



Aldworth Parish Council

Members of Aldworth Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Aldworth Parish Council on **Monday 21 September 2026 at 7pm at Aldworth Village Hall**

Mel Taylor

Mel Taylor, Parish Clerk
15 September 2026

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To **receive** apologies for absence from Members of the Council.

2. Declarations of Interest

To **receive** any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests by Members.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

To **approve** the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20 July 2026 as a true and accurate record.

4. Open Forum

a. To **receive** questions or comments from members of the public.

i. A resident has raised concerns with District Councillor Coyle regarding road closures at the beginning of September:

Two issues were highlighted:

Streatley Hill closure (from 2 September, four nights): Notification signage was only placed at the bottom of the hill, and the road was not closed on the first night as advertised. Online information referenced a closure between Streatley Hill and Hermitage, causing further confusion.

Unannounced full closure near the Four Points: No prior notification was provided. The signed diversion route directed traffic down Hartridge Lane, a single-track road unsuitable for tankers, delivery vehicles and high volumes of diverted traffic. This resulted in congestion and vehicles becoming stuck.

Residents request that future road-closure planning takes account of local access needs and the suitability of diversion routes.

b. To **receive** an update from West Berkshire District Councillor Laura Coyle.

c. To **receive** any suggestion cards from members of public.

5. Potential transfer of the Village Hall

To **note** that, following earlier discussions regarding the proposal from the Aldworth Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee to transfer ownership of the village hall to the Parish Council, a meeting was held on 15 September 2026 with representatives of the Parish Council, the Village Hall Charitable Trust, the Village Hall Management Committee and Connecting Communities in Berkshire's Halls Advisory Service (Kate Mead) to explore options. The outcome of the meeting was that, as a first step, the Village Hall Charitable Trust should liaise with the Charity Commission to discuss appropriate status and structural options.

6. Ongoing Matters

To **receive** and **consider** any updates regarding the following ongoing matters:

i. Speed Awareness

To **consider** speed awareness matters.

ii. The Well

To **receive** the structural inspection report for The Well, commissioned at the last meeting, and to **consider** findings and recommended actions arising from the assessment.

iii. Contribution towards aldworthvillage.org domain

As agreed at the last meeting, the Parish Council has funded the cost of a year's hosting of the village website at a cost of £120, including the domain. It was also previously agreed to transfer the domain and hosting to the Parish Council, this was process was initiated and expenditure of £99.99 incurred. The current website administrator has advised that they would like to continue maintaining the site. To **consider** how the Parish Council wishes to proceed.

iv. Village Hall footpath enhancement

The outcome of a grant application to the National Lottery is awaited.

7. Planning

a) To **consider** the following planning application:

Application No.	Address	Details	Consultee response deadline
26/01917/HOUSE	3 Hungerford Green	Proposed outbuilding: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of previously approved application 22/02534/HOUSE	28 September 2026

b) To **note** the following planning updates and statuses:

Application No.	Address	Details	APC response	WBC determination
26/00076/HOUSE	1 Fayleys Cottages	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension	Object on grounds of disproportionate scale and out of character	Approved (amended plans)
26/01217/COND	Glebe Cottage	Approval of details reserved by conditions 8 & 9 of planning permission 26/00234/HOUSE	Not consulted	Split decision – condition 8 refused, condition 9 approved
26/01529/NONMAT	3 Hungerford Green	Non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 22/02534/HOUSE. Amendments to roof pitch, windows, cladding and ground level corrected	Not consulted	Refused
26/01793/COND	Glebe Cottage	Approval of details reserved by condition 8 Biodiversity Enhancements of planning permission 26/00234/HOUSE	Not consulted	Awaiting decision

8. Finance

i. To **note** a financial report for the period 01 April 2026 – 31 August 2026.

ii. To **approve** the following payments due, and payments made, since the last meeting:

Payee	Amount	Invoice Number & Date	Due Date	Date Paid	Description
Tactical FM	£16.60 (£13.83+VAT)	323 24.06.2026	24.07.2026	27.07.2026	Waste collection - June 2026
M Taylor	£305.56	n/a	31.07.2026	31.07.2026	Parish Clerk's Salary – July 2026
Tactical FM	£16.60 (£13.83+VAT)	433 27.07.2026	26.08.2026	31.07.2026	Waste collection - July 2026
J Clark	£120.00	100209 11.08.2026	not stated	13.08.2026	Village website domain and hosting
Clive Hudson Assoc	£756.00	26164 14.08.2026	28.08.2026	28.08.2026	Structural survey of The Well
Tactical FM	£16.60 (£13.83+VAT)	630 26.08.2026	25.09.2026		Waste collection - August 2026

- iii. To **note** that agreement has been reached on the 2026/27 pay award for employees on local government 'Green Book' contracts, at 3.3%, backdated to 01 April 2026, and that the revised rate of pay and backdated payment will be included in the Parish Clerk's salary payment for September 2026.
- iv. To **consider** expenditure for litter picking signage:
2no x A2 Correx signs 5mm thick £40.00
2no x A2 Correx signs 3mm thick £36.00

9. Asset maintenance and repairs

To **consider** costs for maintenance of the children's play area and installation of a replacement dog bin.

10. Village Matters

To **consider** the following village matters (Cllr Rutter):

- i. Defibrillator code for the Cricket Club
- ii. Dog foul signs for Ambury Road
- iii. Bleed kits
- iv. Dedicated email address for reporting issues to the Parish Council

11. Further questions from Members of public and items for the next agenda

To **receive** any further questions or comments from members of the public, and to **consider** items for the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16 November 2026, 7pm at Aldworth Village Hall, followed by Mondays 18 January 2027, 15 March 2027 and 17 May 2027.