

**Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

Ms. Carew Treffgame

There was one resident present

**26/001 Public Open Time**

Ms. Treffgame spoke of the current situation with the warehouse developments at Castle Manor Farm and the Glebe land. In respect of the former, the Planning Inspectorate has upheld the appeal. Regarding the Glebe land site, NNC had granted approval. STAUNCH has served notice of a judicial review due to the threat to wetland and the S.106 alternative site at Lilford. Ms Treffgame responded to questions from councillors and asked if the Parish Council would donate towards the legal costs. The Chairman thanked Ms Treffgame for her presentation on the matter.

**26/002 Apologies**

There were no apologies

**26/003 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

**26/004 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24.11.25**

It was proposed by Cllr. Allen and seconded by Cllr. Watts that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

**26/005 Matters arising.**

Covered under agenda items.

**26/006 Village Green Parking Issue**

Councillors discussed the concerns raised by visitors to the village over the parking of their vehicle on the Village Green. The Clerk had acknowledged receipt of their complaint and the Chairman had contacted the complainants and said that the matter would be discussed at this meeting. The status of the area has been confirmed as registered Village Green and is maintained in a safe condition by the Parish Council. The area is used as a parking area for parents taking their children to school, those attending events at the Village Hall and visitors to the area. In respect of this matter, councillors considered that any involvement of the Police is down to the complainants. It was agreed to post a notice on the website and notice board making it clear that the area was available to all although the parking of vehicles was at the owners' risk. Cllr. Williams is to prepare a draft notice and Cllr. Hankins is to advise the complainants of the outcome. **Action: TH/PW**

**26/007 Village Hall**

Cllr. Lambert said that there were a large number of events scheduled. The Village Hall Committee is considering making an application for a premises licence. The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal.

**26/008 Risk Assessments**

Cllr. Ms Ward had identified some potholes in the parking area which Cllr. Hankins would assess.

Some areas needed attention in the playground and some minor repairs were required to the wall which Cllr. Watts would attend to in due course.

Cllr. Watts said that there were no significant issues with All Saints Church wall and the grave headstones were safe.

Cllr. Williams said that there were no problems with the Village Green.

Chairman

Date

### **26/009 Play Area**

Generally covered under 26/008.

### **26/010 Highways**

Cllr. Williams said that some potholes had been attended to. He had met the NNC officer over the additional VAS in Lowick Road and a site for the device was agreed. Grants were still available from the Police albeit up to 50% for a second unit. Cllr. Hankins had spoken to PCSO Tim Butter who had agreed to attend the forthcoming Breakfast Meeting.

It was reported that in heavy rain, gullies in Cross Lane were unable to cope.

### **26/011 Maintenance issues**

There had been three potential offers to sponsor trees to replace the old hawthorns that are to be removed from the Village Green. Cllr. Hankins is to obtain the trees and Cllr. Williams would speak to the sponsors. Action: **TH/PW**

### **26/012 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Watts said that there was one outstanding repair but then all outages would have been fixed.

### **26/013 Trinity School Liaison**

Cllr. Hankins said that the recycling bins were being emptied at 10:30-11:00pm which was causing some disturbance. Cllr. Allen said he would see if the timing of the collection could be changed. Action:

**JA**

### **26/014 To finalise and approve the 2026-27 Draft Budget**

Following some minor changes it was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Lambert that the budget be approved.

### **26/015 To set and approve the 2026/27 Precept**

It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Ms Ward that the Precept be set at £12,000 for 2026/27. Action: **Clerk**

### **26/016 To consider the implications of the Community Governance Review and agree on the council's approach to engagement**

The Clerk had previously circulated NCALC's e-mail on the forthcoming Community Governance Review. It was considered that there was no need for any changes in Aldwinckle parish.

### **26/017 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

### **26/018 Planning**

a) Application 25/02013/HFUL was considered by councillors. While the redevelopment of the property was welcomed, it was agreed to submit an objection on the grounds that the increased ridge height would be very imposing on the streetscape and not in proportion with the neighbouring properties. Action: **Clerk**

b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.

c) Further to Ms. Treffgame's presentation at the start of the meeting, Cllr. Holden will amend the note on the website. Action: **RH**

The Clerk is to check the lawfulness of making donations outside of the parish. Action: **Clerk**

### **26/019 Finance**

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. The current balance stands at £18,426.26 as at 9:30am 05.01.26.

(ii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring Report.

(iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr. Holden.

#### Retrospective

01.12.25 YU Energy £212.91 D/D

03.12.25 E.ON £42.00 OLT

R Reed £641.14 OLT

HMRC £124.80 OLT

Bob Blakeman £132.17 OLT

YU Energy £234.55 D/D

Tim McLean £126.00 OLT

(iv) YU Energy had confirmed that the Government levy-Nuclear Regulated Asset Base is already included in the contract rates.

**26/020 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Cllr. Lambert had not received a response to his request for volunteers to be the Climate and Nature Champion for Aldwinckle.

The provision of grit bins and any liability of users of the grit was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that there would be no comeback on anyone spreading salt on roads and footways.

**26/021 Date of Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

Cllr. Allen gave his apologies in advance.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

Chairman

Date