

MINUTES OF ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in Alderton Village Hall on Monday 7th April 2026 at 16:00hrs

Present:

Chair Jeff Hayward (JH)

Vice Chair Mal Ward (MW)

Councillors Alan Austin (AA,) Anne Jessup (AJ), Joanne Butler (JB), Bob Loughlin (BL),
Christine Green (GG), James Allan (JA).

Parish Clerk Sue McCormack (SM)

Minutes taken by JH

Members of Public: None

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 2. Declarations of member's interests in any items on this agenda:** None.
- 3. The meeting welcomed Sue McCormack as our new Parish Clerk**
- 4. Approval of minutes of meeting:** Councillors felt that in the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February the wording in item 8ii was ambiguous and should be amended. Jh agreed to rewrite and distribute. Minutes of the 25th February and 1st April 2026 were verified as a true and accurate record duly approved and signed.
- 5. Appointment of a Responsible Financial Officer.** This position was discussed to assist the new clerk settle into her role. Jeff Hayward was proposed by AJ and seconded by MW
- 6. The meeting welcomed James Allan as a new co-opted Parish Councillor.**
- 7. Financial Review:** JH presented the income and expenditure for April 2025 to end March 2026 in preparation of the final year returns.
- 8. Councillor Ares of Interest:** All councillors outlined their outline roles to the clerk of and it was agreed that these should be reviewed at our next meeting to include our two new members.
- 9. Recreation Ground:**
 - i. Playground and equipment – AA met with a company representative from Playdate who are happy to assist with grant applications. It was agreed by all councillors that AA progress our grant application. And that he would send a copy of their quotation to all.

- ii. Pump track event day -). **AA** reported that he held a meeting with the 'mum's group' to discuss how to plan the event and it was proposed for the 4th May. Councillors voted in favour that
 - a/ The event should go ahead
 - b/ The Parish Council would pay for the cost of hiring the equipment with the £300 held by AA being donated.
 - c/ Funding would be from the Community Account.
- iii. Signage. AA & MW to prepare with the clerk to purchase new signs for the recreation area and the clerk would purchase a new sign for the village Hall.
- iv. JH presented an £800 quote for repairs the surface of the parking area. It was agreed to review the condition in the autumn.
- 10. Budgeted Expenditure Proposal:** AJ proposed Council plan to budget the purchase of Bulbs on an annual basis to enhance the village. This was agreed by all councillors.
- 11. ESCC Call For Site Publication** - Councillors discussed the two sites advised for possible housing developments. It was noted that some residents had thought these had already been passed by planning.
- 12. Appointment of new Chair & Vice Chair:** Anne Jessop and Alan Austin were duly elected as Chair and Vice Chair

The meeting closed at 18.10 hrs

Signed: Annie Jessup – Chair

Date: