Alconbury Parish Council Annual Report 2024/2025:

I am happy to report that during the period 2024/2025 the Parish Council (PC) has remained relatively stable. During this period, we welcomed 2 new Parish Councillors: Cllr Trottman and Cllr Brown. This brings our total membership to the maximum number – eleven (11).

Bob Johnson and I were duly elected as Vice Chair and Chair.

This year has seen the PC discuss several key community issues, some of which remain ongoing at the time of going to print:

Our Neighbourhood:
Following our village survey in 2023 we have spent a significant amount of time in 2024/2025 drafting our Neighbourhood Plan which will support the Huntingdonshire District Council Local Plan. We obtained a grant from Locality which allowed us to engage with a planning professional to work closely with us on the plan.
With their help we developed our vision for the village:
"To steadfastly preserve and enhance the distinctive rural character and unique identity of Alconbury Parish. We are committed to ensuring that every development aligns seamlessly with the village's historical character, maintaining its size and amenities, while proactively advancing flood risk management to safeguard our community for future generations."

Towards the end of this financial year, we have a final draft of the plan and will be undergoing a period of formal consultation with all residents and individuals/companies who have either a business or property in the village.

For those of you who visit our website you will also note that we now have a webpage dedicated to our Neighbourhood Plan. We have included some of our working documents on this page so please take a look

Thanks to everyone in the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party for their dedication with regards to this project.

Village Improvement Projects:

- By the time of print we hope to have installed 2 speed monitoring devices on Rusts Lane and The Great North Road.

- Traffic monitoring on the B1043 continued through 2024. We have provided our results to Cambridgeshire County Council. We are currently waiting or feasible options to reduce traffic on this route.

- We have once again applied for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village, excluding The Great North Road.

- An application has been submitted through the Local Highways Initiative to provide a safe crossing place along The Great North Road.

Emergency Resilience
As part of an initiative funded by the Red Cross Alconbury will hold two (2) Emergency Response Kits at 2 locations within the village. There will also be a notice board and an eight (8) point plan should an emergency occur. Wtach out for future updates.

Future project
We will be exploring an upgrade in play equipment at the Bramble End play area. If you have any thoughts or would like to be involved please let us know.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking all of the councillors and our Parish Clerk for their continued support and hard work through the year. I am particularly proud that we have continued to deliver on all of our promises that we made in last year's Annual report and much more on top. I know that we will continue through the next year to make improvements and represent the best interests of our village.

Cllr Tracy Gilbert
Chair, Alconbury Parish Council
May 2025

Annual report from the Responsible Financial Officer 2025

The Parish Council started the financial year with a reserve of £68,389 and the precept received with a very small increase on the previous year was £39,115. The annual spend during 2024/25 was £51,208 which has enabled the Parish Council to carry forward £76,745 into the new financial year on 1st April 2025. As before, Alconbury Parish Council continues to remains financially stable for the year ahead.

The Parish Council continues to fund the shortfall of the costs for the grass cutting which is delegated from, and still largely funded by, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).

All the Parish Council's obligations have been fulfilled and grants have been given to:

- Alconbury Over 60's Club: £125 towards 70th Anniversary celebrations
- Royal British Legion: £50: Remembrance wreath
- Alconbury Memorial Hall: £2000 – Refurbishment of new upstairs meeting room
- Alconbury Recreational Field Charity: £2000 - Help for upkeep of field

Alison Brown
Responsible Financial Officer
May 2025