



# Aylburton Parish Council

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## Meeting Pack Aylburton Parish Council June Full Council Meeting Prepared and compiled by the Parish Clerk.

### 7b. Highways and Road Safety

**Easyfundraising:** Cllr Shirley will talk about this during the meeting, but here is a summary from the website:

*Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say “thank you”.*

*There's over 5,695 retailers to choose from and so far we've raised over £35 million for thousands of community groups, sports clubs, schools & PTA's and small & large charities across the UK!*

### Highways and Road Safety updates (new info in bold):

Road Safety Group (RSG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flashing speed sign: RSG intends to seek funding.</li><li>• Community Speedwatch – <b>the Clerk has asked once again for the police to indicate when community speedchecks can be resumed.</b></li><li>• <b>Speed surveys taking place in early July.</b></li><li>• 30mph wheelie bin stickers – the second batch of 30 mph stickers have now been ordered and delivered, and the Clerk has re-advertised on Facebook.</li><li>• 20mph wheelie bin stickers – Clerk has readvertised on Facebook.</li><li>• Pedestrian crossing campaign: The Clerk has now formally written to Highways to ask for a pedestrian crossing. <b>Direct action with media attendance is proposed for September to raise the profile of the campaign.</b></li><li>• Discussions ongoing with Highways to establish what exactly is possible to implement.</li><li>• Press involvement: The RSG intends to work with the Forester to publish a series of short articles raising awareness of the issue of road safety in the parish.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alvington PC have indicated they would co-sign a letter to Highways asking for a speed limit reduction between the two villages.</b></li> </ul>
Poor drainage on Church Road	Ongoing issues with outlets into ditch being blocked – last chased mid-April. Cllr Bayliss monitoring. <b>May: Highways area rep looking into this, following observations from Cllr Bayliss.</b>
Upper Common – ditches in a poor state	Works carried out, but blockages remain. Cllr Evans in touch with County Cllr Preest. The Clerk continues to chase too.
Lower Common/Colliers Pitch - poor visibility at junction due to hedge overgrowth	To be re-reported as although Highways advise it's been dealt with, the issue remains. <b>May 2021: assigned for a safety inspection.</b>
Lower Common/Sandford Road road surface	Chased late April. Currently, no solid plans to resurface.
A48 road markings	Followed up again on 07/10. Brian Watkins responded: "Unfortunately I haven't been able to get this linked in with another scheme." Council to continue requesting.
Public Rights of Way – any issues or updates	None at this time.
Church Road – collapse of road edge near to 'long field' entrance	Highways have carried out works in the area but the issue remains due to confusion over which side of the road. Re-requested mid April.
A48 – outside No 7 High Street – loose drain cover clanking, causing noise nuisance.	Reported Nov 2020, repaired Dec 2020 but now loose again (May 2021). Reported again, Highways advise they will inspect (and presumably carry out a repair).

8b) Ducktown Echo: to select a new print company and proposal for a nature insert.

### **New print company**

Three quotes received for 350 x 4-page newsletter on 150 gsm paper, in colour:

Artytype (Lydney): £120

Hanley Court Printers (Stroat): £115

Graphics Shack (Lydney): £115

John Ridley's preference is for Artytype 'because they are very local and Ade showed a lot of interest in the Echo edition that I showed him. They do a lot of design work there so could help us with any problems or changes to the Echo appearance and layout.'

Clerk's recommendation While it is marginally more expensive, I recommend that we honour John's preference of Artytype at £120/issue.

### **Nature Insert Proposal**

Dave Crabbe will use Graphics Shack for the nature inserts and this will cost £75 per edition; but John is aware of this and as long as Dave gets the inserts to him in good time, he is happy to insert them into the newsletters and to include them for delivery with the Echo, so using two different providers will not cause any issues.

We used to pay Whitehouse Press £225 per issue, so the new costs (£195 assuming we go with Artytype) will be cheaper than before and we have budgeted for the original costs, and therefore I have no reservations about recommending accepting this way forward.

### **8e Training: To note upcoming GAPTC training offers and consider booking**

Related to my email reminding members of training opportunities last month, please see the GAPTC training calendar at <https://www.gaptc.org.uk/events.html> and let me know if you would like to attend any courses. If you're interested in a course but can't do the existing dates let me know and I'll keep an eye out for future dates.

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