

Minutes of the Meeting of Aldermaston Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall, Aldermaston

Councillors Present:	Mrs S Crawford (S.C) Mr R Smith (R.S) Mr A Shephard-Price (A.SP) Mr D Shirt (D.S) Mr E Tilsley (E.T) Mr M Carter (M.C)
In Attendance:	Mr D Boeck (District Councillor) (D.B) Miss A Lewis – Clerk 1 Member of the Public

Ref No	Agenda Items	Actions
014/26	Open Forum	
015/26	Apologies for absence – Dominic Boeck sent apologies	
016/26	Declarations of interest	
017/26	Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th January were agreed and signed.	
018/26	Planning a.) To note receipt and comment upon new applications. 26/00059/FUL - The Old Mill House, Station Road - Retrospective erection of timber store cabin in car park area of wedding venue for storage of equipment – No Objection b.) To note receipt of any approvals, refusals, withdrawals and appeals 25/01736/FULMAJ - Site Of Unit A Youngs Industrial Estate - Construction of industrial units (use Classes E(g), B2 and B8) in a single building – APPROVED 25/00395/FUL - Compound A and A1 and A4 Paices Hil - Retrospective use of the land for storage and distribution (Use Class B8) – APPROVED 25/00357/FUL - Youngs Industrial Estate Paices Hill - Retrospective Use of the land for storage and distribution (Use Class B8) with ancillary temporary office – APPROVED It was noted that 25/01736/FULMAJ is the new application for the quashed application. APC were disappointed to see this granted, despite the concerns highlighted by APC and were not satisfied all issues raised in the court quashing have been resolved. APC also raised concerns over the other 2 Youngs application approvals as although both were 'called in', the Emergency Planning Officer was not present at the on-site meeting and it was made clear that WBC does not consider the cumulative effect development within the DEPZ and not giving weight to concerns raised from AWE/MOD. APC noted that planning committee members lacked a general understanding of DEPZ issues and would benefit from training to be better able to consider the merits of planning applications in the area. 25/02392/COND – Blacks Lake Track Racing, Paices Hill - Approval of details reserved by Conditions (7) Contaminated Land, (10) CMS, (13) Travel Plan, (21) LEMP, (22) CEMP, (23) Time Limit Before Further Surveys, (27) Vehicle Parking and (28) Cycle Storage of planning permission 20/02527/OUTMAJ – SPLIT DECISION (all approved except Condition 7) No Comments on the above decision. c.) To discuss established Planning Enforcement Cases & new reports of potential unauthorised activity There was a High Court hearing on 27 th January to discuss the unauthorised travellers site on Strawberry farm, Reading Rd. The travellers asked to vary the existing interim injunction to allow for for 20 families to be allowed to remain on site while planning applications are processed and decided rather than the prescribed 1. This made the case more complex, and it is now deemed necessary for the case to be decided at a 3-day hearing which will allow cross-examination. The hearing will be after March. Until this time the original injunction remains in place. S.C and R.S attended the WBC Planning Enforcement meeting on 16 th Jan where they were given an up-date on Strawberry Farm. There is an expectation from WBC that Corbyn will submit a planning application in the near future but this has not yet been received. It was noted that all resources are currently going towards the traveller's site, so there was no up-dates on other outstanding enforcement cases.	

