

- 1451.1 Amendments were made to the minutes and initialled by the Chairman.
- 1451.2 The minutes of the above meetings were subsequently approved as a true record, and they were signed by the Chairman.

#### The Meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

#### 1452 County Councillor's Report

1452.1 Cllrs Smith's report was circulated (a full version can be viewed as part of the theses Minutes on the Parish Council Web Site (https://teddington-and-alstone-parish-council.org.uk/document-category/minutes/).

#### 1453 Borough Councillor's Report

1453.1 No report.

#### 1454 Clerk's Report

1454.1 The clerks report was reviewed and updated,

#### 1455 Finance

1455.1 The financial statement was approved. Proposed Councillor Munday, seconded Councillor Ryan, Unanimous

	Date	Payee	Chq	Amount	VAT	Reason
4			No.	incl VAT		
	18/09/2023	Square One Services (2762)	OB257	211.20	35.20	OPPF Mowing
	23/09/2023	Passion First Aid	OB258	144.00	24.00	Defib Training
	12/09/2023	Square One Services (2775)	OB259	211.20	35.20	OPPF Mowing

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28/10/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	362.70	0.00	Clerks Salary	
01/10/2023	Teddington VH	OB260	4.50	0.00	Hall Hire	
04/10/2023	Teddington VH	OB261	18.00	0.00	Hall Hire	
17/10/2023	Alstone Playing Field Assoc	OB262	1300.00	0.00	Grant	
17/10/2023	Alstone and Teddington Churches	OB263	850.00	0.00	Grant	
16/10/2023	GPFA	OB264	50.00	0.00	Subs	
17/10/2023	Enovert	OB265	638.00	0.00	Deposit for funding	
28/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	362.70	0.00	Clerks Salary	
31/10/2023	Square One Services (2788)	OB266	211.20	35.20	OPPF Mowing	
30/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary) Backpay	DD	208.00	0.00	Clerks Salary Backpay	
14/11/2023	Teddington VH	OB267	18.00	0.00	Hall Hire	
22/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB268	109.19	0.00	Clerks Expenses	

1455.2 Payments of the Clerk's Expenses were approved. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillo Cullen. Unanimous.

- 1455.3 The Budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and accepted.
- 1455.4 The Budget for 2024/25 was discussed and approved.
- 1455.5 <u>It was resolved that</u> the precept for 2024/25 was agreed at £16,523. Proposed Councillor Cullen, seconded Councillor Ryan. Unanimous.
- 1455.6 <u>It was resolved that</u> Ian Selkirk be appointed as the internal auditor for the 2023/24 audit at a cost of £120. Proposed Councillor Munday, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.
- 1455.7 <u>It was resolved that</u> the grant request from the Teddington Village Hall for £1000 for the financial year 2023/24 be approved. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.

#### 1456 Planning

1456.1 Current planning applications were reviewed.

Appl Number	Application	Update	
	The Lawns Alstone Tewkesbury		
23/00700/FUL	Gloucestershire	Erection of garage and store	Permit
		Erection of rear dormer extension, installation of	
		1no. flue, fenestration alterations and new pillar	
		and flat roof to existing porch (amendments to	
	Morlbank Teddington Tewkesbury	development granted under application reference	
23/00718/FUL	Gloucestershire	21/01001/FUL)	Permit
		Erection of 3no. detached dwellings, including	
	The Elms Gander Lane Teddington	associated access, garages and landscaping,	
23/00775/FUL	Tewkesbury	following demolition of existing buildings.	Permit
	79 Mount Pleasant Teddington	Proposed side and rear extension and alterations	Comments submitted
23/00783/FUL	Tewkesbury Gloucestershire	to form annexe and replacement porch	28/9/23
	The Spinney Bengrove Teddington	Proposed erection of outbuilding for storage	
23/00715/FUL	Tewkesbury	purposes with associated works.	Permit
			Objections were tabled
			in 2021 and the grounds
			for those objections
		Change of use of stables to residential dwelling	have not changed.
	Land At Gander Lane Gander Lane	and single storey extension on south elevation	Comments will be
21/00904/FUL	Teddington Tewkesbury	(retrospective)	submitted to TBC.
		Change of use from agricultural to mixed use of	
	Part Parcel 3594 Gander Lane	equestrian and agricultural. Installation of an all-	
22/00813/FUL	Teddington Tewkesbury	weather turn out paddock.	Permit

#### 1457 Risk Register

1457.1 No issues to report.

1457.2 Councillor Bishop gave her updated report on the low/medium risk items.

#### 1458 Orchard Park Playing Field

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1458.1 Contractors are aware that work needs to be started on the fencing by the 31/12/23 in order to meet the Enovert Grant Condition.

