

**ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**  
**Meeting held in the Oriel Room, St Ricarius Church, Main Street, Aberford,**  
**commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present;**

**Councillors:** Sarah Bradley (Chair), Graham Bradley, Nancy Griffiths,  
Chris Ibbotson and Ruth Reed,  
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.  
2 members of the public.

**a. To confirm co-option of a candidate.**

The co-option of candidate Karen Baxter was confirmed, she duly signed the Acceptance of Office, which allowed her to take a full part in the meeting. The Clerk would inform the Leeds CC Electoral Services and arrange for a Parish Council email address.

**1.To receive and approve reasons for absence.**

No apologies received.

**2. Disclosure of Interests.**

Councillor G.Bradley declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 6.a.

**3. Minutes.**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair Councillor S.Bradley.

**4. Public Participation**

a. No comments received.

b. No agenda items received.

c. The Chair invited a resident to speak about comments made at the previous meeting (see minute 4. 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025), as he had now received correspondence from Chris Proctor, the Leeds CC Senior Traffic Engineer (the Parish Council had also received correspondence but it did not include the link to the report provisions). He was informed that his objections which included the loss of car parking spaces and the problems that would be encountered with a full width ramp, had been presented to the Council's Chief Officer (for Highways and Transportation) but having taken into account the views of Ward Councillors and the Police, the objection was overruled. All other objections had also been overruled resulting in the implementation of the proposals which included the removal of the build out near Manor Court, in favour of installing a full width road hump only. The resident had also been informed that he would be contacted formally by the Council's Legal Services, to confirm the date the Traffic Regulation Order is made and when it will become operative for the works for the scheme to commence.

The Parish Council had noted that the scheme was now approved in principle but that the drawings were still in draft format, an enquiry would be made to request a meeting for further discussion to take place to seek clarification on the detail and on introducing adjustments. The Clerk was also asked to request that the removal of older buildouts located on the brow of the hill which had seen frequent vehicle strikes and one situated near the village hall, would be removed before the works for the scheme commenced.

A member of the public in attendance asked if the Council had been informed about the planned upgrade of the TransPennine railway route, having been informed that the Council had received correspondence from Network Rail a while ago, the Chair invited the resident to speak about the matter. He informed members of his concerns

that any traffic diversions could impact on Aberford and asked if information could be obtained on what the plan was, following the recent disruption encountered in nearby Crossgates. The Clerk would contact the agents to request the information.

d. No Ward Councillor in attendance.

### **5. Crime & Security.**

a. The Clerk reported that the latest crime report on the Police.uk website for Leeds North-East, had shown thirteen crimes were reported in Aberford covering the month of November 2025. These were for theft, burglary, public order criminal damage and arson, drugs and violence and sexual offences.

b. The Clerk informed members that the next PACT meeting was expected to be on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

c. The link for reporting non-emergency crimes or Anti-social behaviour is

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk)

d. Community Alert scheme.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/west-yorkshire-community-alert>

### **6. Projects update.**

a. Following the request for an update (see minute 6.a. 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025), on a proposed lease agreement with Leeds CC for the Bowling Green and surrounding land, a twelve-month agreement had been offered as a temporary solution which gave consent to the Parish Council and Bowling Club to maintain the green and retain the 2025 season ticket fees. Having discussed the conditions within the agreement, it was agreed that the Clerk respond and reject the offer and request a lease agreement for the entire site.

b. Councillor S. Bradley provided members with her thoughts on the reasons why the playground provision at Beckside was now not fit for purpose and for the Council to consider having it changed. Having viewed the document prepared by the Clerk to be issued to the playground contractors, it was agreed to proceed with the proposal.

### **7. Traffic/Parking issues, Aberford Main Street.**

Members having received a recent communication from Daniel Edwards Project Manager for National Highways, concerning the ending of the M1/A1 improvement works, it was noted that they would have in place an environmental weight limit.

