

ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 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.

1.To receive and approve reasons for absence.

Councillor S.Bradley.

The reason for not attending was accepted.

2. Disclosure of Interests.

No interests were disclosed.

3. Minutes.

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

4. Public Participation

- a. No public in attendance.
- b. No agenda items received.
- c. No public in attendance.
- d. Ward Councillor Wallis had sent her apologies to the Clerk.

5. Crime & Security.

- a. The Clerk reported that the latest crime report on the Police.uk website for Leeds North-East, had shown four crimes were reported in Aberford covering the month of April 2026. These were for violence and sexual offences and the possession of weapons. It was noted that the theft of a car from Beech View had occurred following a burglary at a resident's house, this was likely to appear in a future crime report.
- b. The Clerk informed members that the next PACT meeting would be held on the 16th July 2026.
- c. The link for reporting non-emergency crimes or Anti-social behaviour is www.westyorkshire.police.uk
- d. Community Alert scheme.
<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/west-yorkshire-community-alert>

6. Projects update.

- a. A response had been received from Savills plc following the submission of the maps and covering document, stating that they were meeting with the owners on the Estate in July where it was intended to walk the proposed routes to understand their suitability. It was agreed that the Clerk would offer a representative from the Parish Council to attend and assist them.
- b. To progress the installation of a new playground at Beckside, it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the playground companies contacted to provide a design and possible funding, to meet on Friday 14th August 2026 at 11.00am.
- c. Having received the annual playground inspection report for both playgrounds (Beckside and Jubilee Fields), it was noted that most of the existing equipment was considered low risk and both sites classified as medium risk, therefore no further action would be taken at this time other than for Councillor G.Bradley to obtain two missing bolt cover caps for the climbing wall within the multi climbing frame at the Beckside playground

7. Traffic/Parking issues, Aberford Main Street.

The Clerk confirmed he had not yet had a response from Ward Councillors following the sending of information (see minute 7.d. 17th May 2026), concerning the placing of 4/5 rubber strips to collate speed data along Main Street.

8. Correspondence received requiring discussion.

No items to consider.

9. Planning Matters.

a. The following application was received and noted.

Applications

Planning Application /Appeal Reference	Address	Details
26/02640/FU	Land to the West of Aberford Road Garforth	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to previously approved planning application 22/02297/FU (Construction of a storage and distribution building (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E) and site access, service roads, car parking areas, landscaping, a multiuse sports pitch, pedestrian and cycleways and associated works) for and increase in height to the building, alterations to the facade and internal layout changes

b. Nothing to report.

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 31.05.2026 were **APPROVED**.

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

Date prepared	Jun-26			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
BACS	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£488.37		£488.37
BACS	B Riley - Home Allowance /Mileage	£26.00		£26.00
BACS	Oriel Room hire, St Ricarius Church	£20.00		£20.00
D/Debit	Giff Gaff - Phone	£6.00		£6.00
BACS	IPI Ltd	£165.00	£33.00	£198.00
BACS	Leeds CC	£500.00		£500.00
D/Debit	Unity Bank Charges	£7.00		£7.00
D/Debit	Nat West - Bank Charges	£83.39		£83.39
	Total Payments	£1,295.76	£33.00	£1,328.76

- d. Having reviewed the Financial Risk Management document it was agreed that it be adopted.
- e. Members having considered the request for a donation of £50 for a Poppy Appeal wreath agreed to it.

11. Information from the Clerk or Councillors.

Councillor Griffiths gave reference to the email circulated to members concerning the proposed community orchard on Jubilee Fields and the news that the Leeds CC Woodland Creation Team having mapped the area for fruit trees, were now unlikely to fund the project which was frustrating as the project was delayed (see minute 11. 17th March 2026), for them to do the work and fund it. They had offered an alternative organisation to do the work and provide funding (Fruitworks a Charity that provides fruit trees), but the application form and conditions required were obstructive for the amount which would be provided (approx. £450), it was therefore decided that rather than incur any further delay that the Parish Council would instead fund the project. Members were informed that the newsletter (see minute 9. 19th May 2026) had now been issued to the printers, when delivered, Councillors would be allocated an amount for distribution within the village.

Following information that the refurbishment work at the Aberford Albion FC clubhouse were now complete, an enquiry about the use of the facilities from August would be progressed.

12. Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on 21st July 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

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The meeting closed at 7.56pm.