

ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026.
Meeting held at Aberford Albion FC Clubhouse, Aberford LS25 3DF,
commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present;

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

1.To receive and approve reasons for absence.

Full attendance.

2. Disclosure of Interests.

No interests were disclosed.

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 public in attendance
- b. No agenda items received.
- c. It was noted that members of the public may not speak at any other time during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair.
- 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 nine crimes were reported in Aberford covering the month of July 2026. These were for anti-social behaviour, violence and sexual offences, theft and an unspecified crime.
- b. The Clerk informed members that the next PACT meeting was on Thursday 08th October 2026, at 6.30pm and was being held at Wetherby Police Station, Boston Road, Wetherby, LS22 5HA.
- 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. The Clerk informed members that he had not yet received any information from the playground companies on provision of a new playground at Beckside (see minute 6. 18th August 2026).

Having received an enquiry from playground company Eibe Play Ltd, it was agreed that the Clerk and the Chair would convene a meeting with them for 09th October 2026 at 11.00am to discuss the provision of a new playground at Beckside.

7. Traffic/Parking issues, Aberford Main Street.

Prior to the meeting, members had been circulated with further correspondence from the resident about his attempts to acquire updates on the traffic calming design scheme (see minute 4. 18th August 2026).

8. Correspondence received requiring discussion.

- a. Having received a copy of the invoice issued by Savills (agents for Parlington

LLP), to the Selby Educational Trust (SET), for the rental of the Aberford C of E Primary School property, discussion took place on why a lease agreement had resulted in the charge being applied and why the School was not aware. It was agreed that for the Parish Council to offer support, it would need a copy of the lease to establish why the School was to pay the invoice and not SET (who had been invoiced), and if the School had been made aware that a charge would apply.

9. Planning Matters.

- No applications received.
- The following decisions and appeals were received and noted.

Decisions

Planning Application /Appeal Reference	Address	Details
25/02505/FU	Hayton House Farm Great North Road Leeds LS25 3AU	Construction of an energy park comprising 49.9MW solar farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure. Approved 13.08.26
25/05839/LI	Priory Park Bunkers Hill	Listed Building Application for remedial works to stonework on the main tower, southern and northern wings, pinnacles and coping stones and roof works to include lead flashing. Approved 24.08.26
26/03791/LI	Dark Arch Parlington Lane Parlington Estate	Listed building application for repointing to soffits, portals, and walls, consolidation of SW Portal and ventilation shafts, replacement of spalling and missing stones. Approved 28.08.26
26/03215/OT	Lotherton Hall, Lotherton Lane	Outline application with matters reserved (appearance) for erection of a Single storey building to house ring tailed lemurs. Withdrawn 24.08.26

10. Finance.

- The report and content of the receipts, payments and balances were received and **APPROVED** for appropriate governance.
- The bank reconciliations as at 31.08.2025 were **APPROVED**.
- The following invoices for payment and charges received were **APPROVED**.

Date prepared	Sep-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
BACS	Aberford Albion FC	£20.00		£20.00
D/Debit	Giff Gaff - Phone	£6.00		£6.00
D/Debit	Nat West - Bank Charges	£2.80		£2.80
Total Payments		£563.17	£0.00	£563.17

d. Councillor S.Bradley informed members that she was due to attend a meeting with CIA (Community Illuminations Aberford), to discuss their contribution to the funding for the provision of Christmas Lights for this year. Having considered again how the Parish Council supports the event (see minute 13. 21st July 2026), and the cost to provide the existing lights/motifs, it was noted that it came at a considerable percentage to the budget and a request to increase the number of existing lights/motifs, could not be accommodated. It was agreed that the existing provision should not be increased until the level of funding to be received from CIA was confirmed.

11. Information from the Clerk or Councillors.

Councillor Reed had still not received instruction from YAS (see minute 11. 11th August 2026), on how to change the code on the defibrillator cabinet.

Councillor Griffiths commented that she had received information that members of Aberford in Bloom had struggled this year to carry out the work they do around the village, this was a concern should they not be able to do so in the future.

12. Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on 20th October 2026 at Aberford Albion FC Clubhouse, Bunkers Hill, Aberford LS25 3DF.

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

Members duly noted the new pay rates applicable to the Clerk's employment, which would be back dated from 01st April 2026.

Signed
Chair Aberford & District Parish Council

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The meeting closed at 8.33pm.