

Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2025 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm

Present:

Tim Hankins Chairman
Jonathan Allen
Nick Lambert
Robin Holden
Ms Robyn Ward

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were three residents present

25/103 Public Open Time

Concerns were raised about the deterioration of road markings in the village and the need for refurbishment. Cllr. Williams to pick this up upon his return.

There are still issues over the speed of traffic from the Oundle direction although it was acknowledged that the VAS was having an effect. It was agreed to seek a quote from the original supplier for a second device. **Action: Clerk**

25/104 Apologies

Cllr. Mr. Williams. These were accepted.

25/105 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

25/106 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23.06.25

It was proposed by Cllr. Lambert and seconded by Cllr. Allen that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd June 2025, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

25/107 Matters arising.

Covered by agenda items.

25/108 Village Hall

Cllr. Lambert spoke of forthcoming events and said that at the moment there had been a limited response for the garage sale and asked that residents be encouraged to participate. **Action: All**

25/109 Risk Assessments

Cllr. Ms Ward had circulated the Playground report and discussed the issues arising from her inspection. Cllr. Hankins is arranging to rehang the gate and he and Cllr. Holden would look at repairs to the fort and the train. **Action: TH/RH**

Regarding concern over displaced stones in the wall, Cllr. Lambert suggested the addition of signage advising users of the playground they did so at their own risk.

25/110 Play Area

Generally covered under 25/109.

25/111 Highways

Cllr. Williams had circulated his report. Cllr. Hankins is to speak to the residents of the Manor House regarding the dead trees and would speak to Cllr. Williams about the abandoned rubbish bins in Cross Lane. **Action: TH**

25/112 Maintenance issues

Cllr. Hankins had obtained confirmation that identified trees can be removed. Ornamental replacements are to be considered. Regarding the offer of trees from NNC, Cllr. Holden is to post a notice on the website regarding the availability of these for residents and Cllr. Ms Ward is to contact Hannah Dunstan at NNC. **Action: RH/RW**

The condition of the Christmas tree is to be reassessed later in the autumn.

25/113 Street Lighting

There were no known issues. The Clerk spoke of the forthcoming changes to invoicing of energy costs and the quantifying of unmetered supplies.

25/114 Trinity School Liaison

Cllr. Allen is to meet Tim Burrows on 16th September. Items to be covered include parking and child behaviour in the Playground. **Action: JA**

Chairman

Date

25/115 Website

Cllr. Holden has familiarised himself with the management of the website and is looking at new themes. There seems to be a problem creating groups on e-mail.

25/116 To Review the Parish Council and Village Hall Insurance

Clear Council Insurance, previously BHIB, have refused to quote following the claim made in 2022/23. The Clerk is still waiting for the renewal details from Zurich and will seek a quote from Gallagher in the meantime. **Action: Clerk**

25/117 To Appoint a Climate and Nature Champion to Represent the Council in Matters Relating to the Climate, Nature and the Environment,

Danny Moody's recent e-mail was discussed. It was decided in the first instance to post an item on the website inviting a volunteer to take on the role of Champion. **Action: RH**

25/118 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

25/119 Planning

- a) No applications had been received since the last meeting.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) It was noted that the application for 2 Lowick Lane has now been approved.

25/120 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. The current balance stands at £22,477.00 as at 9:30am 01.09.25.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring Report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Ms. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Holden.

Retrospective

01.07.25 YU Energy £116.98 D/D

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Tim McLean £378.20 OLT

01.08.25 YU Energy £120.28 D/D

01.08.25 YU Energy £15.20 D/D

18.08.25 YU Energy £51.21 D/D

Giles Howard £486.00 OLT

- (iv) The review of the Clerk's salary was discussed after the meeting.

25/121 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllr. Lambert referred to the Garage Sale.

Cllr. Ms. Ward said that there were no Aldwinkle PC representatives at the recent meeting at Kettering supporting STAUNCH. It was agreed that the PC would be represented if possible in future with councillors sharing the role. **Action: All**

Following the thatch fire in July, the clerk was asked to draft a letter to the MP regarding concerns over water pressure and non-uniformity of fittings. **Action: Clerk**

25/122 Date of Next Meeting

13th October 2025 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm.