tDraft Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2026 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

Present:

Paul Williams Chairman
Jonathan Allen
Nick Lambert
Robin Holden
Tim Hankins
Barry Watts

Richard Reed – Clerk
There were no residents present

26/129 Public Open Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

26/130 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Ms Ward and these were accepted.

26/131 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None
To declare any other interests: None
To consider any requests for dispensations: None.

26/132 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 07.09.26

It was proposed by Cllr. Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Allen that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th September 2026, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

26/133 Matters arising.

Cllr. Hankins gave an update on the situation with the footpath closure. A response was awaited from George Massingham, there having been no reply from Sarah Cureton to the letter sent after the previous meeting.
It was agreed to add Rights of Way as a standard agenda item. **Action: Clerk**
The recent demonstration of a shared file system was discussed and it was agreed to put the matter on hold for now and consider options as necessary. **Action/RH**

26/134 Village Hall

Cllr. Lambert said that the application for the premises licence was progressing through the system.
There had been further complaints about children climbing on the wall.
A query was raised as to whether the grass at the Village Hall, aside from the play area, was in the mowing contract. The Clerk said that he would check the latter and advise councillors. **Action: Clerk**
Quotes are being sought for the provision of a flushing urinal.

26/135 Risk Assessments

Cllr. Holden had discussed the situation at the playground with Cllr. Ms. Ward. Some rotting of timber items had been noted. Cllr. Holden asked about the need for a tree inspection. Cllr. Lambert has a meeting arranged with Giles Howard and would ask him. **Action/NL**
Cllr. Williams said there had been no changes with the Village Green. Giles Howard is tio be consulted over the hawthorn tree. Cllr. Hankins is to check with Savills over the programming of the wall repairs. **Action/TH**
Cllr. Watts said that there were no issues at All Saints Church and he would arrange to remove the sycamore saplings. Cllr. Watts is to provide a written note of his inspections for the records and to meet the insurer's requirements. **Action/BW**

26/136 Play Area

Cllr. Williams had looked at various options and had circulated a paper prior to the meeting. He is to apply for a grant for a tower and train and matting under the swings. Action/PW

26/137 Highways

Cllr. Williams discussed his report which had been circulated previously.
A dangerous manhole exposed in the verge at the junction of Lowick Road and Lowick Lane requires attention. Cllr. Hankins said that this was an Anglian Water chamber.
Cllr. Williams has requested a meeting with a Road Safety Officer at the junction of Main Street and Lowick Road over concerns about safety for pedestrians and cyclists and also damage to property.
Cllr. Lambert has spoken to the Police regarding traffic issues particularly when work starts on the warehousing development at Thrapston when vehicle speeds and traffic
volume need to be addressed.

26/138 Maintenance issues
Giant Tree Circle – Cllr. Lambert will speak to Rachel Sparrow about this initiative. Previous discussions about planting along Lowick Road are to be revisited.
26/139 Street Lighting
Cllr. Watts said that an instruction had been issued for the repair of the light by the school and he was unaware of any further issues.
26/140 Trinity School Liaison
Cllr. Allen spoke of the initial meeting of the School Forum (previously the Governing Board), which he had attended.
26/141 Correspondence
As list previously circulated to councillors.
26/142 Planning
a) 26/01447/LAPNEW: Village Hall premises licence. No objections.
26/02175/HFUL: Side and rear extensions, 12 Main St. Aldwincle. No objections.
b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
c) There were no other planning matters.
26/143 Finance
(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting and the balance as of 12.10.26 was £22,200.91.
(ii) Councillors considered the budget monitoring report.
(iii) Councillors considered and accepted the bank reconciliation to 30th September 2026.
(iv) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Holden.
Retrospective
15.09.26 Valda Energy Streetlight energy £95.89 D/D

23.09.26 E.ON Quarterly streetlight maintenance £88.20 OLT
HMRC PAYE £133.20 OLT
01.10.26 Nineteen bookkeeping Ltd. Payroll management £60.00 OLT
06.10.26 R Reed 2nd Quarter salary and expenses £537.75 OLT

(v) HMRC has accepted the appeal against the penalty for alleged incorrect filing and this has been reduced to nil.
26/144 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda
Next meeting – 2027/28 budget and precept initial discussions. **Action/Clerk**
Cllr Williams asked about an Equality Policy as required for grant bids. The Clerk is to look into this as some work was carried out some months ago. **Action/Clerk**
The Clerk is to check the documents currently on the website.
26/145 Date of Next Meeting
23rd November 2026 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