#### 1459 To update and consider any Highways issues.

- 1459.1 It was reported that the verges near Manor Farm were left in an unsatisfactory state on both sides of the development and on the opposite side of the road. Also, the ditches have not been replaced. <u>Action:</u> The clerk will report to Highways. (Photos will be sent to the clerk)
- 1459.2 It was reported that there was a reduction in water pressure since the development had taken place.
- 1459.3 It was reported that there was extensive mud on the road near Bengrove due to the recent traffic diversion. Action: The verges need reinstatement, and the Clerk will report to Highways
- 1459.4 <u>Action</u>: The clerk will report that the warning road sign on the B4077 for the turnoff into Alstone was missing. This has become a road safety issue.
- 1459.5 Stones and impediments on verges along the highway. Councillor: has undertaken extensive research on this matter and advice will be given to parishioners in the next newsletter.
- 1459.6 It was reported that Councillor Ryan was liaising with PC Farrah regarding the excessive speed leading up to the roundabout on the B4077 and exploring ways to raise speed awareness.
- 1459.7 <u>Action</u>: The clerk will report excessive mud on the B4077 to Highways adjacent to the yard owned by Gordon Gilder.
- 1459.8 Councillor Carter confirmed that the issue regarding water leaking from the verge was in hand and Highways and Seven Trent were aware and dealing with the matter.
- 1459.9 <u>Action</u>: The Clerk will report the long outstanding an ongoing issue with flooding in Alstone. Highways and Seven Trent had previously been involved but no resolution or responsibility has yet been established.

#### 1460 The A46 Group (TAAG)

1460.1 No report.

### 1461 To discuss grant application requests from:

- 1461.1 Teddington & Alstone Chapelries. <u>It was resolved that</u> the grant application for £850 for the year 2024/25 be approved. Proposed Councillor Ryan, seconded Councillor Carter. Unanimous.
- 1461.2 Alstone Playing Field Association. <u>It was resolved that</u> the grant application for £1300 for the year 2024/25 be approved. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.
- 1461.3 Teddington Village Hall. <u>It was resolved that</u> the grant application for £1000 for the year 2024/25 be approved. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.
- 1461.4 Teddington Fete Team. <u>It was resolved that</u> the grant application for £500 for the year 2024/25 be approved subject to the condition that any grant funding was returned to the Parish Council out of profits made by the event. Also grant monies could only be paid into an authorised bank account with two signatories. Proposed Councillor Munday, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.

#### 1462 To discuss purchase of a British Legion poppy wreath for November 2024.

1462.1 It was agreed that the poppy wreath would be purchased for November 2024.

### 1463 To discuss Grass Cutting Contract 2024/27.

1463.1 The renewal of the three-year contract will be discussed at the January meeting. An inflationary increase of +10% was built into the budget.

### 1464 To discuss the Alstone Bus Shelter

- 1464.1 <u>It was agreed that</u> Cllr Ryan would obtain a further quote. As time is of essence, it is likely that we will have a short pre Christmas extraordinary meeting to agree grant submission.
- 1465 To approve purchase of a replacement battery and pads for the Alstone defibrillator.

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- 1465.1 It was resolved that the defibrillator battery and pads be replaced at a cost of £395. Proposed Councillor Munday, seconded Councillor Cullen. Unanimous.
- 1466
   To discuss response to Zero Hour and possible support for the Climate and Ecology Bill.

   1466.1
   It was agreed that we would not respond. Proposed Councillor Bishop, seconded Councillor Carter.

   Unanimous
   Unanimous
- 1467 To discuss request for an additional dog bin.
  - 1467.1 <u>It was agreed</u> that we would include a budget of £300 for the financial year 2024/25 subject to agreement by the Council at the next meeting and the installation location being approved by Highways.
- 1468 To vote on proposal outlining policy for the Parish Council's use of Facebook. 1468.1 <u>It was agreed</u> that we would adopt the policy as presented by Cllr Cullen. Proposed Councillor Ryan, seconded Councillor Carter. Unanimous.

