

## ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at St Margaret's Hall

Present: Mr K MacArthur in the Chair, Mr D Deaville, Mr W Dickinson, Mr K Matkin, Mr M Oulton, DCC Councillor Hatchett, AVBC Councillor Taylor, two members of the Public and Clerk

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#### **38/25 Appointment of Chair**

As no Members were proposed RESOLVED that Councillor MacArthur would step up to "Acting Chair" until the May meeting

#### **39/25 Apologies for Absence**

None

#### **40/25 Declarations of Members' Interest**

None

#### **41/25 Change in Order of Business**

None

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**42/25 Public Speaking**

A member of the public asked if the Council had received any updates on the Community Governance Review. The Clerk said that according to AVBC’s timetable the next phase would be in December when AVBC would publish formal draft recommendations. Councillor Taylor said he had had a long discussion with the Officer carrying out the review and he had told him that the proposals for Alderwasley were not suitable

Councillor Taylor also reported that AVBC had voted for option A in the Unitary Council proposals, moving AVBC into the north

Councillor Hatchett said that DCC had voted for a Unitary Council for the whole of Derbyshire. She also updated the Council on the damage to the bridge on Holly Lane

**43/25 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 September 2025**

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 September 2025 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

**44/25 Finance**

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payments

Chq no	Payee	£
000671	AA Tree Surgeons	£330.00
000672	S Smith	£826.00
000673	St Margaret’s Village Hall	£330.00
000674	Staff	£851.97
000675	RBL Poppy Appeal	£23.00
000676	J R Mackrell	£575.00

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation as at 16.10.25 showing reserves of £13,698.04

(c) RESOLVED to note a budget proposal for 2026 - 27 and to recommend to set the precept at £9377.00, to be approved at the January meeting

**45/25 Clerk’s report**

**(a) Bank Account Closure**

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the bank rejecting the bank account closure request due to verification of one of the signatories. She had compiled a letter to request closure of the account with immediate effect and it was signed by all signatories

**(b) Holly Lane Bridge**

The Clerk reported that DCC will repaint the slow markings and road markings on Holly Hill and carry out the repairs to the bridge where possible with minimum disruption to residents

**(c) Councillor Vacancy**

The Clerk reported that AVBC had said that they had not received any requests for an election and that the Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option. She said that she had put a notice up in the notice boards and on the web site advertising the vacancy

Date .....
Signed .....

**46/25 Items for consideration and decision**

**(a) Quotations to cut the hedges**

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £425 to cut the Beech, Laurel and Holly

**(b) Emergency Tree Works**

The clerk reported that two trees had fallen in Kennel Wood last week and were blocking the path so she had managed to get a contractor to carry out the work.

RESOLVED to approve the emergency works at a cost of £180.00

**(c) Draft I.T. Policy**

RESOLVED to adopt the policy

**(d) Ground Maintenance for 2026**

Members agreed that the current contractor had made an excellent job again this year. RESOLVED to appoint the contractor to carry out the grounds maintenance for 2026. Councillor Dickinson said he had been asked at a St Margaret's Hall Management Committee meeting about the Council's plan of works. Members said that the Committee should write to the Clerk with any queries

**47/25 Consideration of Planning Applications**

None

**48/25 Dalc**

RESOLVED to note the October and November newsletters

**49/25 Items for Information**

RESOLVED to note the following items

- (a) AVBC response to the Council's letter addressing concerns about the Community Governance review (Circulated)
- (b) AVBC Local Government Re-organisation and AVBC facilities and assets (Circulated)
- (c) Ecclesbourne Express - Winter
- (d) Countryside Voice - Autumn/Winter
- (e) Clerks & Councils Direct - November
- (f) DCC Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 8 December 2025 (Circulated)
- (g) Future Amber Valley Conference 3 December 2025 (Circulated)

**50/25 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 8pm

Date .....

Signed .....