PADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Meeting

7th September 2026, 7pm

Padworth Village Hall

Councillors: Andy Williams, Andrew Griffin and Emily Robinson.

Members of the public: 0

1. To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Rob Jones, Johnathan Johnson and Jacky Jones.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr Williams agreed to chair the meeting.

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations
There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

3. To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Cllr Williams.

4. To receive the District Councillor's report
It was noted that the District Councillor's report would be published on the Parish Council website.

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5. To receive the Clerk's report

PADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank Reconcilliation for Meeting 07/09/26

	Payments	Receipts	Balance
Balance as at 1st July 2026			
Treasurers Account			£ 705.30
Project Account			£ 54,924.00
			£ 55,629.30
Padworth Newsletter		£ 3,430.32	
Bank Interest received (August)		£ 23.47	
Payments			
Ellie Brewer (July)	£ 406.19		
Service Charge (July)	£ 4.25		
Benjamin Holden-Crowther (Website set up)	£ 250.00		
PlaySafety Ltd	£ 133.20		
BM Knight (Internal Audit)	£ 160.00		
Service Charge (August)	£ 4.25		
Ellie Brewer (August)	£ 406.19		
	£ 1,364.08	**£ 3,453.79**	**£ 57,719.01**
Treasurers Account			£ 4,771.54
Project Account			£ 52,947.47
			£ 57,719.01

The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn were currently reviewing the Council's accounts and had raised one query regarding the variance in the precept, which had reduced compared with 2024/25.

The Council discussed costs of £3,430.32 relating to the newsletter.

Invoices of £36.00 had been received for July and August for the Council's domain and hosting, which would continue as a monthly cost.

ACTIONS – Clerk to make payment of the relevant invoices.

6. To receive an update on Village Hall matters

There was no update as Cllrs Jones were not present.

7. To review Planning Matters

7.1 Decisions

- **26/00783/CERTE** - Oakland House Silver Lane Padworth Reading RG7 4QR. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity: For the use of the site as a children's home. **APPROVED**

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7.2 Awaiting Decisions

- **25/01915/FULMAJ** - Padworth Saw Mills Rag Hill Aldermaston Reading RG7 4NU. Part retrospective: Retention of storage shed, entrance gates, hard surfacing and boundary treatments (including gabion walls, security railings, and mesh fencing), as well as the marginal extension of boundary treatments and additional hard surfacing. – **PC Objected**
- **26/01059/LBC & 26/01058/HOUSE -** Yew Tree Cottage Mays Lane Padworth Common Reading RG7 4QP. New windows to north elevation, internal alterations to move kitchen, new patio doors to new kitchen (south elevation).
- **26/01624/HOUSE** - 28 Fallows Road, Padworth, Reading, RG7 4GX. New glazing and roof to existing conservatory and internal alterations.

8. To consider options for the provision of a playground at The Fallows and agree any further action

Cllr Griffin presented a number of playground options which had been researched and prepared for consideration. It was proposed that the options be shared with local Scout group and that the children be invited to give their views, as the intended demographic of the facility.

The Council acknowledged the work undertaken by Cllr Griffin in researching the options and agreed that community input would be useful in determining the preferred equipment.

It was noted that West Berkshire Council had not requested the Parish Council to adopt the existing playground at The Fallows and that the land and equipment remained under their ownership. The Council discussed whether additional equipment could be installed at the site.

Initial estimates suggested that new equipment could cost in the region of £15,000–£20,000.

9. To receive updates from Councillors

Travellers' site at Mill Lane

The Council discussed the latest position regarding the site. The last update received from Cllr Jones was that a traffic officer was due to inspect the site.

It was noted that the matter falls within Aldermaston Parish and that there was limited action the Parish Council could take at this stage. Residents remained frustrated by the situation.

Joint Council Meeting (15th September)

Cllr Williams offered to attend the forthcoming Joint Council Meeting.

ACTION – Clerk to notify the Aldermaston Parish Council Clerk that Cllr Williams would attend.

Playground - RoSPA Report

The Council discussed the recommendations arising from the RoSPA playground inspection. It was noted that a number of items had been identified, including corrosion, works required to the zip wire and issues relating to the basket swing.

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The Council discussed prioritising the repairs identified as requiring the most urgent attention. It was noted that a quotation of £4,203 plus VAT had previously been received for works to the existing zip wire and associated equipment.

The Council considered the cost of replacement equipment against carrying out repairs to extend the life of the existing equipment. It was agreed that repairing and maintaining the existing equipment would provide a more cost-effective option in the longer term.

The Council also discussed the need for ongoing servicing and maintenance of the playground and whether a Councillor should take responsibility for playground matters as a specific area of work.

ACTION – Griffin to obtain a formal quotation for the required playground works.

Tree down on Rectory Road
The Council noted that a tree previously reported to the Clerk had been pushed back from the road. No further action was considered necessary at this time.

10. To confirm the date of the next meeting
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9th November 2026

11. To record the time at which the meeting closed
The meeting closed at 19:54