

**ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – 7.15pm**  
**at The Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Glenn Fletcher (Chair),  
Cllr Janet Verplancke (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Diana Jenner, Cllr Jim Walsh

In Attendance: Linda Ledingham (Clerk)  
10 members of the public were present

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| Meeting commenced at 7.15pm | <b>Fire Regulations</b><br>Chair read out the fire regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| OM26/128                    | <b>To note members of the Parish Council in attendance:</b><br>Cllr Glenn Fletcher (Chair), Cllr Janet Verplancke (Vice Chair), Cllr Diana Jenner, Cllr Jim Walsh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| OM26/129                    | <b>To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence:</b><br>There were no apologies for absence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| OM26/130                    | <b>To consider matters pertaining to the Casual Vacancy that exists in the Parish Council:</b><br><br>The clerk reported that all relevant paperwork had been raised and posted on the Parish Notice Board and websites. Approval had been received from the Returning Officer at EDDC to co-opt one new Councillor on to the Parish Council.<br><br>It was proposed by Cllr Fletcher (Chair) that Mrs Danella Weir be appointed to the Parish Council, Seconded by Cllr Jenner.<br>Approved and Resolved |
| OM26/131                    | <b>Public Forum</b><br>Questions and representations from residents relating to reports or business on this agenda, or regarding other matters which they wish to bring to the Council's attention.<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern was expressed by a resident regarding the lighting of bonfires, in view of the present drought conditions.</li> <li>• When is the next interim hedge cut?</li> </ul>                                                                          |

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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overgrown hedges are a safety hazard.</li> <li>• Are we revisiting the planning application for the proposed development opposite the Ridgeway.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| OM26/132 | <p>a) P3 Report - The full P3 report is available on the org.uk website</p> <p>b) DCC Report –</p> <p>(i) Cllr Paul Hayward reported on the removal of Travellers from a field at Millway next to the Cemetery, which would be happening the following day on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Farmers and landowners have been advised to put barriers in front of field gates.</p> <p>(ii) Highways have been given more money, but the work is random. South West Water is also working in the area, but notification of road closures is hit and miss.</p> <p>(iii) The LGR (Local Government Organisation) announcement is due on 16<sup>th</sup> July and there will be a Peoples’ Emergency Briefing on 3<sup>rd</sup> August in the Guildhall.</p> <p>(iv) The Mayorship is still on the agenda.</p> <p>c) EDDC Report – Cllr Duncan reported that regardless of LGR the Local Plan was still needed and every effort will be made to retain control of it.</p> |
| OM26/133 | <p><b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct:</b></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| OM26/134 | <p><b>Approve the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of All Saints Parish Council, held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and circulated to members of the Council:</b></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Verplancke, Seconded by Cllr Walsh</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| OM26/135 | <p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>a) Matters to be considered - None</p> <p>b) Correspondence to be considered - The proposed development opposite the Ridgeway was discussed and Cllr Fletcher reiterated EDDC had voted in favour of the Outline Planning, but this had still not been published. A resident of Pub Lane had been in contact with Planning and had been</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|          | <p>informed that planning permission was granted subject to a legal agreement to secure Biodiversity Net Gain and Nutrient Neutrality measures. Until that is finalised, the permission can't be issued. Cllr Mackinder stated that as it was only Outline Planning Permission the application would still need Full Planning Permission, before proceeding. The Clerk will ask for an official response.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| OM26/136 | <p><b>Financial Matters to be considered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) AGAR and Public Rights Notice.<br/>All documents have been sent to External Auditor and published on the gov.uk website and the Parish Notice board.</li> <li>b) To consider, and if thought fit, approve payments for June 2026, as previously circulated to Councillors.<br/>Proposed by Cllr Verplancke, Seconded by Cllr Jenner.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| OM26/137 | <p><b>All Saints Parish Council Business to be considered:</b><br/>“Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so, invited by Chair”<br/><i>Standing Orders Revoked</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Website: John Adams (Webmaster) reported that since his last report in May (a 19-week period), the Community website had been updated and there were a few data problems which had been resolved. There had been 45,000 views on the org.uk website and 39,000 visitors. He also thanked Bev Fletcher for the work she was doing on the gov.uk site.</li> <li>b) Highways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) VAS and Speedwatch – The Clerk reported that the VAS had been static for several weeks due to roadworks. A member of the VAS team reported that it would be re-installed in Goldsmiths Lane on following day, 8<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk also reported that there had been no Speedwatch Sessions due to Road Closures and the very hot weather.</li> <li>(ii) Potholes – The tar has been delivered to the Pavilion and two potholing teams established. Our first pothole filling team did a practice run in Pub Lane and filled around 5 potholes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The council had been there two days before and had already filled some. It was agreed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>that a Pothole Page would be put on the Community Website for residents to report potholes. The Chair pointed out that the Parish Council volunteers can only fill the smaller potholes, as the Council must do the larger ones. Alston will be covered by our second team. Report A Pothole will be on the Home Page under Links.</p> <p>(iii) Road Closures – The Clerk reported that Road Closure Notifications are coming in regularly but there is not enough room on the Noticeboard for them, plus they can be ambiguous. It was suggested that notifications (in a shortened form) could go on the website. Cllr Paul Hayward spoke to the meeting and recommended a website called Causeway one.network which has a mapping app that gives daily updates on road closures across the country. The link will be put on the Community website. Causeway one.network will be on the Home Page under Links.</p> <p>c) Pavilion:</p> <p>(i) Update on work completed – Cllr Fletcher (Chair) reported that Cllr Walsh had cleared a lot of the trees, saplings and shrubs that had taken root at the side and behind the Pavilion. Bryan Gasson had repaired the kitchen ceiling. A large area of plaster had come down, which was repaired and painted. He had also replaced the kitchen door lock and repaired the men’s toilet. Bookings for the hire of the Pavilion and Field are increasing steadily.</p> <p>(ii) Future improvements – Cllr Fletcher (Chair) reported that there were plans to replace the carpet. In addition, work to clear the hard standing area to the front and side of the Pavilion will be undertaken as soon as possible. The Parish Council will be borrowing a digger to scrape the area and put down hardcore. We will then go ahead with preparing an area for parking cars.</p> <p>(iii) Flood Prevention – The Clerk reported that remedial work was required to prevent flooding in</p> |
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|                               | <p>the field this winter. Vegetation and branches overhanging the new ditch must be cleared. A grill is to be installed in front of the water run-off pipe in the north/west corner of the field and must be regularly cleared of debris. A marker post will also be installed and the level regularly checked during periods of possible flooding.</p> <p>(iv) Community Hub – The Clerk reported that the Pavilion had been designated as the ASPC Community Hub. Work is ongoing with regard to the Emergency Plan which must be put in place first. Additional infrastructure is required in due course, including Wi-Fi, Car Parking and Disabled Access. The Clerk also reported that she had obtained a Grant from the Community Resilience Forum which will be used to purchase Flood Defenses and Equipment.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders Invoked</i></p> |
| OM26/138                      | <p><b>Date and Time of Council’s next Ordinary Meeting:</b><br/>1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| OM26/139                      | <p><b>To be proposed that, under the provisions of Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting), Act 1960 as amended by LGA 1972, the public (including press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| OM26/140                      | <p><b>Matters to be considered in confidential discussion.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| The meeting closed at 9.15pm. | <p><b>Part B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expense Policy</li> <li>• Councillor Training</li> <li>• Bank Signatories</li> <li>• PPL/PRS</li> <li>• Hedgelaying Competition</li> <li>• Grass Cutting/Gate</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr Glenn Fletcher, Chair