Alconbury Parish Council
Annual Report 2025–2026 (Chair's Summary)

I'm happy to report that during the period 2025/2026 the Parish Council (PC) has remained relatively stable. During this period one (1) councillor resigned: Cllr Brown. We thank her for her contribution to the Parish Council. We also welcomed one (1) new Parish Councillor: Cllr Joyce. This maintains our total membership at eleven (11).

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

2025–2026 year has been one of significant progress and sustained community focus for Alconbury Parish Council. Through close partnership working, careful financial stewardship, and active engagement with residents and stakeholders, the Council has delivered a wide range of initiatives to support the village and respond to both immediate needs and longer-term challenges.

A major area of focus has been the Council's response to large-scale development proposals affecting the parish, particularly the Brampton Cross development and the wider North Huntingdon Growth Cluster. The Council established and expanded a dedicated working party, working collaboratively with neighbouring parishes to ensure a strong collective voice. This included engagement with developers, local authorities, infrastructure bodies and elected representatives. The Council also took a proactive stance by preparing formal responses, organising public communications, and allocating funding to support professional advice where required. This work has ensured that community concerns—particularly around traffic, infrastructure, and environmental impact—are clearly represented. A big thanks to Cllr L Pinn for being the driving force behind the significant work here.

Alongside this, the Neighbourhood Plan has progressed significantly. Following a Regulation 14 consultation in summer 2025, the Council commissioned specialist support to finalise the plan and successfully submitted it for Regulation 16 consultation in spring 2026. This represents a major milestone, with a referendum anticipated later in 2026. The process has involved extensive community engagement and will provide an important framework to guide future development in line with residents' priorities.

Improving road safety and infrastructure has also been a key priority. The Council has actively pursued Local Highways Improvement (LHI) funding, including a successful bid for a raised crossing on Great North Road. In addition, a village-wide 20mph scheme has been developed and submitted, with a commitment to consider self-funding if necessary. Speed management has been further supported through the installation and enhancement of Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS), as well as innovative initiatives such as speed awareness bin stickers. Thanks to the combined efforts of Cllrs Johnson, Button, Isaacs and Trotman.

Significant attention has been given to the maintenance and enhancement of community assets. The Memorial Hall has undergone major improvements, including completion of its extension and new facilities, enhancing its role as a community hub.

At Bramble End Play Area, essential maintenance has been carried out and plans are underway to replace and upgrade equipment, supported by funding bids and community fundraising. Thanks to Cllr Gunney for his continued oversight of this play area.

The Village Green continues to be an important focus, with its registration formally completed during the year. The Council has addressed issues including HGV damage, drainage repairs, and

ongoing challenges with illegal parking, taking steps through communication, policy development, and engagement with enforcement authorities. Tree management has also been prioritised, including necessary tree works and the adoption of a Tree Replacement Planting Policy to enhance environmental sustainability.

The Council has maintained a strong commitment to supporting local groups and services through grant funding. Contributions have been made to organisations such as the Memorial Hall, Recreational Field Charity, Preschool, Tea and Tots, and emergency services including MAGPAS. These investments reflect the Council's recognition of the vital role these groups play in community wellbeing.

Environmental and resilience initiatives have also been prominent. The Alconbury Brook Flood Group continues to make excellent progress, with the development of new ponds and wider flood mitigation measures supported by external funding. The Council has worked with partners to begin developing a broader community emergency plan, building on existing flood preparedness arrangements.

Community engagement has remained central to the Council's work. A new Parish Council Facebook page has been launched to improve communication, and events such as the village fete and children's fair have been supported to strengthen community spirit. Regular liaison with Neighbourhood Watch has contributed to a reduction in reported crime, alongside initiatives such as Speedwatch.

Finally, the Council has maintained sound governance and financial management throughout the year. Budgets have been carefully controlled, audits completed successfully without issue, and the precept has been held steady. Policies and procedures have been kept up to date, ensuring transparency and accountability.

In summary, 2025–2026 has been a productive year, with the Council making strong progress across planning, infrastructure, community support, and environmental stewardship. These achievements provide a solid foundation for the year ahead, as we continue to work in the best interests of Alconbury and its residents, including reinvigorating a focus on exploring an HGV covenant for the B1043.

Councillor Tracy Gilbert
Chair, Alconbury Parish Council
26th May 2026

Annual report from the Responsible Financial Officer 2026

The Parish Council started the financial year with a reserve of £76,745.00 and the precept £43,400.00 was received, an increase of £4285.00 from the previous year. The annual spend during 2025/26 was £48,403.00 which has enabled the Parish Council to carry forward £80,847.00 into the new financial year on 1st April 2026. 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 £6050.00 in grants have been given to:

- Alconbury Community Pre School: £1000 towards running costs
- Alconbury Teas & Tots: £500 towards running costs
- Royal British Legion: £50 for a Remembrance wreath
- East Anglian Air Ambulance: £500 to support their on-scene, lifesaving advanced medical care.
- Alconbury Memorial Hall: £2000 towards the running of the hall
- Alconbury Recreational Field Charity: £2000 towards the upkeep of the field

Alison Brown
Responsible Financial Officer
26th May 2026