#### 1469 Items for Future Agenda.

- 1469.1 To receive an update regarding the blocked drain at the junction in Alstone.
- 1469.2 To discuss the Grass Cutting Contract 2024/27.
- 1469.3 To discuss potholes at Bengrove Farm
- 1469.4 To report on the CIL meeting
- 1469.5 To discuss an additional dog bin.
- 1469.6 To discuss the long-standing issue of water leaking from the verge outside Brecklands in Teddington.

Meeting closed at 9.180pm Date of the next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Teddington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.



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# GCC News

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# Secretary of State for Transport visits The Robin following £4.4 million funding announcement

Thanks to recently announced additional Department for Transport funding The Robin pilot, which currently operates in the Forest of Dean and the north Cotswolds, will be expanding. The Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus (BSIP+) funding amounting to £2,209,623 has been allocated to improve bus services in the county during 2023/24 and an anticipated further £2,209,623 will be given for 2024/25.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/secretary-of-state-fortransport-visits-the-robin-following-44-million-fundingannouncement/

## Interactive road safety event watched by thousands of students

Nearly 4,500 students in Gloucestershire attended a hard-hitting roadshow this year aimed at reducing traffic collisions involving young people.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-september2023/interactive-road-safetyevent-watched-by-thousands-of-students/

**Fire and Rescue Service and Trading Standards move to city centre location** Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service and Gloucestershire Trading Standards have moved headquarters into one of the county council's modern office spaces.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-september2023/fire-and-rescue-serviceand-trading-standards-move-to-city-centre-location/

# 'Library of Things' launched to promote sustainability

Gloucestershire Libraries are this week launching a new initiative and hosting a range of events aimed at promoting sustainability as part of 'Green Libraries Week'.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/library-of-things-launched-topromote-sustainability/

### Have your say on school admissions

Gloucestershire County Council wants to hear your views on the admissions arrangements for the county's schools. https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october-2023/have-your-say-on-school-admissions/



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## New-look library challenge hits the right note

A new-look summer challenge for children launched by Gloucestershire Libraries, which followed the theme of music, has been declared a hit. <u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/new-look-library-challenge-hits-the-right-note/</u>

## Council offering support sessions to people with hoarding behaviours

Gloucestershire County Council is offering support to people across the county who have hoarding and chronic disorganisation behaviours.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/council-offering-supportsessions-to-people-with-hoarding-behaviours/

## Initiative launched to encourage over-50s back into work

A new initiative has been launched by Gloucestershire County Council to help people aged 50 and over back into employment. <u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/initiative-launched-to-encourage-over-50s-back-into-work/</u>

SkillZONE celebrates community organisation award for staff and volunteers SkillZONE's early intervention work has been recognised with an award at The Forest Volunteer Awards. https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/skillzone-celebratescommunity-organisation-award-for-staff-and-volunteers/

# Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service compete for top spot at Virtual Firefighter Challenge event

Seventeen operational and six non-operational staff from Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) took part in the national Cheshire Firefighter Challenge hosted by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service on 5 October. https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/gloucestershire-fire-and-rescue-service-compete-for-top-spot-at-virtual-firefighterchallenge-event/

### Gloucestershire's ready for freezing temperatures

This month Gloucestershire County Council's winter highways operations are officially kicking into action despite the unseasonably warm weather. <u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/gloucestershire-s-ready-for-freezing-temperatures/</u>

# Saturday clubs to launch across Gloucestershire Libraries

Free activities for young children and their families are to be held in libraries across the county in regular Saturday sessions.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/saturday-clubs-to-launchacross-gloucestershire-libraries/



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## Rollout of electric vehicle charging points gets under way

Work on installing 1,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging points in Gloucestershire over the next three years has got under way this week.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/rollout-of-electric-vehiclecharging-points-gets-under-way/

## Success for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service at National Breathing Apparatus Challenge

On Saturday 7 October a team from Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) took part in the National Breathing Apparatus Challenge (NBAC). The challenge aims to promote best practice in Breathing Apparatus and is assessed using skilled staff from different Fire and Rescue Services from around the UK.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/success-for-gloucestershirefire-and-rescue-service-at-national-breathing-apparatuschallenge/

Have your say on a new political map for Gloucestershire County Council The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A 10-week consultation on the proposals will run until 11 December 2023. <u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-gloucestershire-county-council/</u>

Prestigious award for library project giving refugees and asylum seekers access to books A project by Gloucester Library to give refugees and asylum seekers access to books has won the annual David Vaisey Prize.

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-october2023/prestigious-award-for-libraryproject-giving-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-access-tobooks/

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