

Approved Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm

Present:

Tim Hankins Chairman
Barry Watts
Paul Williams
Jonathan Allen
Nick Lambert
Ms Robyn Ward

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

25/123 Public Open Time

There were no residents present and no issues had been raised.

25/124 Apologies

Cllr. Mr. R Holden. Cllr Ms Ward would be late arriving. These were accepted.

25/125 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: Nothing at this time but Cllr. Lambert said he would be submitting a planning application soon.

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

25/126 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 01.09.25

It was proposed by Cllr. Lambert and seconded by Cllr. Allen that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1st September 2025, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

25/127 Matters arising.

Website – It was felt that a link to the Village Hall would be preferable as it would enable access to the latest information.

Cllr. Lambert spoke of revamping the website. It was agreed that it should still be the Parish Council website to comply with legislation.

7:36pm Cllr. Ms Ward arrived

There is a need to make residents more aware of the website given the limited number of hits recorded. Cllr. Lambert said he would raise the matter with the Village Hall Committee and also discuss with Cllr. Holden. Action: **NL/RH**

The Clerk spoke of Crown Copyright issues with Ordnance Survey mapping.

25/128 Village Hall

Cllr. Lambert reported that the recent litter-pick was successful and another is planned for six months' time. Other forthcoming events were discussed. VH risk assessments are up to date and are being carried out by the VH Committee.

25/129 Risk Assessments

Cllr. Ms Ward had circulated the Playground and village green/carpark reports. Cllr. Hankins is working on the gate closing mechanism. Action: **TH**

Cllr. Williams said there were no items of risk with the Village Green although the removal of brambles would be helpful. A working party is to be arranged. Action: **PW**

Cllr. Watts spoke of lack of follow-up to street light reports by E.ON. the Clerk said he would see if he could find a contact at the company. Action: **Clerk**

25/130 Play Area

Generally covered under 25/129.

25/131 Highways

Cllr. Williams said that outstanding potholes had been reported to NNC and Cllr. Hankins had notified Savills about the overhanging branch at the Pocket Park. Attention to the gateway is required and also the kissing gate.

The Clerk had received a quote for a comparable VAS unit to the existing one. With the installation of the post the cost is likely to be around £4000 including VAT. The Clerk is to contact Steve Barber at NNC to see if grants are still available from the Police. Action: **Clerk**

Chairman

Date

The Clerk had circulated the latest VAS data submitted by Bob Blakeman.

25/132 Maintenance issues

Cllr. Ms Ward was waiting for confirmation over the supply of free trees.

25/133 Street Lighting

E.ON had not sorted the problem with the Cross Lane light, See minute 25/129 above.

25/134 Trinity School Liaison

Following the recent meeting between Cllr. Allen and Tim Burrows, there had been no further issues with the playground.

25/135 Insurance Renewal

It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Ms Ward to retrospectively approve the renewal of the insurance policy with Zurich Municipal, including the reduction for the 3-year Long Term Agreement.

25/136 To Appoint a Climate and Nature Champion Update

No volunteers have come forward so far.

25/137 Thatch Fire Update.

Responses had been received from the Fire Service and Anglian Water. It was agreed to take up the Fire Service offer and invite them to attend the end of the Breakfast Meeting on Saturday 8th November at 12:30-1:00pm. **Action: Clerk**

25/138 P,F&CC Immediate Justice Programme

Possible tasks were discussed. More details are required such as are tools and materials supplied. **Action: Clerk**

The planting of the free trees was an option. Cllr. Ms Ward is to check the situation over this initiative.

Action: RW

25/139 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

The e-mail from Thrapston Library was discussed and it was felt that a link on the website would probably be best. **Action: Clerk**

25/140 Planning

- a) No applications had been received since the last meeting.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning matters.

25/141 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. The current balance stands at £20,180.64 as at 9:30am 13.10.25.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring Report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Watts.

Retrospective

01.09.25 YU Energy £88.61 D/D
03.09.25 Zurich Municipal £1701.97 OLT
22.09.25 Zurich Municipal **-£145.13**
01.10.25 YU Energy £158.91 D/D

E.ON £88.20 OLT
HMRC £149.40 OLT
R Reed £609.30 OLT

- (iv) There was no further financial business.

25/142 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllrs discussed fibre broadband programme. An internet check indicated that BT has nothing at the moment.

Cllr. Ms Ward spoke about Parish Council attendance at STAUNCH meetings. Cllr. Lambert suggested inviting STAUNCH to have an open meeting but after further discussion it was considered better to direct residents to Titchmarsh when events are planned.

25/143 Date of Next Meeting

24th November 2025 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm.

Chairman

Date