

Arley Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:15pm,
Thursday 5th March 2026 at Stewart Court Community Room**

Present:

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

Cllr Julie Davis
Cllr Eric Fellows (Vice Chairman)
Cllr John Male

In Attendance:

Jane Chatterton – Locum Clerk & RFO
NWBC Councillors; Cllr Jackson, Cllr Susan Guilment
WCC Councillors; Scott Cameron
Ashley Lucas assistant to Josie Gosling – MP

Public: 27

109-25	Apologies for Absence	ACTION
	Apologies for absence were received from: APC Councillor; Councillor McKay.	
110-25	Declarations of Interests	
	Councillor Davis Councillor Male Councillor Williams Pavilion Committee Pavilion Committee Pavilion Committee	
111-25	Public Participation	
	<u>Application PAP/2026/0074</u> The Chairman expressed the Parish Council's support against objecting to the Planning Application and confirmed that an Objection would be made.	
	An invitation was extended to the Group to meet separately with APC to discuss further.	
	It was noted that a meeting had taken place last night. This was the second meeting, 90 people attending. Attended the meeting to update in terms of what they had been doing. The Group would be objecting to the proposed development. Lack of infrastructure in the village, 220 homes, would produce a huge strain on the doctors etc. Construction traffic, build construction likely to take 5 years.	
	Planning Meeting at NWBC on Monday and it became apparent that because of the changes in the legislation and because they don't have the 5 year building scheme. The development could be approved.	

	Ancient woodland – which some places don't have. Finding ways to fight the development.	
	Planning Authority are given the APC the opportunity to comment on the application and would make their recommendations.	
	ACTION: Set up a meeting with the Group and APC Councillors.	
	Arley NHP Update	
	ACTION: (i) Standard agenda item going forward. (ii) Agenda item for next meeting to approve expenditure to cover costs.	
112-25	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th February 2026 were received and discussed.	
	<i>Proposed: Cllr Turley Seconded: Cllr Tennant Unanimous</i> RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th February 2026 be approved.	
113-25	Matters Arising	
	There were no matters arising that were not listed on the agenda.	
	<u>Village News</u> – grant approved at the last meeting of £500.00. ACTION: Add in article on what APC are doing.	
114-25	Report on the Recreation Grounds by Cllr Tennant	
	It was reported that the grounds were starting to dry out.	
	Minor updates and fixing were outstanding. Grounding under the swings needed repairs when the ground dries outs. Graffiti – tried to remove it but not shifting. ACTION: look at what can remove the graffiti.	
	It was noted that a request had been paid by a parishioner for more equipment for older children.	
115-25	The Pavillion, Hilltop – Update	
	Cllr Davis reported that since the last meeting the Pavilion Committee had been quite busy, they had hired a Caretaker, Mrs Katrina Sansome.	
	Some jobs had been completed including the key box being installed, the leaking tap has been replaced. The Pavilion was clean and litter picked.	

	We have planned an open day for April 6 th , please forward any names of people you would like to invite to Cllr Davis.	
	We couldn't open as a warm hub yesterday because the building needed the electrical certificate. Chess and Ty Belford were very happy with the food and drink offering that Josh was providing out of kitchen 1, however there was still some electrical problems in that kitchen which we are looking around £500 to get that put right. It has been a month of progress but also some steps back unfortunately but were positively moving forward.	
	<u>Electrical issues</u> Despite the Standing Orders being in place Councillor Male addressed members of public to inform them of issues at the Pavilion. It was suggested that this was not a way forward and Councillor Male was requested not to continue. This was ignored.	
	<u>Paperwork –</u> ACTION: all paperwork to be passed to the Pavilion Committee.	
	<u>Booking Clerk –</u> Still outstanding.	
116-25	Pavilion car park	
	Awaiting quotes. ACTION: agenda item March's meeting.	
117-25	Councillor DBS Checks	
	Councillor and contractor DBS Checks – next steps The Monitoring Officer had confirmed that all Councillors and Staff required DBS checks. ACTION: to be completed.	
118-25	Arley Parish Account- Update	
	The main account stands at £21,056.59 The Pavilion account at £4,558.05 Warm Hub and Parish Council Reserves at £21,684.04	
119-25	Arley Parish Council Facebook Page	
	The Parish Council Facebook Page was up and running and information being shared.	

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120-25	Planning Sub-Committee	
	Discussed earlier in the meeting.	
121-25	Communication & Correspondence	
	It was reported that there had been a significant increase in FOI requests. Whilst it is noted that residents are permitted to make such requests, the burden on Parish Council resources was impacted. Councillor Fellows read out a Thank you letter from the School, thanking the Parish Council for the new microphones.	
122-25	Disorderly conduct	
	The Chairman had requested that residents in the public gallery refrain from talking as this was disrupting Parish Council discussion and business and making minute taking difficult.	
	<i>It is noted that no person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this Standing Order is ignored, the Chairman of the meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.</i> <i>If person(s) disregard the request of the Chairman of the meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any Councillor or the Chairman of the meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or be excluded from the meeting. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.</i> <i>If a resolution made under Standing Order 2(b) is ignored, the Chairman of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.</i>	
	After the third request was ignored the decision to move to suspend the meeting was discussed. <i>Proposed: Cllr Langley Seconded: Cllr Turley Agreed</i> RESOLVED THAT it was approved to suspend the meeting.	
	Members of the public were asked to leave, and the Parish Council then reconvened the meeting.	
123-25	Date of the Next meeting	
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 9 th April 2026.	

Meeting closed at 8:45pm