

AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Member

I have to inform you that the next meeting of **AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2026** at **6:30 p.m. at Doe Lea Centre, Mansfield Road, Doe Lea.** and the agenda is set out below.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting
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Yours sincerely



Clerk & RFO

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of Interests and to receive and approve dispensations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
3. Exclusion of Public – to determine which items, if any, from the agenda should be taken with the public and press excluded
4. Public Forum
5. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2026
6. Police Matters
7. To consider a report from the County Councillor
8. To consider a report from the District Councillor
9. To finalise the Newsletter and arrangements for distribution
10. Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum - DCC
11. Doe Lea Centre – Report to Trustees
 - a) Staffing Arrangements at the Centre
12. Parish Projects
 - (a) Sculpture
 - (b) Ramp
13. Applications for Grant Aid – Ault Hucknall Church
14. Financial Matters
 - (a) Payment of Accounts October 2026 (attached)
 - (b) Finance Report to end September 2026 (attached)
15. Planning Matters
16. Items for Information
17. Date and time of Next Meeting – 10th November 2026
18. Exclusion of Public
19. Doe Lea Centre – Update on legal acquisition

AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held Tuesday 8th September 2026

At Doe Lea Centre

Present

T Trafford

(Chair)

S Poole

D Adsetts-Moseley

L Adsetts-Moseley

A Syrett

J L Hardy

In attendance:

Councillor J Ritchie - BDC

Councillor D Harvey – DCC

R Price – Parish Clerk & RFO-

1538/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Clough, I Grainger-Grimes, R Hill Harmsworth, T J Howell and Councillor C Tite

1539/26 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest

1540/26 Exclusion of Public

No additional items were identified for exclusion of public

1541/26 Public Forum

No members of the public were present and no items were raised

1542/26 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 14th July 2026

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2026 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

1543/26 Police Matters

No police were present.

1544/26 Report of County Councillor

The County Councillor was present and reported that the proposals for Local Government Reorganisation had been suspended for the time being by the government. This had raised a lot of questions and issues. Hodmire Lane work had still not been done and he was continuing to chase it.

1545/26 Reports of District Councillor

District Councillor J Ritchie reported that the crematorium at Shirebrook had officially been opened. He reported on housing development at Briar Close at Shirebrook and Mill Lane at Bolsover. A proposal had been submitted from the developer at Park Avenue not to pay S106 contribution. The way in which planning applications were to be considered at Bolsover was changing in an attempt to reduce the numbers which had to be considered by committee. From October there would be strict rules on what type of application would be coming to planning committee reducing the input that councillors currently had in to the process.

Councillor Ritchie then read out a formal public apology relating to comments that he had made in relation to Dominic Webb's legal advice.

1546/26 Doe Lea Centre

a) Report of Trustees Meeting 1.9.26

Trustees received and approved the report of the Trustees meeting on 1st September 2026.

b) Finance Policy

Trustees agreed to adopt the Finance Policy submitted for consideration

1547/26 Bus Shelter Management

The Clerk had circulated details of the proposal for East Midlands Combined County Authority to take over the management of bus shelters in the county from the County Council. The report was received

1548/26 Community and Place Grant Programme

The Clerk provided information on the Community and Place Grant Programme provided by BDC. Two possible projects were identified

- To revive the signage for the Centre by either commissioning an artist to work with the community or inviting students from the art college at Chesterfield
- improvements and upgrade to the changing room facilities at Doe Lea Recreation area. It was also suggested that investigations be made in to whether the football clubs using the ground may be able to access match funding.

1549/26 Christmas Trees

The Clerk provided quotes for the annual supply of Christmas Trees for the parish. It was agreed that the tree for Bramley Vale be provided as in previous years but that, in response to local feed back, not to install the tree at Willow Walk at Doe Lea. In response to requests for more Christmas displays around the parish it was agreed that the Clerk source some prices to provide a small tree in each of the single tier planters around the parish decorated with solar lights.

1550/26 Football Pitch

a) Update on Hire

The Clerk reported that arrangements had now been made with Wednesday Warriors for the hire of the pitch. The Glapwell Gladiator Under 13's that had enquired about busing the ground on Saturdays no longer wished to go ahead.

b) Mower Disposal

The Clerk reported that, as previously advised to members, the groundsman had arranged for repairs to be carried out to the parish owned mower and had offered to purchase the mower from the parish council. The mower had been valued at £600 but as the groundsman had financed the repairs himself he offered £500 to purchase the mower. It was Proposed Seconded and Resolved that the offer of £500 be accepted .

1551/26 Parish Projects

Sculpture

Nothing further to report

Ramp

The Clerk informed the meeting that M Connley had been in touch seeking to get the project progressed. He made suggestions about the removal of the trees on site, the need to offset the loss as part of bio diversity net gain and the need to look for a tarmac or resin bound

surface . The path would also connect to the existing path around the recreation area. It was hoped that the planning application could now be progressed.

