St. Albans Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **St. Albans Parish Council** held on Tuesday 28th of July 2026 held at 7pm, at Emmanuel Church Hall, Church View Close, Nottingham.

Present: Cllrs. S Jablonskas (chair), R Ellis, C Wilson, M Fletcher
Clerk: C Bryant, No members of the public.

SAPC060/26 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Helen Page sent apologies.

SAPC061/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Ellis and Jablonskas declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to WAG.

SAPC062/26 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

No updated police report was received.

SAPC063/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

SAPC064/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ellis reported that the consultation on the Gedling Local Development Plan remained open. The parish was largely developed and there were no significant proposed development sites within it, although the possible future sale by Gedling Borough Council of a small triangular parcel of land near Emmanuel Car Park was noted.

An update was provided on Local Government Reorganisation. The St Albans ward was currently included within the proposed northern unitary authority and further information was expected following an upcoming briefing for borough councillors.

Cllr Ellis also reported on a meeting with Leon Dale, Economic Growth and Regeneration Officer at Gedling Borough Council, during which the former Warren Church site and the lack of community facilities within the parish had been discussed. Mr Dale had expressed an interest in partnership working with the Parish Council and WAG.

SAPC065/26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

No items were identified as requiring the exclusion of the public or press

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

SAPC066/26 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on the 30th of June as accurate, with an amendment to the wording of item SAPC043/26 to clarify that the Gedling Plan was in consultation regarding identified and assessed parcels of land rather than seeking to identify parcels of appropriate land.

SAPC067/26 COUNCILLOR AND CLERK REPORTS

The Clerk reported that the Council was continuing to await completion of its Lloyds Bank account application.

The Council now had control of the parish defibrillator, including the access code, and routine inspections were taking place. The unit had been updated on WebNOS. Replacement of the battery would be brought to a future meeting as required. Local Government Reorganisation information produced by the Council, together with information showing the areas affected, would be displayed on the noticeboard.

It was reported that the latest WAG coffee morning had been well attended and continued to attract residents.

Preparations for the 31 October fireworks event were progressing. Muirfield Park had been booked, the licence application submitted, security arranged and the relevant requests made regarding first aid provision and the road closure. Vendors were being contacted and Galaxy Fireworks had been booked.

It was agreed that a future agenda should include a standing item concerning community groups and events.

SAPC068/26 LINDISFARNE GARDENS TREE REPLACEMENT

It was resolved to defer this item to the September meeting.

SAPC069/26 PARISH ALLEYWAY CLEARANCE

It was resolved that the council commission a comprehensive clearing of the parish alleyways and that the clerk would seek three quotes for presentation at a future meeting.

SAPC070/26 ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

Cllr Fletcher presented an update from the Environmental Working Group.

The Group had discussed priorities for environmental improvements within the parish, including clearance, repairs, vegetation management and future planting. Members noted concerns that significant clearance and preparation work was required before further planting was undertaken.

It was clarified that recommendations from the Working Group, including proposals involving expenditure, must be brought to the full Council for approval.

The report was received and noted.

SAPC071/26 EVENTS FUNDING

Members discussed future community events and the need to secure a Christmas tree in sufficient time.

It was noted that prices for the forthcoming season were not yet available but that an order would need to be placed in September.

It was resolved to approve £500 towards provision of a Christmas Tree so that it can be booked once availability and prices were confirmed.

SAPC072/26 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT REQUEST TO GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

It was resolved to request that Gedling Borough Council pay the following invoices from St. Albans Parish Council funds held on its behalf:

- **a.** Events invoice for £800 (fireworks deposit),
- **b.** Zurich Insurance invoice for £396,
- **c.** Internal Auditor Invoice for £120,
- **d.** Notts ALC invoice for £657.81.

SAPC073/26 PARISH CALENDAR AND STANDING ITEMS

It was resolved to adopt and maintain a parish calendar, updated by the Clerk.

SAPC074/26 YOUTH SHELTER

Resolved to reaffirm support for the project and for the Clerk to obtain three updated quotations for consideration by the Council.

SAPC075/26 PARISH SIGN

It was resolved that councillors would identify potential locations and, once these were provided to the clerk, three quotations would be sought.

SAPC076/26 SOCIAL MEDIA

It was resolved that the Clerk would manage the social media of the council, with Cllrs. Ellis and Jones to support when required.

SAPC077/26 BUDGET

It was resolved to accept the budget as accepted and review as projects progress.

SAPC078/26 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

Concerns raised by residents regarding parking close to the school, including vehicles obstructing access to properties around Lambeth and Aldwych, were discussed. Possible parking restrictions and permit arrangements were considered, together with the practicalities of seeking highway restrictions. Issues relating to bins and alleyway maintenance raised during the meeting would be reported to the appropriate authority where necessary.

SAPC079/26 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Items for the next agenda were discussed and relayed to the Clerk.

- THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:02pm -