

**ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**  
**Meeting held in the Oriel Room, St Ricarius Church, Main Street, Aberford,**  
**commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present;**

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

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

Councillor S.Bradley.

The reason for not attending was accepted.

**2. Disclosure of Interests.**

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

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Councillor Ibbotson declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 10.d.1.

Councillor Baxter declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 10.d.3.

**3. Minutes.**

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

**4. Public Participation**

a. A member of the public wished to speak about the traffic Regulation Order concerning the Leeds CC design proposals for traffic calming on Main Street, but was informed that as it had not been requested as an agenda item (see agenda item 4.b.), then discussion would not take place.

b. A member of the public requested an agenda item for the next meeting concerning the Leeds CC traffic calming design for Main Street.

c. The Chair invited the member of the public in attendance to speak about comments made at the previous meeting (see minute 4.c. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026). on the upgrade of the TransPennine railway route and the possible traffic impact on the village of the closure of Ridge Road, he was informed that members had been provided with a link to the following website <https://thetrupgrade.co.uk/RidgeRoad/>, which provided information about proposed alternative routes for traffic.

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 six crimes were reported in Aberford covering the month of December 2025. These were for burglary, violence and sexual offences and theft.

b. The Clerk informed members that he had not yet received confirmation of the next PACT meeting, he would circulate the invitation to members when received.

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 Clerk contacting George Seedhouse, Land & Property Officer for Leeds CC Asset Management & Regeneration, to reject the initial 12 month

agreement (see minute 6.a. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026), an online meeting had been arranged with him and Paul Senior Leeds CC Parks & Countryside Technical Officer and the Parish Council. This resulted in a new temporary agreement being drawn up with a 'comfort letter' to accompany it that would give the assurance to the Parish Council that a long term lease agreement would be provided. Having applied due diligence to the content of both documents it was agreed to accept them to secure the facility for the village, this would also result in the Club not being liable to pay any retrospective subscription fees. The Bowling Club would be issued with the agreement between them and the Parish Council as part of the process.

b. Comment was made that several businesses had made enquiries about the lease for the Arabian Horse public house, which it was hoped would secure the future of this village facility.

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

a. The information received regarding the possibility of obtaining a permanent environmental traffic weight limit through the village, was provided to members at the meeting, having been received after issue of the meeting documents. When considering the implementation of a restriction Leeds CC must adhere to specific statutory criteria set out in national guidance. Having applied the three primary reasons (safety, environmental, structural), within the criteria, there was no justification for Aberford to have a permanent restriction.

b. It was anticipated that the proposed meetings with Balfour Beatty (to discuss the work being carried out to increase capacity on the A1(M) northbound) and with Future Biogas Plant (to seek confirmation that their vehicles are not travelling through the village), would take place on Friday of the current week. Prior to the meeting with Future Biogas. an enquiry had been made to Emma Hargreaves the Leeds CC Minerals Enforcement Officer, about vehicles associated with the plant traveling through the village, she confirmed that no haulage should be coming through any of the local villages including Aberford. The only exception being to this might be where one of the sources of feedstock has come from a local farm.

**8. Correspondence received requiring discussion.**

No items to consider.

**9. Planning Matters.**

a. No applications received.

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

**Decisions**

<b>Planning Application /Appeal Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Details</b>
25/01471/FU	Naylor Concrete Products Ltd Ash Lane Garforth Leeds LS25 2HQ.	Erection of sub-station including new fencing and creation of an off street parking space for one car. <b>Approved 06.02.26</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 31.01.2026 were **APPROVED**.

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

Date prepared	Feb-26			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
BACS	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£488.37		£488.37
BACS	B Riley - Home Allowance /Mileage	£22.00		£22.00
BACS	Hire of Oriel Room, St Ricarius Church	£40.00		£40.00
D/Debit	Giff Gaff - Phone	£6.00		£6.00
BACS	Microsoft 365	£84.99		£84.99
D/Debit	Unity Bank Charges	£6.00		£6.00
D/Debit	Nat West - Bank Charges	£1.75		£1.75
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£649.11</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£649.11</b>

The Clerk presented an invoice from Leeds CC dated November 2024, which was not on the payment list as it was in dispute, but if correct it was agreed that it would be paid.

d. Following comment made at the previous meeting about a budget surplus (see minute 11. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026), the funds received from the Leeds Festival ticket sales would be used on this occasion to issue grants to local Community Groups.

1. Having received a grant application from Aberford Bowling Club, it was agreed to award a grant of £1950.
2. Having received two grant applications from Aberford PTA, it was agreed to award a grant of £725 and a grant of £1420
3. Having received a grant application from Aberford Literature Festival, it was agreed to award a grant of £725.
4. Having received a grant application from Aberford Albion FC, it was agreed to award a grant of £3500.

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

The outcome of the proposed meetings with Balfour Beatty and Future Biogas (minute 7.b.) be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

To progress an agreement with Savills plc (consultants to the Parlington Estate), to agree the footpaths/permissive routes within the estate (see minute 11. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026), the Clerk was asked to invite them to the next meeting to view the map being produced.

The Clerk was asked to report the blocked drains on the bridge.

#### **12. Date of next meeting.**

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

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

The Clerk would make further enquiries with Aberford Albion FC about the use of the venue.

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

Date.....

**The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.**