Alconbury Parish Council

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Minutes of the Alconbury Parish Council extra-ordinary meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Alconbury on Tuesday 27th August 2025 at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors: T. Gilbert (Chair), S. Button, M. Gunney, S. Isaacs, R. Johnson, T. McLennan, C. Pinn, L. Pinn, T. Trotman, and Mrs Brown (Clerk).

Members of the public: 0 HDC/CCC: Cllr Ian Gardener TABFG representative: Mr Charles Dalleywater

0825.058 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S. Brawn and Cllr K. Brown**.**

0825.059 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

0825.060 BRAMPTON CROSS DEVELOPMENT
Cllr L. Pinn gave a verbal report from the Working Party (WP) meeting held on 20th August 2025. Despite three formal written requests, Endurance Estates continue to decline the Parish Council's request to hold a Stakeholder Meeting to engage in early purposeful dialogue regarding the proposed development at Brampton Cross

Cllr Gilbert reported that Nick Dines (Concilio) had informed her that a second public consultation is likely to take place in the autumn. The submission of the Outline Planning Application had been pushed back until spring 2026, due to the need for a significant number of technical assessments.

It was noted that Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) had signed off the request for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in September 2024. The Parish Council was not invited to comment on this document, despite having made numerous requests to Nick Dines to view it. The Parish Council has since contacted HDC to ask whether it is still possible to submit comments. Surrounding parishes, who also did not receive a consultation invitation, have been asked to review the document.

In view of this, it was suggested that the Working Party (WP) prepare an Open Letter to the media and other key recipients, highlighting the lack of engagement from Endurance Estates should they continue to refuse a Stakeholder Meeting. WP Parish Council members were asked to submit their comments on the proposed Open Letter to Cllr L. Pinn by 5th September, after which she will prepare the final draft for sending.
RESOLVED: That the Working Party will send an Open Letter to the media after 5th September 2025 if Endurance Estates continue to decline engagement with the Parish Council through a stakeholders meeting.

A press release by Endurance Estates regarding the Brampton Cross development, published in Cambridgeshire Live, was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. It was felt that the press release did not indicate any intention on the part of the developer to engage with the Parish Council through a Stakeholder Meeting. It was therefore proposed that the Parish Council submit a 'Right to Reply' in response to the article. A draft response was circulated for consideration.
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will send the agreed 'Right to Reply' in response to the proposed Brampton Cross development press release on Cambridgeshire Live. The following recipients will be copied in: Ben Obese Jecty, MP for Huntingdon, Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Mike Gildersleeves, Deputy Chief Executive, HDC, Steve Moyer, Chief Executive, CCC, Emma Fitch, Director of Planning, CCC and surrounding affected parishes.

A financial contribution by the Parish Council towards Brampton Cross professional expenses and communication material was discussed. It was agreed that legal, planning, and traffic expertise may be required at some point various stages, along with the production of communication materials for residents.
RESOLVED: To allocate a financial contribution of £10,000.00 towards Brampton Cross professional expenses and communication material. This will be reviewed periodically. Surrounding affected parishes will be asked to consider making a financial contribution towards these costs.

0825.061 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL
RESOLVED: The minutes of the Alconbury Parish Council meeting held on 28th July 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

0825.062 FINANCE
1. **RESOLVED:** Payment of outstanding August 2025 debts:

Four Seasons (Antony Abbs)	Parish grass cutting 5th instalment	£2076.00
Parish Online	Mapping software annual renewal	£120.00
Tea and Tots Alconbury	Grant towards running costs S137 LGA 1972	£500.00
A Brown – Clerk	Clerk's salary August 2025 (including pay award back pay)	£955.36
HMRC	Clerk's Tax & NI August 2025	£364.88
NEST	Clerk's Pension August 2025	£46.83
Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges July 2025	£6.00

2. Monies received

CAPALC – Refund: Over payment of affiliation fee	£564.88

RESOLVED: The Chair confirmed the receipts and bank reconciliation as correct.

0825.063 NEXT MEETING Tuesday 30th September 2025, Memorial Hall, School Lane, Alconbury at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:06 pm.