



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025

Present:

Cllr White (Chair)
Cllr Black
Cllr Buckland
Cllr Dickinson
Cllr Hainsworth
Cllr Khurshid
Cllr Jennings
Cllr Jordan
Cllr Prichard
Cllr Towns
Cllr Wright

Signed as a true record *Keith White*
Chair
Date 08/12/2025

- 2425/001 Introduction from the Chair**
Cllr White welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2425/002 To receive any apologies and approve reasons for absence**
No apologies.
- 2324/003 Declaration of Interests**
a) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation
None noted.
- 2425/004 To confirm and ratify the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 3rd March as a true and accurate record.**
Resolved to approve the full council minutes held on Monday 3 March.
- 2425/005 Public Participation**
Members from Alwoodley 2030 advised members of their current activities including walking to school, open nature gardens and ecological surveys to support their grant application. It was agreed to consider the grant application at Item 010.
Gareth Cook from the Leeds Rhinos Foundation advised members on the work the Foundation undertakes in respect of summer camps for 7 to 14 year old children from Alwoodley and the surrounding areas. Members thanked him for the presentation.
- 2425/006 Update from the Parish Ranger**
Mark Illingworth advised members on the work he had undertaken to date including the playground. He is open to feedback from members and others in the Parish on what needed to be done.
- 2425/007 Financial matters**
a) To note the financial position (Appendix 1) and to note the new banking arrangements
Members noted the position.
b) To note AGAR and internal audit deadline of 31 July 2025



Members noted the position.

- 2425/008 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**
a) Update on Clerk vacancy.
The post had been re-advertised and applicants had until 11 April to respond.
- 2425/009 To consider matters requested by Councillors and agree any necessary action**
a) To consider the grant from the Alwoodley Scout Group.
Members considered the application and approved the grant amounting to £1,601.76.
b) Update on band concerts
The issue of public indemnity insurance for running the band concerts without the umbrella cover of Leeds City Council was raised. Unless the APC PI cover allowed for individual councillors to be covered then concerts could not be undertake.
- 2425/010 To receive updates from the Parish Council's working parties and agree any necessary action including the following:**
a) To receive an update from Environmental and Bio-diversity Working Party
The bridal way path had been completed and the work had been done to a good standard. In the light of the eco survey it was agreed there was a need to produce a bio diversity policy for the Council to consider. The Working Party will bring a draft to the next meeting.
The Alwoodley 2023 grant application was discussed and it was considered some elements could be agreed at the meeting whilst others needed further consideration. Elements of the grant application to cover funding of the Walk to School Week banners, costume purchase, nature friendly garden day and energy saving workshop were agreed with the remaining elements to be considered at the next meeting.
b) Any other working party
None
- 2425/011 To receive an update from the Ward member**
Councillor L Buckley updated members on the King Lane pathway. The Leeds Rhinos Foundation application was considered and it was agreed to fund the shortfall in funding to a maximum of £2,500.
- 2425/012 To receive an update from members representing external bodies.**
None reported
- 2425/013 To receive an update from the Planning Committee**
Cllr Towns reported there were no issues that needed to be referred to the Plans Panel other than clarification from Highways on one application.
- 2425/014 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**
Members were asked to submit any issues to the Clerk.
- 2425/015 Chair's remarks and correspondence**
The Chair advised the Annual Parish Meeting had not yet been arranged. Dates would be circulated for agreement.
- 2425/016 To confirm the date of the next meeting on 12 May 2025 at 7.00pm**
Resolved that the next meeting will be held on 12th May 2025 at 7.00pm.