1552/26 Applications for Grant Aid

There were no applications for grant aid.

1553/26 Notice of Completion off Audit 2025-2026

The Clerk reported the successful closure of the final accounts for 2025/2026. No issues had been raised by the external auditor

1554/26 National Pay Award

The Clerk reported that the National Pay Award had been agreed and was to be payable from 1st April 2026

1555/26 Report of Income and Expenditure to 31st July 2026 and Payment of Accounts August and September 2026

It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the Clerk's report on income and expenditure to date be accepted and the following accounts be approved for payment

Parish Council - August		
E R Price	Clerk Salary August	£1293.97
K Gent	Parish Warden Salary August	£614.10
HMRC	PAYE & NI July	£615.44
Eon	Electric changing rooms	£20.51
Shelter maintenance	Cleaning of bus shelters (17383)	£62.71
O2	Parish Mobile	£22.22
AML Midlands Ltd	Microsoft Office & BitFender(39749)	£15.36
M B Maintenance	planters	£300.00
Doe Lea Miners Welfare	Rent & Water	£606.86

Doe Lea Centre - August		
AML Midlands Ltd	Office & bitdefender (39998)	£10.63
	Handset and carriage (40123)	£200.03
	VOIP calls (39955)	£1.01
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene services (MI/1792850)	£57.19
Mint security	CCTV maintenance 60675	£150.00

Parish Council - September		
E R Price	Clerk Salary September	£1546.79
K Gent	Parish Warden Salary September	£659.56
HMRC	PAYE & NI August	£615.04
Eon	Electric changing rooms	£26.33
Shelter maintenance	Cleaning of bus shelters (17520)	£62.71
O2	Parish Mobile	
AML Midlands Ltd	Microsoft Office & BitFender(40294)	£16.56
C C S Services	Maintaining bank at recreation ground(26090) July	£300.00
	(26104) August	£300.00
SSE Energy	Supply to Sculpture	
M B Maintenance	planters	£150.00
	Collect and dispose of goods from	£50.00

	changing rooms	
PKF Littlejohn	Audit Fee	£504.00
Phil Davies	Football Field Maintenance	
Doe Lea Miners Welfare	Rent	£270.83

Doe Lea Centre - September		
AML Midlands Ltd	Office & bitdefender (49275)	£10.63
	VOIP rental & broadband set up (40130)	£372.20
	VOIP rental (40388)	£1.30
	Voice & Data (AML50000140)	£75.54
		£11.87
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene services (MI/1785127)	
PEAC	Photocopier	£108.38
Mint Security	Supply and Fit Intruder Alarm Panel	£600.00

Balances at Bank 31.8.26

Parish Council Account £ 12009.73
Doe Lea Account £ 1248.70
Deposit Account £ 77,515.40

£ 90,773.83

1556/26 Planning Applications

The following applications were considered. No comments were raised

26/00230/FUL	Hall View Cottage Chesterfield Road Hardstoft Chesterfield S45 8AH	Erection of 3 bay garage.	
26/00322/FUL	Two Ducks Farm Deep Lane Hardstoft Chesterfield S45 8AE	Proposed single storey and two storey extensions	
26/00327/TCON	Rowthorne Lane Rowthorne	Proposal: Location: Applicant: O.S.Ref: T1 - Ash. Prune away from barn to give sufficient clearance, T2 - Ash. To be felled due to presence of several fruiting bodies (shaggy bracket) tracing up main stem and on main central stem of upper crown overhanging road, T3 - Horse Chestnut. To be felled due to deteriorating condition and presence of significant dead wood throughout crown, T4 - Ash. To be felled due to deteriorating condition and location on roadside with lean towards road, T5 - Ash. To be felled due to deteriorating condition and significant signs of ash dieback, T6 - Sycamore. To be felled	

		due to dead condition and overhang to road. Also fell 8 small ash next to sycamore which have died from ash dieback, T7 - Elm. To be felled due to dead condition and lean towards road, T8 - Sycamore. To be felled due to severely deteriorating condition and proximity to main road	
26/00327/TCON	Rowthorne Lane Rowthorne	General pruning works to T1 (Ash), and felling of T2 (Ash), T3 (Horse Chestnut), T4 (Ash), T5 (Ash), T6 (Sycamore), T7 (Elm), T8 (Sycamore) and also eight small Ash trees	
26/00328/TCON	Hodmire Lane Ault Hucknall	Elm to be removed is dead and leaning towards private garden space. Requires removing to ground level.	

Responses to the following 2 applications were lodged with BDC in July/August

Proposal: Location: Applicant: O.S.Ref: Application to determine if prior approval is required for the method of demolition of 5 buildings and the restoration of the site. Hagg Farm East Street Doe Lea Chesterfield Miss Alice Balchin 445802 366008 Decision

The Parish Council support the concerns raised by one of our parish councillors as set out below.

