

Alderminster Parish Council
 Minutes for
 Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
 Held on
 Monday 16th March 2026
 Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr John Melville
 Cllr Mark Meadows
 Cllr David Curtis
 Mrs L Callow (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 5 member of the public

1	Apologies: It was agreed to receive apologies from DC Cllr Paul Harrison.
2	Co-Option- Chair introduced Joe Hutchings as the new co-opted councillor. Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
3	Declaration of interests: None
4	Questions from the public: Members of the public used this time to ask questions and express their opinions.
5	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meetings of the 12 th January 2026 were RESOLVED to accept and were signed by the Chairman.
6	Planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/02795/FUL 65 New Road – Chair is contacting the planning officer to discuss more about the application. No Objection to the actual planning application but want to ensure the construction management plan takes the onsite construction parking into consideration. • 25/01496/REM – This application has now been withdrawn.
7	Hedges: The county councillor will post a formal letter through the doors with overgrown hedges and if there is no change he will discuss with highways to take further action.
8	Drainage: Cllr Meadows has emailed the WCC Cllr with all current drainage issues within the village. County councillor is still looking into all the drainage issues within the village.
9	Councillors' reports: Cllr Melville was contacted by a MOP regarding speeding along the A3400. This concern has been noted and given to the WCC Cllr to investigate further.
10	District and County Councillors' reports:

WCC Cllr Curtis- full report attached. **Appendix A**

DC Cllr Harrison did not attend due to being on holiday and has not given a report.

11 **Accounts for payment and finance matters:**

- i) Laura Callow (reimbursement for office supplies) - £75.91
- ii) Laura Callow (reimbursement for Microsoft365) - £84.99
- iii) Clerks Salary (January) - £**
- iv) HMRC - £**
- v) DCK Payroll (January) - £36.00
- vi) DCK Payroll (February) - £36.00
- vii) Clearview Windows (bus shelters) - £100.00
- viii) HMRC - £**
- ix) Clerks Salary (February)- £**
- x) HMRC - £**
- xi) Clerks Salary (March)- £**
- xii) DCK Payroll (March) - £36.00

The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr Kenneth Dunn as our Internal Auditor for this financial year 2025/26

- 12 **Correspondence:** MOP inquired about the surveys being done throughout the village. Clerk spoke with the WCC Cllr who spoke to SDC as was told they are unable to give out the contact details of the external company or let us know the reason why the surveys were undertaken.
- 13 SDC emailed the company enquiring whether they were happy for SDC to pass along their contact details or let them know the reason for the surveys so that they could maybe pass that along instead. They got back to SDC and declined.

14 **Items for future agenda:** Church Grant

Next meeting Monday 11th May 2026

Meeting closed at 08.27pm

Signed.....

Appendix A
Warwickshire county councillors report
Councillor David Cutrtis

March 2026

Local Government Reorganisation

Local Authorities have until March 24 to submit preferences for Foundation Strategic Authorities <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance>

In essence this will be the Strategic Authority that will be formed by North/South/Unified Warwickshire with other LA's. The preference among most is for a N/S split Warwickshire with South Warwickshire combine with Gloucs and Worcs. It will be a decision by Sec of State

Have your say on Local Government Reorganisation

The government has launched a consultation to invite residents, businesses, and key stakeholders, to have their say as part of the consultation on what Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) should look like in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7405/have-your-say-on-local-government-reorganisation-in-warwickshire>

County Budget

Due to last minute changes in Central Government funding the Council's finances are stronger than anticipated and Council tax will rise by 4.44% after other parties united to block Reform's plans for a 3.89% hike. That'll add about £80 a year to a Band D property's bill.

Although the difference between the Reform proposal – 3.89% and the maximum allowable – 4.99%, may seem marginal, over the 5 year MTFs (Medium Term Financial Strategy) this amounts to £26m which has to be found by other service cuts or reductions.

Heating Oil

Rising Heating Oil Costs Draw Westminster Attention - Rural Services Network

The Government has announced more than £50 million in targeted financial support to help low-income households who rely on heating oil manage rising fuel costs. The funding will be distributed through local authorities from April via the new Crisis and Resilience Fund, with £27 million allocated to England and additional funding provided to the devolved administrations.

In the announcement, the Government indicated that it intends to introduce stronger consumer protections in the heating oil market, including improvements to price transparency, strengthened industry codes of practice and the possible creation of a new regulator or ombudsman to oversee the sector.

Greater oversight of the heating oil market is something the Rural Services Network has long called for, highlighting the lack of consumer protections for households reliant on off-grid fuels.

Food Waste Action Week 2026 (X and Facebook)

This Food Waste Action Week and beyond, find out how reducing your household's food waste is good for the environment and your wallet. Read more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7466/make-your-food-go-further-this-food-waste-action-week

Support available to young carers (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council is highlighting the support available to young carers and young adult carers, which can help them to balance important caring responsibilities alongside time to rest and enjoy fun activities. Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7482/council-highlights-the-support-available-to-young-carers-this-young-carers-action-day

Councillor Grant Fund

This has been continued. This first round deadline will likely be in early July. I will prioritise local community projects that have support from the PC. This is the previous link but as yet there is no announcement for 2026-27 <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants>

SDC Climate Resilient Stratford-on-Avon

SDC has launched its Climate Resilient Stratford-on-Avon programme which provides an opportunity for ten organisations to have a personalised Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan produced for them and will receive £10,000 in grant funding to begin to implement the actions identified in the Action Plan. Organisations that can apply are:

- Town and Parish Councils
- Community and charity groups
- Independent businesses

This link provides further information: [Climate Resilient Stratford-on-Avon | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Health Screening

District Council has partnered with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to deliver subsidised health screening residents across the District. The programme offers simple but potentially life saving blood tests for men and women aged 18 and over, enabling early detection and timely medical intervention.

The first of the 2026 health screening events coincides with National Screening Day (NSD) during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and takes place on Saturday 21 March, at Venture House, Avenue Farm Industrial Estate, Birmingham Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0HR, running from 10am to 2pm.

Tests are available at a discounted rate of £14 each, supported by District Council funding, and include:

- PSA (Prostate Screening) for men over 40
- Diabetes screening for men and women aged 18+
- Cholesterol checks for men and women aged 18+

Places must be booked in advance at: <https://sdc.mypsatestests.org.uk> or by calling 01926 419959 or emailing info@myhealthtests.org.uk

Potholes

Due to the continued wet weather Highways is under extreme pressure. Please use this link to <https://services.warwickshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> If you believe the issue is dangerous, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 412515 between 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am - 4.30pm Friday.

Livestock worrying

A dog doesn't have to make contact with an animal; it includes chasing and racing about.

	<p>Livestock have been known to have broken their limbs, suffocated, had a cardiac arrest, aborted their unborn or suffered later when giving birth after being chased by a dog.</p> <p>How can you help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Keep your dog on a lead and under close control.•If you leave your dog outside on its own, on your property, ensure that it is in a secure area and cannot escape.•Do not go onto private land unless there is a public footpath or you have permission from the landowner.•Stay on designated footpaths.•If you're entering an area where there are other animals give them plenty of space.•Make sure your details are on your dog's collar and it is microchipped, so that you can be reunited quickly if it is lost, plus it is a legal requirement.•If you have livestock and would like a "Dog on Lead" sign, then please email the team on RuralCrimeTeam@warwickshire.police.uk	
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