



Aldworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 6.30pm at Aldworth Village Hall

Minute ref: 003/02092025/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: 18.30pm

Cllr. Walters welcomed all to the meeting and quorum was achieved.	
10 Minute Open session: None	
Declaration of Interests: None. Apologies: None Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were agreed. Clerk to pass printed copy to Cllr. Walters for signing.	
Councillor Coyle Report	
No report due to Cllr Coyle being on holiday.	
Matters Arising	
Contribution towards the domain for aldworthvillage.org: Cllr Bennetts to investigate to see if the information can be merged onto the parish council website.	BB
Members bid application: It was approved to apply for a members bid grant for a new bench. Cllr Rutter to get ideas and quotes, clerk to send in application form.	GR/FB
2026 meeting dates: It was discussed to move the 2026 meeting day to a Monday, clerk to email Cllr. Coyle to see if it's convenient for her. Also agreed to move the start time to 7pm. Clerk to update council and book village hall when dates confirmed.	FB
Damaged road gate: The gate has now been repaired, however, one post was removed by WBC which was required, therefore Aldworth PC had incurred an extra charge of £93.17 to complete the project. Clerk to contact WBC. Also to raise with WBC that the 30 sign is still bent.	FB
The Village Well- Cllr. Rutter: It has been raised that the well is registered to WBC, clerk to contact WBC to clarify who owns the well as Aldworth PC currently insure it. The councillors are going to carry out a visual inspection of the well structure.	FB
Bike repair station at Shoulder of Mutton- Cllr. Herbent: This will be a future project.	
Purchasing flowering bulbs for the village- Cllr. Herbent: It was approved to purchase daffodil bulbs to be planted at Parsonage Green, maximum spend approved £200.00. There will be a bulb planting morning to be held on the 5 th October at 9:30am. Clerk to organise purchase of native daffodils.	FB
Purchasing tea lights and jars for the village at Christmas- Cllr. Herbent: This will possibly be a future project. Cllr Rutter to create a group on the community WhatsApp for 'Upcoming ideas' to see if the parishioners would be interested in the projects and to share their ideas.	GR
Replacement bench for village green- Cllr. Rutter: Cllr. Rutter to look into options of benches, these will be shared with the council.	GR
Purchase of teak oil for bench at The Glebe- Cllr. Rutter: No longer required.	
Clerk wages: NALC have released the latest pay scale for 25/26, it was approved for the pay increase to be backdated to 1 st April.	FB

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Planning:

- 25/01462/HOUSE Retrospective application for replacement shed. Apple Tree Cottage, Aldworth, Reading, RG8 9RL. ALDWORTH PC RESPONDED: no objections. It has been noted that the shed would look better if stained dark brown to be in keeping with the other sheds and barns. WBC REFUSED PLANNING APPLICATION.
- 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. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.
- 25/01624/HOUSE Old Barn Aldworth Reading RG8 9SA The erection of ground floor single storey additions & related alterations including the provision of additional habitable accommodation within the roof space. ALDWORTH PC RESPONSE: No response.
- 25/01743/HOUSE Rookery Cottage, Aldworth, Reading, RG8 9RT Proposed rear single-storey extension and associated external works. ALDWORTH PC RESPONSE: no objections.

Matters for future consideration: Aldworth footpath leaflet- Cllr Rutter to contact West Berkshire Countryside to obtain copies for local shops, church etc.

GR

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 July and August. Clerk to file.

Current account balance on 2nd September 2025: £18,988.05

CIL Balance on 2nd September 2025: £2,250.31 (included in the current account balance).

CIL funds used to purchase the community noticeboard, installing the noticeboard and repairing the village gate.

Payments due: M.Buckle £62.50, Heads Farm Contracting £961.92 inc VAT.

Budget: The clerk presented to the council the budget to date.

Payments and receipts made since the July meeting:

01/07/2025	M.Cairns	BACS	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£20,897.04	Trees
18/07/2025	Greenbarnes LTD INV 19323	BACS	£ 1,384.75	£ 276.96	£19,235.33	Parish Asset
24/07/2025	HMRC	D/D	£ 202.40		£19,032.93	HMRC Tax
28/07/2025	Tactical Facilities Management IN	BACS	£ 9.13	£ 1.83	£19,021.97	Dog Bins
28/07/2025	Tactical Facilities Management IN	BACS	£ 9.13	£ 1.83	£19,011.01	Dog Bins
31/07/2025	Unity Bank	D/D	£ 6.00		£19,005.01	Bank Charges
28/08/2025	Tactical Facilities Management IN	BACS	£ 9.13	£ 1.83	£18,994.05	Dog Bins
31/08/2025	Unity Bank	D/D	£ 6.00		£18,988.05	Bank Charges

Matters for attention and correspondence received:

- External Auditors- notice of exemption has been logged.

To receive further questions or comments from members of the public:

None

Meeting closed at 20:00

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The 2025 final meeting will be held:
4th November at 19.00pm.

Signed: F Bates 3rd September 2025

Approved by:
Position:
Date:

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