In view of the comments, members discussed pursuing a permanent environmental traffic weight limit through the village, in addition Councillor Ibbotson mentioned he had spoken with Daniel Edwards who had confirmed that Leeds CC would make such decisions. Having considered the implications, it was agreed that Councillor Ibbotson would explore the options on behalf of the Parish Council and the Clerk would provide a contact at Leeds CC for him.

Councillor S. Bradley informed members that she would be attending a meeting with Balfour Beatty (contractors for National Highways), concerning the increased capacity on the A1(M) northbound between junctions 43 (Hook Moor) and junction 44 (A64), by creating an additional lane within the original layout of the road.

It was also agreed that she and Councillor Ibbotson should also visit the Future Biogas Plant on Ridge Road (the plant is designed to produce electricity and biomethane, using poultry manure, waste and by-products), to ascertain information on what the transport arrangements were for vehicles travelling through Aberford.

The Clerk would enquire if the above mentioned company had an appropriate licence/permit to transport materials through Aberford and in which vehicles.

### **8. Correspondence received requiring discussion.**

No items to consider.

## 9. Planning Matters.

a. The following applications and appeals were received and noted.

### Applications

Planning Application /Appeal Reference	Address	Details
25/07505/FU	12 Brierlands Fold Garforth	Single storey rear extension with raised decking area; large window to replace patio door to ground floor area and part garage conversion to habitable room space.
25/07426/FU	Windsor Farm House Windsor Farm York Road	Demolition of existing front extension; new single storey front extension; first floor side/rear extension with raising of eaves height; alterations to cladding, chimney and fenestration.
25/07520/FU	Milestone House Greystone Park.	Alterations to existing roof and construction of a first-floor extension to front.

b. The following decisions and appeals were received and noted.

### Decisions

Planning Application /Appeal Reference	Address	Details
25/05064/FU	Sturton Grange Farm Ridge Road Micklefield	Variation of condition 1 (temporary time limit) of planning permission 19/05155/FU for the retention of 84 caravans in connection with housing of seasonal workers on an existing soft fruit farm <b>Approved 09.12.25</b>

## 10. Finance.

a. The report and content of the receipts, payments and balances were received and **APPROVED** for appropriate governance.

b. The bank reconciliations as at 31.12.2025 were **APPROVED**.

c. The following invoices for payment and charges received were **APPROVED**.

Date prepared	Jan-26			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
BACS	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£488.17		£488.17
BACS	B Riley - Home Allowance /Mileage	£22.00		£22.00
BACS	Hire of Oriel Room, St Ricarius Church	£20.00		£20.00
D/Debit	Giff Gaff - Phone	£6.00		£6.00
D/Debit	Unity Bank Charges	£6.00		£6.00

D/Debit	Nat West - Bank Charges	£3.15		£3.15
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£545.32</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£545.32</b>

d. Following comments made at the recent discussion group consultation, the budget figures proposed would result in a precept request of £23000 for the financial year 2026 – 27. Councillor S.Bradley stated this had remained the same for a four year period.

**11. Information from the Clerk or Councillors.**

a. The Chair and the Clerk had attended a meeting with the trustees of Aberford Albion FC, during the meeting they were shown around the new extension and discussed how the Parish Council could support them in the short term by providing information on grant applications and in the long term by holding Parish Council meetings there.

Following the recent discussion group consultation for setting the budget (see minute 10.d.), Councillor S.Bradley had noted that the forecast for the current financial year would result in a surplus, the funds would be used to consider further grant applications.

The Clerk would circulate the map provided by Councillor Baxter to assist with plotting footpaths/permissive routes within the Parlington Estate (see minute 11. 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025).

The Clerk reported that the area of land by the bridge near the Beckside play area had now been treated for moles.

The Clerk was asked to add to the next agenda, a discussion concerning the future of the Arabian Horse public house following the notice issued that it was available to lease.

**12. Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved;** that the next Parish Council meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Oriel Room, St Ricarius Church, Aberford.

**13. Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.**

There were no matters discussed that required the exclusion of the public or press.

Signed .....  
Chair Aberford & District Parish Council

Date.....

**The meeting closed at 8.19pm.**