In addition we are asking the Council to confirm whether the claimed permitted-development right lawfully applies to the farmhouse, and are concerned that it appears that the building has been allowed to deteriorate so that it can be treated as an ordinary clearance exercise without its prospects for restoration first being properly examined

The Parish Council are concerned that the above proposal could potentially impact upon roosting bats, nesting birds, badgers and reptiles resulting in a breach of wildlife legislation and would not be compliant with Policy SC9: Biodiversity and Geodiversity of the Local Plan^[1].

If the works proceed without any further ecological surveys they will likely result in a breach of the following legislation: The Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA)^[2], The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017^[3], Protection of Badgers Act 1992^[4] and Wild Mammals (protection) Act 1996^[5].

Having lived in this area and visited these properties on my daily dog walks (and being an ecologist) species present include a barn owl potentially nesting within the building 1 below (a Schedule 1 bird species on the WCA so it has additional protection), as well as a kestrel. Mitigation and compensation will be necessary for these species.

In addition, generalist bird species are nesting in the surrounding habitats which occur adjacent to the property and within close vicinity, not to mention the nests in the actual buildings as well. As a minimum the demolition would need to proceed outside of the bird nesting season with new nest boxes to be installed to compensate for the loss of nesting habitats for various species.

The building 1, 2, 3 and 4 all contain bat roosting potential including hibernation potential given the stone nature of building 1 and the breeze block walls in the other buildings (so will require hibernation surveys). Building 2 on the plan below is also likely to have suitable maternity bat roosting potential. Given that we are now in August the peak maternity season for surveying for

bats has been missed as maternity roosts have dispersed early this year due to the warm weather (i.e. by mid-July). Survey work will be required to establish the present or likely absence of a bat roosting in these buildings (May – August, inclusive) prior to demolition works.

In addition, I have also found a dead grass snake adjacent to building 1 which appeared to have been run over by the tractor, common toads are also present and badger setts within the woodland. All of these will require consideration to avoid harm to these species and prevent breaches in legislation.



In order for the LPA to ensure that these protected species have been a material consideration in the granting of the planning permission and for the applicant to ensure they are no breach wildlife legislation the planning application will require as minimum a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report (PEAR) which will need to include a Preliminary Bat Assessment of the building as well as bat nocturnal and hibernation surveys and survey for barn owls. This will then determine what mitigation, compensation and enhancements are appropriate.

**Proposal: Location: Applicant: O.S.Ref: Erection of a commercial building inclusive of a workshop, two storey office space and associated parking. (Major Development)
26/00361/MFL Waste Disposal Facility Mansfield Road Doe Lea Chesterfield Mr Philip Slater 444146 372114 Decision Level: Delegated**

The Parish Council have directly submitted the following comments to NEDDC planning concerning this application

Ault Hucknall Parish Council wish to submit comments in relation to the application 26/00361/MFL Whilst this site is not in the parish of Ault Hucknall, it sits directly on the boundary and, more importantly, all and any traffic accessing and egressing this site will have a major impact on the village of Doe Lea in this parish.

The only road serving this site is the old Mansfield Road running through Doe Lea. Residents are extremely concerned about the potential of increased commercial traffic on an already extremely busy road which serves the Bolsover District Council depot at Doe Lea. Further commercial traffic on this road will have a major impact. There are already issues of overspill cars from the depot parked on the road causing hazards with this busy road which also serves a large housing estate.

Add to this the potential noise from any future operation on the site when the village is already impacted with traffic noise from a busy A617 and the M1 motorway in the immediate vicinity. Flood management and drainage in the area continue to be a problem and further development on this site is bound to add to the problem.

The site is in the immediate vicinity of the River Doe Lea and a managed wildlife area on Willow Walk. There is immense concern about the impact on our environment and wildlife. The bridge over the River Doe lea, over 300 years old, which any traffic using this site will have to use, has already had issues in the past regarding its structural integrity

DECISIONS

26/00231/FUL	Keepers Cottage Rowthorne Lane Rowthorne	Demolition of Modern Single Storey Rear Extension, Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension, Orangery Extension and Entrance Porch Extension	Granted Conditionally
26/00270/DEMDET	Hagg Farm East Street Doe Lea Chesterfield	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the method of demolition of 5 buildings and the restoration of the site.	Refused
26/00217/FUL	3 Barn Cottages Farm Lane Hardstoft Chesterfield	Replacement windows, porch and door	Granted Conditionally
26/00272/NCO	Waste Disposal Facility Mansfield Road Doe Lea Chesterfield	Erection of a commercial building inclusive of a workshop, two storey office space and associated parking. (Major Development) 26/00361/MFL	Comments
26/00085/DCON01	Two Ducks Farm Deep Lane Hardstoft Chesterfield	Discharge of condition 3 (samples) of planning permission	Condition(s) Discharged in Full

1557/26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 6.30 p.m.

1558/26 Exclusion of Public

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

The following information is not for publication