

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2026 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm

Present:

Tim Hankins Chairman
Barry Watts
Paul Williams
Robin Holden
Nick Lambert

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents present

26/022 Public Open Time

Mr Blakeman spoke of the development at 2 Lowick Lane and the breach of the planning permission conditions where three trees of significant amenity value that were to be retained and protected during the construction work had been felled. Mr Blakeman has written to NNC about the issue and Cllr. Hankins has spoken to the Forestry Commission over possible enforcement. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to both NNC and the Forestry Commission requesting enforcement action.

Action: Clerk

Mr Blakeman said that the circulation list for village e-mail should now be owned by the Parish Council and would liaise with Cllr. Holden over this matter. Mr Blakeman would supply the list of addresses and Cllr. Holden would look into problems with group e-mails. **Action: RH**

Cllr. Holden would look at posting details of planning applications on the website. **Action: RH**

It was reported that a street light was out near 123 Main Street. **Action: BW**

26/023 Apologies

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllrs. Allen and Ms. Ward.

26/024 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

26/025 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 05.01.26

It was noted that there was a misspelling of Carew Treffgarne's name. With this correction, it was proposed by Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Williams that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5th January 2026, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

26/026 Matters arising.

Generally covered under agenda items. Cllr. Hankins said that the Hawthorns are to be removed from the Village Green the next day.

26/027 Village Hall

Cllr. Lambert had circulated an events update.

The VH Committee would be approaching the Parish Council in respect of a Premises Licence. The question of whether or not this was necessary was debated. It was agreed, however, to seek the insurer's views beforehand. **Action: Clerk**

There had been discussions about the setting up of working parties to tackle various works around the village. Cllr. Watts raised the question of public liability if volunteers outside of the Parish Council were involved. The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation over this with the insurers. **Action: Clerk**

26/028 Risk Assessments

Cllr. Ms. Ward had circulated her playground and carpark report.

Cllr. Williams reported that the wall on the Village Green, recently repaired by Savills, had collapsed and a fence had been erected around it.

Cllr. Watts gave his report for All Saints.

26/029 Play Area

The Clerk is still waiting for the inspection date.

26/030 Highways

Cllr. Williams discussed his report which he had previously circulated.

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

Chairman

Date

26/031 Maintenance issues

There was nothing outstanding.

26/032 Street Lighting

One light had been reported as failed. *See minute 26/022 above.*

26/033 Trinity School Liaison

Cllr. Allen had circulated his report.

26/034 To consider the implications of the Community Governance Review and agree on the council's approach to engagement

The Clerk had received further advice that even if no change was required, this should be submitted. It was proposed by Cllr. Williams and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the Clerk makes this submission.

Action: Clerk

26/035 To make a resolution over donations to outside organisations

Following the request from STAUNCH for financial donations for its campaign, the Clerk had sought advice over the lawfulness of such action. As it is far from clear either way and councillors having seen the advice, it was proposed by Cllr. Lambert and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the Parish Council would not make donations to outside organisations.

26/036 To approve the adoption of the updated Financial Regulations

It was proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Holden that the updated Financial Regulations previously circulated by the Clerk be approved.

26/037 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

26/038 Planning

- a) No applications had been received for consideration.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) The Clerk is to prepare a draft request for enforcement action in respect of 2 Lowick Lane. *See minute 26/022 above.* **Action: Clerk**

26/039 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. The current balance stands at £16,804.21 as at 9:15am 16.02.26.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring Report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr. Hankins.

Retrospective

05.01.26 E.ON £88.20 OLT

01.02.26 YU Energy £227.19 D/D

Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance (Glebe A/C) via Andrew Granger & Co. £100.00 OLT

- (iv) Cllr Hankins suggested that as the Parish Council does not pay for the hire of the room, it would not be unreasonable to offer a contribution to cover heat and light. Cllr. Lambert said he would speak to the VH Committee and arrange for an invoice to be raised. **Action: NL.**

26/040 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

An anonymous complaint had been made in respect of certain activities in the village. It was agreed that as no name had been given then no action would be taken at this time.

The Clerk had issued a draft IT Policy for consideration and approval at the next meeting.

26/041 Date of Next Meeting

23rd March 2026 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Chairman

Date