ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 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 and Clerk

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27/26 Apologies for Absence
None

28/26 Declarations of Members' Interest
Councillors Wheatcroft and Dickinson declared an interest in St Margaret's Village Hall Committee as the Council's representatives on the Committee

29/26 Change in Order of Business
None

30/26 Public Speaking
None

Date .....

Signed .....

Councillor Hatchett sent her apologies

31/26 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 July 2026

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 July 2026 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

32/26 Finance

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payment

Chq no	Payee	£
000686	Staff	£856.51
000687	A J Gallagher Insurance	£3251.50

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation as at 16 August 2026, showing reserves of £13,169.84

(c) RESOLVED to prepare a proposed budget on the basis of a 5% increase

33/26 Items for consideration and decision

(a) DCC Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Route investigation claim to add Longwalls Lane as a byway open to all traffic in the Parishes of Alderwasley and Belper

RESOLVED to write to DCC and object to the proposal as the middle section of the path was unsuitable for motorised vehicles due to the uneven rocky terrain and overgrown trees and it would also endanger walkers and horse riders using the path

(b) Kennel Wood/Higg Lane Boundary

The Clerk said that she had reported the broken branch hung in the cables on Higg Lane again to Openreach and that a workman had been out to assess the branch and he said the tree was uprooted leaning on the cables and he would report it to DCC for removal

She also said she had been sent a picture of a broken limb from an oak tree hung in a tree over the footpath in Kennel Wood. RESOLVED to get a contractor to remove the limb

(c) NJC 2026-27 National Salary Award

Resolved to adopt the awards back dated to 1 April 2026

(d) Remembrance Sunday Arrangements

RESOLVED for Councillor Matkin to lay the wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council

(e) Contribution from Village Hall Management Committee towards the contents insurance cover

RESOLVED as the insurance cover had increased again to request £250.00 as a contribution from the Committee

(f) DCC's Follow up response regarding Halfpenny Bridge and Gritting of Chapel Hill

Members felt that DCC had not properly considered the fact that the Council wanted measures to be put in place to avoid the inconvenience of the bridge being constantly closed due to motorists descending down Holly Hill at speed and hitting the bridge as the closures cause severe disruption to residents and businesses. RESOLVED to write to the officer and reiterate the problem and to request rumble strips as discussed at the site meeting in July. Also to confirm the *Council* will monitor the gritting of Chapel Hill and will notify DCC when it does not get gritted

Date .....

Signed .....

(g) Grounds Maintenance

(i)Hedges

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £425.00 from J Mackrell to cut the Holly, Beech and Laurel hedges and to remove arisings

(ii) Appointment of Grounds Maintenance Contractor 2027

RESOLVED to defer this item until the next meeting

34/26 Consideration of Planning Applications

(a) **AVA/2026/0552 – Construction of an agricultural access track from Jackass Lane to an existing agricultural building, including a turning area and associated hardstanding at land north of Jackass Lane**

RESOLVED to make no comments on this application

35/26 Dalc

RESOLVED to note the August and September newsletters

36/26 Clerk Recruitment Update

Councillor Wheatcroft reported that the closing date for applications was extended to 30 August 2026 as the post had been advertised on DCC's website at a cost of £112.00. Applicants had been shortlisted and interviews are scheduled for 29 September 2026 and a draft contract is in progress. RESOLVED to agree the cost of the advert and note the update

37/26 Items for Information

RESOLVED to note the following items

(a) Email from a resident raising concerns of a proposed event at Hankin Farm (Circulated)

(b) Email from a resident raising concerns regarding a proposed/permanent helicopter landing pad (Circulated)

38/26 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17 November 2026 at 8pm

Date .....

Signed .....