

ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at St Margaret's Hall

Present: Mr C Wheatcroft in the Chair, Mr D Deaville, Mr W Dickinson, Mr K MacArthur, Mr K Matkin, Mr M Oulton, PCSO Worrall and Clerk

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15/26 Apologies for Absence
None

16/26 Declarations of Members' Interest
Councillor MacArthur declared an interest in any arboreal applications as a relative is an AVBC Officer, Councillors Wheatcroft and Dickinson declared an interest in St Margaret's Village Hall Committee as the Council's representatives on the Committee and Councillor Oulton declared an interest in the additional memorial inscription as it was a relative

17/26 Change in Order of Business
None

18/26 Public Speaking
PCSO Worrall said that the only crime that had been committed was an item of farm machinery had been stolen and was under investigation. He said that there were still cars racing round Alport Heights in the evening and he would be contacting Kedleston Hall for an update of when the automatic lock would be repaired

Date
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Councillor Hatchett sent her apologies

19/26 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 May 2026

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 May 2026 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

20/26 Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 30 June 2026 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

21/26 Finance

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payment

Chq no	Payee	£
000685	Local Authority Tech	£336.00

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation as at 16 June 2026, showing reserves of £13,426.33

22/26 Items for consideration and decision

(a) Parish Cemetery

(i) Site inspection - All boundaries are intact and the ground is in good order.

RESOLVED to remove a protruding branch from a conifer

(ii) Replacement Bench - RESOLVED to accept the offer from the family to replace the dilapidated bench with a new one made from recycled material

(iii) Cemetery Rules - the Cemetery rules were reviewed, RESOLVED to make no amendments

(iv) Cemetery Fees - the fees were reviewed, RESOLVED to make no increases in the fees

(v) Additional Memorial Inscription - RESOLVED to approve the inscription for grave number 263

(b) Response from DCC regarding ice on Chapel Hill

Councillor Wheatcroft reported that at a recent meeting with DCC Highways Officials, one of which was responsible for Road Safety, he had raised the issue of Chapel Hill being gritted as although it is on a gritting route it is not being gritted properly. The Officers said they would look into the matter

(c) Kennel Wood

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £430 from J Mackrell to take down the dangerous leaning tree by the footpath and to remove 300mm sections of ivy around the base of the trees on the Higg Lane boundary

(d) Halfpenny Bridge Site meeting

Councillor Oulton reported that he, Councillor Wheatcroft and Councillor Hatchett had attended a meeting with DCC Officials at Halfpenny Bridge to discuss preventative measures to stop the bridge being damaged by vehicles. He said he felt it was a very constructive meeting. DCC Officials agreed to consider a larger chevron sign, rumble strips, cut tree branches back, to move the "30" signs back up the hill and install a gradient sign. They said it was difficult for armco barriers to be installed due to the road width and foundations

Date

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(e) Interpretation Board

Councillor Wheatcroft said that he had been told that visitors to the area were interested in the history of St Margaret's Hall and had often been to neighbouring properties to ask for information and asked if the Council would consider purchasing an information type board. The Clerk reported that she had asked the planning authority and was told a board of this type would require advertisement consent and according to AVBC's web site the fee was £610. Councillor Dickinson suggested displaying a QR code which would direct visitors to St Margaret's Hall web site for information. The Clerk made the Council aware that one side of the notice board was for the Committee to use. RESOLVED to put an information sheet in the noticeboard and add a QR code for the time being

(f) Insurance review questionnaire

Members completed the declaration. RESOLVED to make no amendments to the insurance cover for 2026/27

23/26 Consideration of Planning Applications

(a) AVA/2026/0121 - Change of use from agricultural to residential to form extension to existing farmhouse, including installation of chimney, roof lights and replacement windows at Knob Farm, Bury Hill, Alderwasley

RESOLVED to make no comments on this application

24/26 Dalc

RESOLVED to note the June and July newsletters

25/26 Items for Information

RESOLVED to note the following items

(a) Clerks and Councils July issue

(b) Email from a resident regarding users of the village hall

Members considered the email regarding reports of anti social behaviour by some of the users attending wedding celebrations. RESOLVED that the Clerk had already contacted the Village Hall Committee and had asked them to address the complaints and that the Committee had arranged a meeting with the resident and were in the process of putting stricter measures in place for future bookings

(c) AVBC - Local plan 2026-2044 Scoping Consultation

(d) AVBC - Recent changes to Neighbourhood planning and implications of the adopted Amber Valley Borough Local Plan

26/26 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15 September at 8pm

Date

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