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PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Aynho Village Hall

6th October 2025, 7:00PM

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Richard Rees

Cllr Jerry Stephenson

Cllr Emma Foxon

Cllr David Leigh

1 member of public

Meeting commenced: 19:00

Cllr Dawn Willis (Chair)

Cllr Leslie Horley

Cllr Helen Mackenzie

Cllr R Willis

25/123 Apologies for absence

Apologies received: Cllr Hoole

On the proposition of the Chair, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve apologies for absence.

25/124 Members' declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

25/125 Public Participation

- A resident (Paul Duncanson - Cricket Club Chair) spoke in relation to item 25/137(b)(c).

Key points raised:

- A benefit of roping off the square would be to ensure that the square and wickets are kept to a standard that would encourage other cricket clubs to use the facility for their matches.
- The club is still developing and is keen to increase participation, particularly among children and youth in the village.
- The club aims to grow village youth teams and encourage wider community involvement in organised sport.
- To support this, Mr Duncanson highlighted the importance of roping off the cricket square:
 - This would protect the square and wickets from casual use and wear.
 - It would help maintain a playing standard suitable for visiting clubs and organised matches.
 - Other local villages routinely rope off their squares.
 - The club needs four strips cordoned off to maintain two in first-class condition.
- Without protection, the square cannot be kept to standard, making it difficult to attract visiting teams and expand the fixture list.

Overall message:

The club's request to rope off the cricket square is presented as **reasonable, standard practice**, and **essential for developing cricket in the village**, especially for youth involvement and external match hosting.

25/126 Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council of 1st September 2025

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mackenzie, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 1st September 2025.

25/127 Planning

To discuss and approve a response as a consultee on:

[2025/3560/COND](#) - 16 Roundtown Aynho OX17 3BG - Discharge of Conditions 3 [Archaeology], 4 [Windows], 5 [Slates] and 6 [Render] on Planning Permission WNS/2023/0158/FUL [Replacement of existing garage with double garage and workshop] – *No comments.*

[2025/3553/TCA](#) - St Michaels House 5 Roundtown Aynho OX17 3BG - T1- Sycamore - Fell due to basal decay – *No comments.*

25/128 Authorisation of Payments

Cllrs Rees & Stephenson inspected and confirmed bank reconciliation and invoices against payments schedule.

On the proposition of Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Rees, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve payments scheduled September to October 2025.

On the proposition of Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Rees, it was **RESOLVED**: to receive and note schedule of receipts **£18,809.00**.

25/129 Bank Reconciliation

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mackenzie, it was **RESOLVED**: to receive and note bank reconciliation to 30th September 2025.

25/130 Expenditure Against Budget

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mackenzie, it was **RESOLVED**: to receive and note expenditure against budget to 30th September 2025.

25/131 Reserves

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Horley, it was **RESOLVED**: to receive and note analysis of reserves.

25/132 Budget Setting 2026-27

To consider the first draft budget for 2026–27 and the Precept demand for 2026–27.

The Clerk provided an overview of the forecasted receipts and payments to the end of the current financial year, together with the first draft proposed budget for 2026–27.

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Councillors to review the draft budget and accompanying financial statements for detailed consideration at the next meeting.

25/133 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), Section 3 2024/25

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Foxon, it was **RESOLVED**: to receive and approve External Auditor's Report for the 2024/25 Annual Governance and Accountability Return. No exceptions or other matters. <https://aynho-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/NH0013-S3.pdf>

25/134 To Confirm and Clarify Resolutions Regarding Playpark and Sports Field Equipment

The generous donation of **£2,900** from the **PCC**, being the proceeds from the recent Village Fete, was **noted with thanks**.

Previously agreed purchases of a sand picnic table and a wheelchair-accessible picnic table were reviewed in light of safety and installation requirements.

On the proposition of the Chair, it was **RESOLVED**: to confirm the following purchases:

- **Wooden Picnic Table Sandpit** – TP Toys @ **£114.99** (inc. VAT)
- **Wheelchair Picnic Table** – Hawkins Timber Products @ **£311.94** (inc. VAT)

On the proposition of the Chair, it was further **RESOLVED**: to purchase:

- **Campus 510 Outdoor Static Table Tennis Table** – Table-Tennis-Tables @ **£999.00** (inc. VAT)

25/135 Card Reader

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve purchase of **SumUp Solo - £69.99**.

25/136 Village Christmas Preparations

The generous offer from **Perry Tree Farm** to provide a Christmas tree for the village again this year was **noted with thanks**.

Christmas tree lights switch on agreed for 29th November; tree to be requested week before.

25/137 Community Matters

a) **Health & Safety:**

- a. To receive any update regarding Zebra/Pelican Crossing at The Square/Croughton Road

Clerk advised FOI response received from WNC, which was deemed incomplete. Clerk has requested a FOI Internal Review.

Cllr Leigh advised his proposed letter to WNC circulated to council. Councillors requested to review for consideration at next meeting along with expected WNC response to FOI Internal Review.

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b) Grounds Maintenance:

- a. The Chair updated on work carried out on the Sports Track and repairs to Tennis Court Fencing, as previously approved.
- b. The Chair updated on installation of a baby changing unit in the disabled toilet at the Pavilion, along with an electric hand drier.
- c. Council discussed the request from Cricket Team to fence off the entire Square/Wicket, all year round.

25/137(b)(c) Cricket Club: Protection of the Cricket Square

Following discussion and consideration of the Cricket Club's request to protect the cricket square (as referred to under minute 25/125):

On the proposition of Cllr Foxon, seconded by Cllr Rees, it was **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cricket Club's request to fence off a square to accommodate four wickets all year round, in accordance with recognised cricket guidelines; on the provision that the area is used more frequently and that all four wickets are required.

It was further agreed that the fenced area shall **not be exclusive to Aynho Cricket Club** and shall **remain available for hire by other users or teams**. This arrangement will be **monitored and reviewed** by the Parish Council in due course.

Cllr Rees to develop contractual arrangements to formalise Cricket Club usage agreement with Parish Council.

c) Consultations:

- a. To consider TRO for introducing a 30mph limit at Aynho Wharf - **REPRESENTATIONS OR OBJECTIONS to: Traffic Orders Section, Kier Highway, Highways Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9BX** or by email to: WNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk **Deadline for response 9th October 2025.**

On the proposition of the Chair, it was **RESOLVED:** to submit response as corporate body. Cllr Leigh to draft council response.

25/138 Newsletter

To discuss items for next newsletter edition – Cllr Mackenzie to edit on behalf of council.

- Thanks to PCC for donation
- Wooden Picnic Table Sandpit
- Wheelchair Picnic Table
- Table Tennis Table
- New recycling bin at Playpark

25/139 Next Meeting

3rd November 2025 – Full Council Meeting

Meeting closed: 21:10

Signed:

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