



Aldworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 1st July 2025, 7.30pm at Aldworth Village Hall
Minute ref: 002/010725/PCM

Members Present: Cllr. Kate Walters, Cllr. Ilona Herbent, Cllr. Bill Bennetts, Cllr. Graham Rutter
Members Absent: Cllr. Coyle (WBC)
Officers Present: Mrs Faye Bates (Clerk & RFO)
MOP In Attendance: 2
Meeting Start Time: 19.30pm

	Action
Cllr. Walters welcomed all to the meeting and quorum was achieved.	
10 Minute Open session: One MOP enquired about what was happening with the damaged road gate (agenda item discussed). Also raised concerns regarding vegetation/trees blocking road signs. Action: Councillors to cut back the vegetation in the next couple of weeks.	
Declaration of Interests: None. Apologies: None Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were agreed. Clerk to pass printed copy to Cllr. Walters for signing.	
Councillor Coyle Report (emailed to clerk):	
I emailed Yattendon Estate about the parking issue in Westridge Green and whether they would pay for the sign but have not heard back yet. Local Government Reorganisation Update: The Government is looking to reorganise all local authorities into large unitary authorities, as this is thought to be more efficient. A proposal for West Berkshire Council to join the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils into a unitary authority, with the proposed name being Ridgeway Council is out for public consultation until 16 July 2025. A series of public consultation events are also being held across the district at which residents can discuss the plans. Have your say on proposal for two new councils for area - West Berkshire Council	
Matters Arising	
Community Noticeboard: Due to the delay in purchasing the quote has now gone to £1,384.75 exc VAT original quote £1,313.71 exc VAT. This can be paid from the CIL fund. Approved, clerk to order. Awaiting quote from Heads Farm Contracting to install. Litter picking equipment: It had been approved to order litter picking equipment (10 x hi viz vests, 10 x litter picking hoops and 5 x litter pickers) total £105.88. Damaged road gate: Cllr. Walters is meeting with Heads Farm Contracting on 2 nd July to discuss the gate being repaired. Awaiting quote.	
Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ To note WBC response to: 25/00820/CERT: The property known as the Annexe/Flat, Fayleys Lodge, shown edged red on the plan included with this application has been used since 21 August 2020 as a single dwelling house. I refer to the Statutory Declaration sworn by the applicant and included with this application for full details of the Existing use and evidence in support. West Berkshire Council hereby certify that on 31st March 2025 the operation or use Described in the First Schedule of this certificate in respect of land specified in the Second Schedule to this certificate and edged red on the plan attached to this certificate, was LAWFUL within the meaning of Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990	



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➤ 25/00643/LBC Replacement of all windows to the south elevation of the property with bespoke 'like for like' windows. The Bell, Aldworth, Reading, RG8 9SE. ALDWORTH PC HAVE NO OBJECTIONS.						
Matters for future consideration or suggestion cards from members of public:						
Suggestion cards from MOP: None						
Clerk Report to include finances, correspondence received and matters for attention:						
Monthly Finance Report: Clerk presented to the council, Cllr Walters signed forms for May and June. Clerk to file.						
Current account balance on 1st July 2025: £20,897.04						
CIL Balance on 1st July 2025: £3,635.06 (included in the current account balance).						
Payments due: None						
Budget: The clerk presented to the council the budget to date.						
Payments and receipts made since the May meeting:						
09/05/2025	Zurich	BACS	£ 390.18	£ 46.82	£23,134.99	Insurance
09/05/2025	Claire Connell	BACS	£ 150.00		£22,984.99	Account Auditing
09/05/2025	RoSPA	BACS	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£22,888.99	Playground H&S
09/05/2025	Tactical Facilities Management	BACS	£ 5.37	£ 1.07	£22,882.55	Dog Bins
09/05/2025	BALC	BACS	£ 69.89		£22,812.66	Subscriptions
09/05/2025	Tactical Facilities Management	BACS	£ 6.23	£ 1.25	£22,805.18	Dog Bins
09/05/2025	Tactical Facilities Management	BACS	£ 550.00	£ 110.00	£22,145.18	Trees
31/05/2025	Unity Bank	D/D	£ 6.00		£22,139.18	Bank Charges
05/06/2025	Tactical Facilities Management	BACS	£ 9.13	£ 1.83	£22,128.22	Dog Bins
16/06/2025	F. Bates expenses	BACS	£ 105.88		£22,022.34	Clerk Admin Expenses
16/06/2025	M.Buckle Inv 001	BACS	£ 90.00		£21,932.34	Playground Maintenance
27/06/2025	F.Bates Wages	BACS	£ 849.30		£21,083.04	Clerk Wages & Payroll Admin
30/06/2025	Unity Bank	D/D	£ 6.00		£21,077.04	Bank Charges
01/07/2025	M.Cairns	BACS	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£20,897.04	Trees
Matters for attention and correspondence received:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">From April 2026 all training courses with BALC/HALC will not be included in the membership.Tree 881 at Shoulder of mutton has been cut down The councillors will be clearing the vegetation around road signs and cleaning them in the next few weeks.						
To receive further questions or comments from members of the public:						
None						

Meeting closed at 20:10

The 2025 meetings will be held:
2nd September and 4th November at 19.30pm.

Signed: F Bates 3rd July 2025

Approved by:

Aldworth Parish Council Clerk – Faye Bates

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