

Aldworth Parish Council Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Monday 7th January 2025, 7.30pm at Aldworth Village Hall Minute ref: 005/070125/PCM

Members Present:	Cllr. Kate Walters, Cllr. Ilona Herbent, Cllr. Bill Bennetts.
Members Absent:	Cllr. Graham Rutter and Cllr. Coyle (WBC)
Officers Present:	Mrs Faye Bates (Clerk & RFO)
MOP In Attendance:	0
Meeting Start Time:	19.30pm

	Action
Cllr. Walters welcomed all to the meeting and quorum was achieved.	
10 Minute Open session: No members of public in attendance	
Declaration of Interests: None. Apologies: Cllr. Rutter and Cllr. Coyle Minutes: The minutes of the November	Resolve
meeting were agreed. Clerk to pass printed copy to Cllr. Walters for signing.	
Councillor Coyle Update (emailed to the clerk before the meeting)	
Report of the West Berkshire Councillor January 2025	
Bradfield College Road Closure	
As many of you are aware, the school have applied to close Ashampstead Road for 9 months in 2025 in a move	
which would cause considerable inconvenience to residents and financial distress to businesses. Cllr Ross	
Mackinnon (Cllr for Bradfield Ward) and I met with officers in December to discuss ways in which the	
disruption could be minimised and it is now thought possible to put in multi-way lights rather than have a full	
closure for the whole duration – we await more detailed plans from officers who are continuing to liaise with	
the college's contractors. I have also asked for clarity as to whether HGVs could continue to use the route	
under multi-way lights.	
Dog Lane Defect	
This was the report of the officer in relation to this defect reported by Jean - it has hopefully now been	
rectified but if not please let me know!	
"Following your email and photos, I re-inspected the site on November 28th and found although there is no	
immediate hazard to road users, works to rectify the trench are required. Therefore I have raised a 28 day	
instruction to carry out localised permanent repairs over the full width of carriageway. Please be advised the	
repairs will require a road closure with a diversion and I would ask you to bear with us whilst this gets	
programmed. It would be advised the works should be completed within 1 working day. Once this has been	
programmed details can be found on one.network".	
To approve the final budget for 2024/2025 and to approve the Precept Request for 2025/2026	
The up to date budget for this financial year was presented to the council and approved. The precept request	FB
for the financial year 2025-2026 was approved to be set at £13,500. There has been no increase on this from	
the previous year. Clerk to send the request form to WBC.	
Approve the standing order to the Village Hall Committee for the defib electric	
The standing order of £20.00 was approved, payment due on the 3 rd April 2025.	FB



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Matters Arising					
Community Noticeboard: The clerk presented a quote and style of noticeboard to the council, which was	FB				
approved. Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall Committee for their approval. Once the VHC have approved,					
clerk to order the new community noticeboard.					
Tree Survey: Clerk informed the council of a proposal from WBC regarding tree surveys, the quote for this was					
deemed as too high (up to £2000). Clerk to obtain one more quote from a private contractor for a tree survey.					
Once the quote has been received, clerk to book in the survey. One quote already received between £500 and					
£1000.					
Signage for Bell Lane: No further action required.					
WBC Local Plan Review: Main updates are housing sites proposed for Thatcham, Calcot and Pangbourne. The					
public consultation ends on the 31st January.					
Ongoing projects update:					
Access ramp to the village hall: Clerk has applied for a funding via South Western Railways Customer and	FB				
Community Improvement fund, if successful we will be notified in April. Clerk to continue to seek funding.					
Land ownership map: Ongoing	IH				
Parish plan: The plan was reviewed, most of the recommendations have been fulfilled. Any suggestions for a					
future plan refresh from members of the community are welcome, please email the clerk with any					
suggestions.					
Planning:					
24/02630/HOUSE- Replacement garage at Downland Cottage. APC Responded on 28/12/24 NO OBJECTIONS					
> 24/02233/HOUSE Erection of 3 bay timber frame oak garage with office at Old Barn, Haw Lane,					
Aldworth. APC NO OBJECTIONS.					
> 24/01713/FUL The construction of a building to cover the existing cattle yard. Bower Farm, Bower					
Road, Aldworth, Reading, RG8 9TR. WBC GRANTED PERMISSION.					
Matters for future consideration or suggestion cards from members of public:					
Next agenda item: Information regarding the public works loan for the village hall and the community litter	FB				
pick with refreshments being held on the 13 th April at 9:30am.					
Two suggestions cards from the public both regarding the Kings Portrait. As in the November minutes the					
response is: Unfortunately the free scheme to provide portraits of His Majesty The King is now closed. We					
have been notified that portraits of The King and Queen and joint portraits of Their Majesties will be available					
commercially from Royal Images soon.					



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Clerk Report to include fi	nances, c	orresp	onder	ice	receiv	ed and	d mat	ters fo	r attention:		
Finances:											FB
Monthly Finance Report:	Clerk pre	esented	d to th	e co	uncil,	Cllr W	alters	s signed	l forms for I	November and	
December. Clerk to file.					,	-		0			
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Current account balance	on / " Jar	nuary 2	2025: 1	:18,	995.39	•					
CIL Balance on 19 th Nover	nber 202	4: £3,6	535.06	(ind	luded	in the	e curre	ent acc	ount balanc	e).	
Payments due: No outsta				•							
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Payments and receipts m	ade since	e the N	lovem	ber	meeti	ng:					
25/11/2024 TEEC Ltd	BACS			£	216.00		£	43.20	£20,064.82		
25/11/2024 F.Bates expenses	BACS			£	125.68					Clerk Admin Expenses	
30/11/2024 Service charge	BACS			£	6.00					Bank Charges	
03/12/2024 SLCC-Local council book	BACS			£	167.50		£	0.90		General Admin	
03/12/2024 HALC- Minute Course	BACS			£	20.00		£	4.00	£19,740.74	~	
16/12/2024 Mr M Buckle	BACS			£	30.00					Playground Maintenance	
30/12/2024 Clerk Wages	BACS	-		£	903.75		_			Clerk Wages & Payroll Admin	
23/12/2024 HMRC Refund	BACS	£	194.40	6	C 00					HMRC Tax	
31/12/2024 Service charge				£	6.00				£18,995.39	Bank Charges	
Matters for attention and	l corresp	onden	ce rec	eive	d:						
Reminder for the councillo	ors of the	counc	illor tr	aini	ing cou	irse be	eing h	eld on	the 14 th and	d 21 st January, Cllr.	FB
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Walters to attend in place									nge.		
To receive further question	ons or co	mmen	ts fror	n m	embei	's of th	he pu	blic:			
None							•				
NOTE											

Meeting closed at 20:45pm

The 2025 meetings will be held:

4th March, 6th May (APM), 1st July, 2nd September and 4th November at 19.30pm.

Signed: F Bates 8th January 2025

Approved by: Position: Date: