

ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2025 at St Margaret's Hall

Present: Mrs H Wordley in the Chair, Mr D Deaville, Mr W Dickinson, Mr K MacArthur, Mr K Matkin, Mr M Oulton, Councillor Hatchett, one member of the public and Clerk

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Prior to the start of the meeting Councillor Wordley acknowledged the recent death of Henry Oulton. She said that Henry had been a long standing member of the Parish Council up until the last election and had also been an active member of the community. She said she would like to pass on the Council's condolences to his family

14/25 Apologies for Absence

None

15/25 Declarations of Members' Interest

None

16/25 Change in Order of Business

None

17/25 Public Speaking

Councillor Hatchett made the Council aware of the current consultation taking place regarding the Local Government Reorganisation. It is proposed to divide Amber Valley into North and South regions and Alderwasley would lie in the North section

She also reported that she had been appointed to the Audit Committee and Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee at DCC

Date

Signed

PCSO Mark Worrall was unable to attend the meeting but had sent an email to report that he had been to Kedleston to discuss the broken lock on the gate at Alport Heights

18/25 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

19/25 Finance

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payments

| Chq no | Payee | £ |
|--------|--------------------------|---------|
| 000666 | Local Authority Tech CIC | £336.00 |
| 000668 | R Bridges | £633.92 |

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation as at 30.5.25 showing reserves of £12,843.46

20/25 Clerk's report

(a) I.T Equipment Update

The clerk reported that she had contacted Mr Pealing for advice on a replacement laptop and he had been most helpful and provided guidance on the purchase of a new one which she bought along with a new printer and software package

21/25 Items for consideration and decision

(a) Cemetery

(i) **Inspection** - The annual inspection was carried out. RESOLVED to ask a local contractor for a quote to weed spray the ivy on the wall at the top and the weeds at the base of the holly hedge. The grounds maintenance contractor to be asked to remove a drooping limb off the conifer near the shed, cut back the ivy on the wall next to the Holly hedge and remove the brambles on the other side of the wall

(ii) **Rules** - The Cemetery rules were reviewed. RESOLVED to add in "No plastic flowers"

(iii) **Fees** - The fees were reviewed. RESOLVED to set them as follows

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| New Plot | £475.00 |
| Re-open of existing grave | £475.00 |
| Interment of ashes in Cremation Plot | £200.00 |
| Re-open ashes | £130.00 |
| Erection of memorial on a grave | £175.00 |
| Cremation tablet (maximum size 18" x 18") | £100.00 |
| Additional inscription | £60.00 |
| Administration charge (if no other fee applies) | £50.00 |
| Companies, people constructing family trees, Email response per name | £50.00 |

(b) Bench on Chapel Hill

Councillor Wordley said that there were already 3 seats available at the hall for people to sit on but some Members felt that the previous seat was used for a rest by people walking up Chapel Hill. Members considered some options of recycled benches. RESOLVED to order from TDP a "Wirksworth" seat (1800) in brown and an anchorage kit at cost of £488.17 plus VAT

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(c) Review of interest rates on instant access accounts at the Nationwide and Hampshire TB

Members considered the information on the savings accounts. RESOLVED to close the RBS Reserve account and move the money into the RBS deposit account and to open a Hampshire TB Easy Access SME (issue 9) account and transfer £7,000 into it when the RBS account has been closed

(d) Management of Knotweed in Kennel Wood

RESOLVED to ask a local contractor if they can provide a quote to manage the control of the knotweed

22/25 Dalc

RESOLVED to note the June and July newsletters

23/25 Consideration of Planning Applications

None

24/25 Items for Information

RESOLVED to note the following item

(a) Clerks and Councils - July issue

25/25 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 8pm

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| Date |
| Signed |