019/26	Highways and Footpath Matters a.) A resident had raised concerns over the faded road marking paint at the mini roundabout by the Hinds Head and the white centre lines coming up to the roundabout. It was also suggested we ask WBC to consider painting the kerbs at the central reservation pedestrian crossing to make it more visible for drivers. It was also noted that not all road markings have been re-painted outside of Aldermaston School. Clerk to follow up on all of the above. E.T reported that he had reported a HGV driver using Church Rd and they were prosecuted and fined for around £500. In total 5 HGV drivers have been fined for this offence. APC's hope is that word spreads of prosecutions and as a result less HGV drivers will illegally use this road.	Clerk
020/26	Parish Environment a.) To up-date on the iron railings at the rec ground – it was agreed to accept our chosen contractor's bespoke design for a larger 'kissing gate' to allow wheelchair and double buggy access. These works will now go ahead. Clerk to investigate possible match funding. b.) S.C raised that MP Olivia Bailey had a community drop-in session for Aldermaston in January but just 4 residents attended. Attendance was low as the event was publicised only to people subscribed to Olivia's newsletter. Issues raised at the session; the Arms Houses pay double council tax, Aldermaston school having a disproportionate number of SEND students and the lack of affordable housing in the area. Aldermaston School asked if APC would support them by working with CCB to identify housing need and possible sites in Aldermaston. APC decided that CCBs generic rural housing advice would not be appropriate for sites in the DEPZ and that advocating for new homes in the area would conflict with APCs firm stance on DEPZ safety.	Clerk
021/26	Consultations a.) To consider and comment upon the proposed development of a Resources Base at Victoria Park Nursery School, Newbury – No Comment b.) To consider and comment upon WBC Draft Planning Enforcement Plan – S.C noted that APC were told at a meeting in 2025 that all enforcement sites in the DEPZ would be automatically categorised as top-tier requiring urgent action. APC is disappointed to see that the draft plan does not mention how cases in the DEPZ will be handled at all. APC agreed to respond to the consultation to say that we would like to see all sites in the DEPZ and in proximity to top-tier COMAH sites explicitly included in their Level 1 category. APC will also feedback that as WBC only has 2 enforcement officers it is unlikely to be able to deliver on its draft plan including informing complainants of significant stages of a case and inviting complainants to contact case officers via email. APC suggests it would be better if WBC could make key information on enforcement cases available on their website so they can be tracked in the same way as planning applications.	All councillors /Clerk
022/26	AWE LLC up-date APC noted the MOD's purchase of Aldermaston Park estate for use by AWE. This appears positive for residents; carparking will be provided for churchgoers and local access to a dedicated area of the grounds may be facilitated. AWE also offered to present at a future PC meeting. APC agreed to ask AWE to be a guest speaker at our April APM.	
023/26	Casual Councillor Vacancy The clerk up-dated that WBC electoral team have informed APC they can co-opt a councillor. Councillors approved the Clerk's new vacancy notice and asked her to contact any persons known to have expressed an interest in joining the council.	Clerk
024/26	To discuss councillor responsibilities It was agreed to defer this item until a new councillor is co-opted.	Clerk
025/26	Grant request APC decided against a grant request from Tadley & District Community Association for youth worker funding because there is no evidence that our residents use the service and because the organisation has considerable financial reserves.	
026/26	Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Council Meeting APC agreed that the APM would precede it's monthly meeting on 14th April. We will invite groups who have spoken previously and request AWE to join as headline speaker to talk about its plans for Aldermaston Park. The ACM will be held on 12th May.	
027/26	Asset Register	

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	APC agreed the asset register is currently up-to-date but noted when the new rec ground railings are installed, it will need to be revised.	
025/26	Reports a. Clerks Report – The Clerk informed APC that a re-declaration has been made to the Pensions Regulator as per legal guidelines and this will remain in place for 3 years unless there are changes to staff/salaries. Aldermaston Church will be submitting a grant request to cover 50% of their graveyard maintenance and tree works following recent storms. This will be added to March agenda. Aldermaston Parish Hall invited APC to nominate one of its councillors to joint their Committee as a PC representative to replace Angela Woodley. APC decided hold off doing this until we have filled our own councillor vacancy and possibly recognised roles and responsibilities within our own organisation. The Parish Hall Committee also suggested that APC move from an annual fee for affiliated membership which gives discounted booking rates, to paying the full fee for our monthly hall hire to help boost the charity's income. APC had already agreed this in principle at its February 2025 meeting, and it was confirmed. The clerk also requested annual leave from 23rd – 27th March 2026 which was agreed. b. District Councillor – None	
026/26	Finance a. Payments and Bank Reconciliation were agreed and signed – Appendix B and C.	
025/26	Confirmed the date of the next meeting confirmed as 10th March 2026 at 7:30pm	

Appendix A:

Aldermaston Parish Council – February 2026

Planning Applications for Consideration

	26/00059/FUL - The Old Mill House, Station Road - Retrospective erection of timber store cabin in car park area of wedding venue for storage of equipment (Consultation date – 13/02/2026)	
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Planning Application Decisions

	25/01736/FULMAJ - Site Of Unit A Youngs Industrial Estate - Construction of industrial units (use Classes E(g), B2 and B8) in a single building	APPROVED
	25/00395/FUL - Compound A and A1 and A4 Paices Hil - Retrospective use of the land for storage and distribution (Use Class B8)	APPROVED
	25/00357/FUL - Youngs Industrial Estate Paices Hill - Retrospective Use of the land for storage and distribution (Use Class B8) with ancillary temporary office	APPROVED
	25/02392/COND – Blacks Lake Track Racing, Paices Hill - Approval of details reserved by Conditions (7) Contaminated Land, (10) CMS, (13) Travel Plan, (21) LEMP, (22) CEMP, (23) Time Limit Before Further Surveys, (27) Vehicle Parking and (28) Cycle Storage of planning permission 20/02527/OUTMAJ	SPLIT DECISION

