



ALDERHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are hereby summoned to the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council that will be held on Monday 14th September 2026, at 7pm, in the Committee Room at the Village Hall, 1 Station Road, Alderholt, SP6 3RB for the purpose of transacting the following business:

N Ashton

Nicky Ashton, Clerk to the Council
8th September 2026

AGENDA

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interest and/or consider the granting of dispensations.
3. To confirm the minutes of the [Ordinary Parish Council](#) Meeting held on 27th July 2026 are a correct record of that meeting.
4. Chairman's Announcements.
5. To receive a written report from Dorset Councillor Dave Tooke.
6. Public Forum
 - The public session which, at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 30 minutes, to enable members of the public to ask questions of and make comment to the Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next appropriate Parish Council meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to five minutes.
7. Representative Reports.
8. To receive the minutes of the latest [Planning Committee](#) meetings.
9. Clerks Report.
10. Finance – to discuss and agree the following:
 - To approve the monthly payments as listed in the schedule (i) and agree to delegate an authorised Cllr for online banking payments.
 - To receive the July and August bank reconciliations.
11. To receive the External Auditor's Report and Certificate for 2025-26.
12. To consider approval of the insurance renewal quotation received from Gallaghers.
13. To consider responding to the Dorset Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation: <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/c-e/dorset-rights-of-way-consultation/>
14. To consider being part of the Dorset Age Friendly cohort.
15. To receive the August Play Inspection Report and to agree any actions.
16. To receive an update on the formation of the Community Speed Watch Team.
17. To consider responding to the NALC Neighbourhood Planning survey: NALC has launched a survey for the 2,850 parish and town councils currently leading and managing neighbourhood plans in England. The survey will gather evidence on the status of neighbourhood plans, councils' future intentions, the challenges they face, and the impact of the withdrawal of government support funding. The findings will help inform NALC's policy work and engagement with government on the future of neighbourhood planning.
18. To receive the Community Conversation Sessions Invitation and to consider attendance at both of the sessions being held:
Session 1: 29 October 2026, 9:30am to 12:30pm, St Leonards & St Ives Village Hall
Session 2: 27 November 2026, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Verwood Hub, Verwood



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19. To review the following policies:

- [General Expenses Policy](#): [There has been a change to mileage rates for this year.](#)
- [Social Media Policy](#)
- Tree Policy

20. To approve the date for next year's Big Alderholt Fete and to discuss volunteers and extra activities.

21. To consider attendance at the East Dorset Police bi-monthly Councillors briefing sessions with the first session being held on 18th September.

22. Agree attendance at Cllr surgery for 17th October, 21st November and 12th December.

Date of next meeting – Monday 12th October 2026.

(i) Schedule of Monthly Payments for Approval (Including In Between Meeting Payments)

Payable To	Amount	VAT	Total	Details
Assist Business IT	841.08	168.22	1009.30	IT Support and New Laptop
Source for Business	321.41	0.00	321.41	Allotment Water
South Coast Hire Group	1900.00	380.00	2280.00	Fete Stage
DM Payroll Services Ltd	72.00	14.40	86.40	Payroll
Alderholt Parish News	90.00	0.00	90.00	Articles and Fete Posters for May, June, July and August
Staffing Costs	5232.81	0.00	5232.81	July Staffing Costs
Staffing Costs	5232.81	0.00	5232.81	August Staffing Costs
Unity Trust Bank	28.80	0.00	28.80	Bank charges May £8.95 June £10.90 July £8.95 August £8.50
All Clear Pest Control	65.00	13.00	78.00	Removal of Wasp Nest at Play Area
BT	229.35	45.87	275.22	Phone Bill
Elite Playground Inspections	77.50	15.50	93.00	August Playground Inspection
Starboard Systems Ltd	768.00	153.60	921.60	Scribe Accounts Renewal
C Gill	44.95	0.00	44.95	Fete Banners
BDO	420.00	84.00	504.00	External Annual Audit
G Logan	4.05	0.00	4.05	Travel Expenses
D Agent	14.85	0.00	14.85	Travel Expenses
DAPTC	120.00	0.00	120.00	New Councillor Training Session (x2)
Assist Business IT	158.40	31.68	190.08	IT Support
Alderholt Village Hall	£2986.00	0.00	£2986.00	Office Rental 1 st Sept to 28 th Feb
ARA	£740.69	0.00	£740.69	Insurance Reimbursement
ARA	1076.92	215.38	1292.30	SLA Agreement 1 st Oct Payment
Receipts				
Fete Stallholders			230.00	Stallholder fees and donation
ARA			4.00	Ground Rent
HMRC			2297.98	VAT Refund
East Dorset Environment Partnership			16.51	Refund of contribution