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PARISH COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Aynho Village Hall

1st June, 7:00PM

MINUTES

Present:

Cllr Dawn Willis (Chair)

Cllr Poppy Hoole

Cllr Les Horley

Cllr David Leigh

2 members of public

Cllr Ray Willis

Cllr Helen Mackenzie

Cllr Jerry Stephenson

Meeting commenced: 19:00

26/53 Apologies for absence

None.

26/54 Members' declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

26/55 Public Participation

None.

26/56 The Cartwright Arms, Aynho

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Ms Sinead Heritage regarding a potential bid for The Cartwright Arms and a request for engagement with the Parish Council and the wider community. Members noted that Ms Heritage had been invited to attend the meeting to present her proposals and answer questions but had not responded to the invitation.

Councillors discussed the importance of understanding the nature of any proposed acquisition, the potential implications for the village, and the opportunities for community engagement should the proposal progress.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Ms Heritage to seek clarification regarding the nature of any engagement sought with the Parish Council and the local community and ascertain whether she wishes to attend a future meeting to present further information.

26/57 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Clerk explained minute 29/16 had been reviewed and amended further to the challenge last meeting.

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mackenzie, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve updated minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council 7th April 2026.

On the proposition of the Chair, seconded by Cllr Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED**: to approve minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 11th May 2026.

26/58 Co-option to the Parish Council

On the nomination of Cllr Hoole, seconded by Cllr Mackenzie, it was **RESOLVED**: to co-opt Richard Lawton as Parish Councillor.

26/59 Planning

To discuss and approve a response as a consultee on:

2026/1934/TCA - 1 Blacksmiths Hill Aynho OX17 3AH - Ash, multi stemmed, in close proximity to the boundary wall, causing structural damage to the retaining boundary wall. Fell to near ground level. – *No comments*.

26/60 Authorisation of Payments

Cllrs Horley and Stephenson inspected and confirmed bank reconciliations and invoices against the payments schedule.

On the proposition of Cllr Horley, seconded by Cllr Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED**: To **approve the payments schedule for May to June 2026**.

Voucher	Code	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
26	Memberships/Subscriptions	Dropbox Plus Annual Sub	Dropbox	79.90	15.98	95.88
27	Admin (Inc Tel, Stationary & Printing)	Virtual Line for Clerk	Virtual Landline	5.42	1.08	6.50
28	Pavilion - Utilities	Pavillion Electricity	EON Next Energy	193.43	9.67	203.10
25	Aynho Publications	Village Survey Printing	Ciceroni Tours Ltd	75.00	15.00	90.00
30	Grass Cutting & Hedges	Village Grass Cut	RJ Groundcare Ltd	1,040.00	208.00	1,248.00
31	Pavilion - Gen Exp	Pavilion Cleaning	K Angell	30.00	0.00	30.00
30	Sports Field - Grass Cutting	Village Grass Cut	RJ Groundcare Ltd	330.00	66.00	396.00
29	Clerk & RFO Salary	Clerk Salary - Jun	A Youel	751.76	0.00	751.76
			Total	2,505.51	315.73	2,821.24

On the proposition of Cllr Horley, seconded by Cllr Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED**: To **receive and note the schedule of receipts totalling £131.50**.

26/61 Bank Reconciliation

On the proposition of Cllr Horley, seconded by Cllr Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED**: To receive and note bank reconciliation to 15th May 2026.

26/62 Village Survey

Cllr Mackenzie, on behalf of the Council, thanked Cllr Leigh for his work on the Village Survey project.

Cllr Leigh reported that the survey was now live and had been advertised and linked through all available communication channels. A total of 300 paper copies had been printed and distributed with the village newsletter. Responses had already begun to be received.

Members discussed ways of encouraging further participation and increasing response rates amongst residents.

26/63 Community Matters

a) Health & Safety:

- a. The Chair updated Members on a proposal from Finders Keepers to provide reflective waterproof bin stickers promoting compliance with the village's 20mph speed limit and sought the Council's views on whether it wished to support or facilitate the initiative.

Following discussion, Members resolved not to support the proposal.

- b. Cllr Hoole provided an update regarding Little Lane and reported that attempts had been made to contact West Northamptonshire Council by email regarding the matter.

Action: Councillors to raise the issue with West Northamptonshire Council representatives at the forthcoming local meeting on 23 June 2026.

b) Grounds Maintenance

a. Maintenance Update:

- Cllr R Willis gave update, Pavilion up to date, Fire extinguisher checks, electrical testing all complete.
- Two toddler swings fitted at playpark, additional swing seat and chain fitted.
- Septic tank getting close to requiring emptying.

b. Play Park Update:

The Chair gave an update, Creative play asked to requote and Wickstead approached to quote for specific list of preferred options. Lottery Grant dependant indicative budget of £30,000. Further meetings with providers organised.

ACTION: Lottery Grant application to be completed.

c) Events

Cllr Stephenson provided an update on the Car Show. It was noted that Cllr Leigh, who organised the event in 2025, has stepped back from organising this year's event due to other commitments. Members discussed promotional arrangements, with suggestions that advertising should follow a similar format to that used by Andrew Bellamy for the car show held in conjunction with the village fete, for use across social media and printed materials. Cllr Stephenson will liaise with the producer of the fete advertisement regarding this.

- a. Cllr Stephenson also reported on a meeting with a local vehicle repair company, which may be able to assist with vehicle transportation, provision of an auto-jumble area and event marshalling.
- b. **ACTION:** Cllr Leigh to circulate the email contact list. Cllr Mackenzie to assist with distribution of promotional emails.

Please note, this is a public meeting. Copies of all council papers are available to download at www.aynho-pc.gov.uk

d) **Consultations** - *None*

26/64 Newsletter

Items for next newsletter edition – Cllr Mackenzie to edit on behalf of council.

- Village Survey
- Car & Bike Show
- Community Speed Watch
- Co-option

26/65 Next Meeting

6th July 2026 – Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed: 20:10

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Cllr Mackenzie', is written over a faint circular stamp.

06/07/2026