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

	25/02876/FUL - Strawberry Farm, Burghfield Road - Section 73: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning reference 24/02147/FUL (Replacement of a fire damaged bungalow). Amendments to the approved drawings to allow for changes to the dwelling and site plan (extension to respond – 14/01/2026)
	25/02880/HOUSE - 26 Maidas Way, Aldermaston - Construction of a single-storey rear extension including excavation within 3 metres of the neighbouring property, and/or work on a party wall as defined by the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 (extension to respond – 14/01/2026)
	25/02391/COND – Blacks Lake Track Racing, Paices Hill - Approval of details reserved by Condition (29) Drainage of planning permission 20/02527/OUTMAJ
	25/01915/FULMAJ – Padworth Sawmills, Rag Hill – Part retrospective retention of storage shed, entrance gate, gabion walls, railings and hard surface
	25/02203/FULMAJ – Site of Unit A, Youngs Industrial Estate, Paices Hill – Reconsideration of application 24/02552/FULMAJ following its quashing by the High Court: Construction of industrial units (Class E/B8) in a single building
	25/00396/FUL – Youngs Industrial Estate, Paices Hill – Retrospective planning application for temporary residential lodge (Use Class C3) – determination deadline 13/05/2025 – expiry date 29/08/2025
	25/01226/FUL – Sascron Ltd, The Smallholding – Retrospective construction of an industrial building for preparing cars for sale and MOT testing facility (expiry date 19/08/2025)

Planning Enforcement Cases

Date opened	Case Ref	Location	
04/09/23	23/00554/15UNAU	Land adjacent to Woodstock, Paices Hill	Ongoing
07/06/24	24/00320/15UNAU	Land to the east of Circus Farm, Reading Rd	Ongoing
	24/0008315/UNAU	Padworth Sawmills	Ongoing
	24/0034115/UNAU	Padworth Sawmills	Ongoing
	25/0022815/UNAU	Land North of Tory House	Ongoing
	25/0022715/UNAU	Scrap Yard	Ongoing

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Planning Appeals

Date received	Case Ref	Location	Application Ref	Status
10/06/2025	APP/W0340/W/25/3367065	Church Lodge, Church Rd, Aldermaston	24/01136/FUL	Not yet decided
16/02/24	24/00001/WR	Land west of Frouds Lane. Out of Parish	22/02341/FUL	Not yet decided
	11/-1563/FULD	Chestnut Coppice, Raghill - Certificate of Lawful Use for Non-compliance with conditions 12 13 & 14 attached to planning permission	24/00911/CERTE	Not yet decided
		Padworth Sawmills	24/00083/15/UNAU & 24/00341/15/UNAU	
		Scrap Yard	25/00227/15/UNAU	

APPENDIX B: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Aldermaston Parish Council

Bank account: Community Account

Date range: 01/01/2026 to 31/01/2026

Date	Reference	Supplier / Customer	Description	Receipt	Payment	Balance
		Opening balance b/fwd				7155.72
02/01/2026	475/VA56391	Abi Lewis - Clerk	Clerk Salary - Dec		672.64	6,483.08
15/01/2026	202-8423114-0497	Abi Lewis - Clerk	Spring-back Minutes Book		15.99	6,467.09
15/01/2026	250269/25/BBG	Keystone Law Ltd	Judicial Review - WBC (24/02552/		3,600.00	2,867.09
15/01/2026	475PF00175479260	Abi Lewis - Clerk	HMRC National Insurance		38.35	2,828.74
15/01/2026	917	MiJan Ltd	EasyPC Accounting Software 6mnth		42.00	2,786.74
15/01/2026	APH-2026-169	Aldermaston Parish Hall	Hall Hire		15.00	2,771.74
15/01/2026	INV-14548	Digital House MD Ltd	Annual SSL certificate for .gov		90.00	2,681.74
15/01/2026	Jan26	Abi Lewis - Clerk	Mileage - Jan		9.90	2,671.84
15/01/2026	SI-4867	Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	Dog and Waste Bin Empty		77.27	2,594.57
19/01/2026	473804747	Lloyds Bank	Bank Service Charge		4.25	2,590.32
		Total Payment			4,565.40	
		Closing balance				2,590.32

Bank account: Savings

Date	Reference	Supplier / Customer	Description	Receipt	Payment	Balance
		Opening balance b/fwd				67927.68
09/12/2025	INTEREST	Lloyds Bank	INTEREST	34.62		
		Closing balance				67962.30

APPENDIX C: PAYMENT REQUESTS

February 2026 Payment Requests				
FROM	ITEM	INVOICE NO	METHOD	AMOUNT
Aldermaston Hall	Hall Hire	APH-2026-179	FPO	15.00
Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	Dog & Waste Bin Empty	SI-4984	FPO	77.27
Sophie Crawford	Xmas Drinks - Chair Allowance	Reciept25	FPO	41.50
HMRC	National Insurance	475PF001754792609	FPO	38.35
Abi Lewis	Clerk Salary		SO	672.64
Abi Lewis	Mileage	Feb-26	FPO	16.20
SLCC	FILCA for Clerk	QL208528-1	FPO	168.00
			Payment Total	1,028.96
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