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## **AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

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4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Member

I have to inform you that the next meeting of **AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026
6. Police Matters
7. To consider a report from the County Councillor
8. To consider a report from the District Councillor
9. Doe Lea Centre – Report of the Manager to the Trustees
10. To consider installation of Defibrillator at Bramley Vale
11. To appoint an Emergency Planning Group to develop an Emergency Plan for Ault Hucknall Parish
12. Allotments – to consider level of allotment rent for 2026/2027 (currently £6.50 per allotment raised from £3.00 previous year)
13. Parish Projects
  - Wildflower area around Sculpture
  - Ramp
14. Applications for Grant Aid
15. Financial Matters
  - (a) Payment of Accounts January 2026 (attached)
  - (b) Finance Report to end December 2025 (attached)
16. Planning Matters
17. Items for Information
18. Date and time of Next Meeting
19. Exclusion of Public

## 20. Doe Lea Centre – Update on legal acquisition

# **AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

At Doe Lea Centre

Present

T Trafford

(Chair)

S Poole

A Syrett

L Adsetts-Moseley

I Grainger-Grimes

T Howell

In attendance

1 member of the public

R Price – Parish Clerk & RFO-

## **1390/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Hill-Harmsworth, D Adsetts-Moseley, J Hardy and T Clough.

## **1391/25 Declaration of Interests**

Councillors T Trafford and A Syrett declared an interest in a planning application to be considered at Item 16 on the agenda.

## **1392/25 Exclusion of Public**

No additional items were identified for exclusion of public

## **1393/25 Public Forum**

A member of the public attended the meeting and explained that his family, living at Bramley Vale, had been involved in an emergency requiring a defibrillator. Whilst there was a defib at the bus stop in Doe Lea this had proved quite difficult to get to quickly during the emergency. He therefore requested that the parish council consider installing a defib at Bramley Vale which would be quicker and easier to access for residents in that part of the village. It was agreed that an item be placed on the next agenda.

## **1394/25 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

## **1395/25 Police Matters**

No police were present and no issue were raised

## **1396/25 Report of County Councillor**

County Councillor Harvey was not present, but members again raised the problems of potholes particularly on the rural roads.

## **1397/25 Report of District Councillor**

District Councillor J Ritchie submitted his apologies

## **1398/25 Doe Lea Centre – Report of Manager to Trustees**

The Manager submitted a written report to the Trustees detailing Centre activities, Centre improvements and maintenance, Governance, staff and volunteer training and dates for volunteering opportunities. The report also included up to date information on income and

events for 2025/26. Members made particular reference to the very good Christmas Fayre and asked that their thanks be expressed to the staff.

#### **1399/25 Festive Displays in the Hamlets**

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from a resident of Hardstoft for consideration for the installation of some festive displays, similar to those of Pilsley, Tibshelf and Morton. Members considered the fact that Ault Hucknall parish does not have a defined centre, and there are five rural hamlets plus Doe Lea and Bramley Vale which it would not be possible financially to provide festive displays for all of those to the level enjoyed by neighbouring larger settlements. There were also technical difficulties in having access to suitable electricity supplies. However the parish were willing to look at ways in which the season could be celebrated in the hamlets within the resources available.

#### **1400/25 Parish Council Groups – District of Bolsover**

The Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the deputy leader of Bolsover District Council regarding encouraging attendance at Parish Liaison Groups.

It was agreed that Councillor Hales be provided with dates and times of future meetings and that suggested content for future meetings should include looking at the way in which the upcoming local government reorganisation would specifically affect parish councils, with discussions about how this could be managed.

It was also suggested that the meeting may be more successful as a parish led forum of Bolsover parishes networking with each other and the district council and sharing experiences, ideas and solutions to common problems, facilitated by the district, rather than the current format which was district led and looked more at strategic district activities which may have some impact on parishes.

#### **1401/25 Allotments**

Members received a report from a meeting of allotment holders held on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The report highlighted problems of the footballers parking on the access road making access to the allotments difficult and this was going to be raised with them. Other issues raised, and solutions suggested, related to keys and locks issues, non-attending and non-worked allotments, behaviour and conduct, replacing the bramble area with raised bed plots, weather damage and sheds, roadside cleanliness, rubbish and scrap metal collection and the sharing of seeds.

The question of the level of rents for 2026/2027 and an issue with water running from the football field on to the allotments was also raised.

