

Arley Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:15pm,
Thursday 8th January, 2026 at Stewart Court Community Room**

Present:

Cllr Martin Langley (Chair)
Cllr Nigel Turley
Cllr Trevor Tennant
Cllr David Williams

Cllr Carolyn McKay
Cllr Julie Davis
Cllr Eric Fellows (Vice Chairman)

In Attendance:

Jane Chatterton – Locum Clerk & RFO
Ashley Lucas for MP Josie Gosling

Public: 3

082-25	Apologies for Absence	ACTION
	Apologies for absence were received from: APC - Cllr Male NWBC Councillors; Cllr Susan Guilmant, Cllr Jackson WCC Councillors; Cllr Jennifer Warren, Cllr Scott Cameron, Josie Gosling MP Sophia Ali – Monitoring Officer	
083-25	Declarations of Interests	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
084-25	Public Participation	
	<u>Proposed Planning Application</u> Parishioner requested the opinion of the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the Parish Council were in support of parishioner concerns and would make representations against the development once the formal application had been received.	
	Ashley Lucas (MPs Office) – added that this is just a proposal currently, so little can be done until the application was submitted. As soon as the application was made then the application would be reviewed.	
	It was agreed that there are a lot of reasons why the land was not ideal for development.	
	Cllr McKay added that she had met with Cllr Jennifer Warren on another matter and had visited the site to give her a good impression of how the land sloped etc.	
	<u>Speed monitoring</u> ACTION: Cllr Fellows to investigate setting the group up and further training of new volunteers.	

	<u>Coffee and cake funding raising event</u> ACTION: Agreed for Cllr Davis to organise an event. Supported by the Parish Council.	
085-25	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th November 2025 were received and discussed.	
	<i>Proposed: Cllr Fellows Seconded: Cllr Davis Unanimous</i> RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th November 2025 be approved.	
086-25	Matters Arising	
	There were no matters arising that were not listed on the agenda.	
087-25	The Pavillion, Hilltop – Update	
	<u>New hirer</u> It was reported that a new hirer of the Pavilion had been identified for a 12 month contract.	
	ACTION: to be progressed.	
	<u>Current hirer</u> Aspire had been a hirer since 18 th November.	
	ACTION: Clerk to contact Aspire re payments, as no payments could be located going into the bank account.	
	<u>Pavilion meeting</u> ACTION: Clerk to organise.	
	<u>NWBC Grant</u> ACTION: need the bank details for the NWBC grant funding to go in the bank.	
088-25	Arley Parish Account – Update	
	It was reported that the Parish Council bank balance was: 8 th December 2025 - £52,153.18	
089-25	Budget and Precept 2026-27	
	The Budget and Precept request for 2026-27 was discussed in general. A forecast budget had been prepared in detail reflective of increased costs involved in running the Parish Council.	
	The budget to meet the Parish Council expenditure for 2026-27 was agreed at £46,138.00.	

	Some expenditure for regular budgeted items was unknown for 2026-27 but would incur an uplift. As in previous years the Parish Council factored in a small contingency for increases and for unexpected expenditure.	
	Various options were discussed. It was agreed to approve a Precept of £48,444.90 giving a contingency of £2,306.90 and a Band D figure £55.72 per annum (£1.07 per week).	
	RESOLVED THAT (i) The Precept Request for 2026-27 be approved at £48,444.90. (ii) Clerk to send the Precept Request to NWBC.	
090-25	Donation to the School	
	ACTION: Cllr Fellows to liaise with the school.	
091-25	Arley Parish Council Facebook Page	
	The Parish Council Facebook Page was up and running and information being shared.	
092-25	Date of the Next meeting	
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 5 th February 2026 at the Pavilion.	

Meeting closed at 8:50pm