Members unanimously agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the manager Emma who had organised, run the meeting and undertaken all follow up actions, and that she be assured of the parish council's full support in any action to be undertaken in relation to the matters raised. In relation to the problem of water running off the football field members agreed that the Clerk investigate what action could be taken to alleviate this and that the level of rents for 2026/2027 be placed on the February agenda.

#### **1402/25 Parish Projects**

##### **Sculpture**

The Clerk to carry out further research concerning future planting and maintenance

##### **Ramp**

The Clerk reported that she had been informed by Matt Connley that all the information should now be available to allow the planning application to be submitted. This was welcomed by members. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the tree, which a neighbouring resident had complained about, would be felled or managed in the scheme.

**1403/25 Applications for Grant Aid**

There were no applications for grant aid.

**1404/25 Budget and Precept 2026/2027**

Members considered the circulated report outlining income and expenditure to date and expected outturn for 2025/2026. Members noted that the expected outturn was estimated to result in a withdrawal of around £16k from reserves by the end of this financial year. Having regard to the expected increase in essential service costs in 2026/2027, members were in agreement that there was no alternative but to consider an increase in the precept for 2026/2027. They did however give very careful consideration to this, looking to minimise the impact on the council tax payer. Following a detailed discussion it was Proposed by S Poole, Seconded by A Syrett and Resolved that a precept of £66,000 be levied for 2026/2027, demonstrating an £8000 increase on the level of precept for 2025/2026.

In real money terms, and for a Band D property this increase would result in a 35p per week increase per household. However over 75% of the properties in the parish are in Bands A & B resulting in increases of 24p and 28p per week respectfully. Band D properties actually only make up around 5.7 % of the properties in the parish.

**1404/25 Report of Income and Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and Payment of Accounts January 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

| <b>Parish Council - January</b> |                                     |          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| E R Price                       | Clerk Salary Jan                    | £1293.77 |
| K Gent                          | Parish Warden Salary Jan            | £555.40  |
| HMRC                            | PAYE & NI Dec                       | £612.24  |
| Eon                             | Electric changing rooms             | £25.39   |
| Shelter maintenance             | Cleaning of bus shelters (17008)    | £57.02   |
| O2                              | Parish Mobile                       |          |
| AML Midlands Ltd                | Microsoft Office & BitFender(38114) | £15.36   |
| PFK Littlejohn                  | Audit Fee                           | £756.00  |
| BDC                             | Empty dog/litter bins (230629)      | £574.08  |
| Doe Lea Miners Welfare          | Rent                                | £270.83  |
|                                 | Water                               | £113.63  |

| <b>Doe Lea Centre - January</b> |                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| AML Midlands Ltd                | Office & bitdefender (38081)    | £10.63  |
|                                 | VOIP rental & broadband (38212) | £89.40  |
|                                 | VOIP calls (38054)              | £0.70   |
|                                 | Domain Name renewal (38294)     | £23.94  |
| Cathedral Leasing               | Hygiene services (MI/1738999)   | £57.19  |
| Live & Local                    | Performance 17.10.25 – 10383    | £400.00 |
|                                 | Performance 5.12.25 - 10382     | £400.00 |

**Balances at Bank 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

Main Account     £ 12,326.62  
 Deposit           £ 81,845.25  
 Doe Lea Centre   £ 1060.94  
 BDC Investment   £        0

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£95,232.81

### **1405/25 Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered. Councillors A Syrett and T Trafford left the meeting during consideration of this item. Councillor S Poole took the chair for this item.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
Application for Full Planning Permission

Application No: 25/00481/FUL Decision Level: Delegated  
Proposal: Change of use of outbuilding to a short-term self-contained unit of residential accommodation  
Location: Stainsby Manor House School Hawking Lane Stainsby Chesterfield  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs – Austin

Resolved that the parish council make the following comments

The Parish Council has concerns that this is retrospective and would ask whether the renovations comply with current building regulations

There continues to be great concern about the number of 'short term lets' in the area, creating limitations for those looking for permanent residence and thereby reducing the ability to maintain a community, which is particularly important in the rural areas.

Concerns as to whether this may contravene National Trust covenants as to the purpose of the site.

Councillors A Syrett and T Trafford rejoined the meeting  
Councillor Trafford took the Chair

### **1406/25 Items for Information**

Councillor Grainger-Grimes explained that more volunteers were needed for the Community Speedwatch team.

### **1407/25 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **1408/25 Exclusion of Public**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item due to its confidential nature

**The following information is not for publication**