

Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 October 2025 at 6.30 pm.

Members Present: Cllrs R. Bulpitt, D. Brown, S. Phelps, J. Porter, M. Wood, J. Toward-Wright, J. Douglass, G McKenna, R. Thompson.

Cllr D. Down, Hazlerigg Parish Council was in attendance

| Minute No. | Agenda Item | Action required |
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| 61. | <p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Parish Clerk & Cllr Hitchenes</p> <p>Cllr Avaei’s apologies received via Cllr Down</p> | |
| 62. | <p>Declarations of Interest – as they arise.</p> | |
| 63. | <p>Open Forum</p> <p>- No members of the public were present.</p> | |
| 64. | <p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Bulpitt and seconded Cllr Brown.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 September 2025 be agreed as a true record.</p> | |
| 65. | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Hartley Court – Cllr Wood had had a couple of site meetings to establish the exact issue and to determine who was responsible for the fence. Karbon Homes were now the landlords, and he had had a discussion with them about the issues. Although they were not keen to do anything, they had agreed to visit site to discuss the matter further. He had also established that Sheraton Park had not been adopted yet by NCC and the sight lines would be checked by them, before adoption and if incorrect, they would demand they were corrected. As far as the yellow lines were concerned, the Home manager needed to request these from Karbon.</p> <p>Hedge on Sheraton Park – Cllr Down reported nothing happened so he had cut it, so it was resolved for now. There were tracks of the Johnson cleaning the path. Cllr Toward-Wright explained the process the council follow (writing a letter giving 28 days, then another 28 days, then legal</p> | |

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| | Cllr Bulpitt to contact the city council regarding a risk assessment, and loaning more equipment (if required). Cllr Down and Cllr Phelps to find out how Hazlerigg mitigate public liability and complete the risk assessments. | Cllr Bulpitt, Cllr Phelps, Cllr Down |
| 67. | Christmas Trees – deferred until next month to allow for Cllr Hitchenes to be present. | Cllr Hitchenes |
| 68. | <p>Updates</p> <p>Newsletter –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Litter picking - Planters: Cllr Thompson confirmed Eddie Dixon would take on the planters near the new coffee shop. Looking for volunteers for further planters. - Post Office facilities: Suggestion to note its been raised to the MP but that some facilities can be sought out at the village shop. i.e. stamps, cash back up to £300, etc. Cllr Porter to get an official list - RBL - Church - Xmas Lights Comp <p>Library – nothing to report.</p> <p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments - NCC were working on this as a priority and were in the process of finalising the tender package to get it out to tender shortly. They would send Cllr Wood a programme next week.</p> <p>Allotments -. AGM on 20 October 2025</p> <p>Website – Nothing to report. Reminder to send pictures to Cllr Hitchenes for the website.</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery – no response from MP Emma Foody as at 15th October after follow ups had been made by Cllr Porter.</p> <p>Village Hall – New mother and toddler group – Dinnington Ducklings 9.30am. Bookings coming in as usual</p> | Cllr Porter |
| 69. | <p>Village Projects</p> <p>Grass Cuts – As and when the need arose</p> <p>Turn the area of the Old School Field remaining after construction of the Doctors into a small simple park - The case has been reallocated by NCC Properties and the new person dealing with it would contact Cllr Wood shortly.</p> | Cllr Toward Wright |

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| | <p>Speed Reduction Measures on Main Road – current issues covered under matters arising.</p> <p>Coffee shop will open in the new year</p> <p>Post Office: Cllr Porter has emailed MP Emma Foody with no response</p> <p>Re-Decorating the changing rooms at the Rec Pavilion - NCC had almost all the required 3 prices back for all of the work. The total was now circa £50k. They had also been in discussions with the "Football Foundation" who had agreed to grant them £25k towards the project, which combined with the PC's contribution of £30k, would fund the work.</p> <p>They were planning to have an update meeting on site next week to plan out the works.</p> <p>Recreation ground and Play Area - Chicane at Sycamore Ave entrance - NCC were preparing drawings of the revised layout for internal costing.</p> <p>NCC's landscaping contractor had reported that all of the smaller trees had been snapped at the Recreation ground. NCC were asking if the PC could shed any light on the culprits. Cllr Wood to investigate cost of replacement.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters - NCC were holding back on this to prioritise the allotments tender.</p> | Cllr Wood |
| 70. | <p>Highways Repairs/Maintenance</p> <p>Cllr Toward-Wright shared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email has been circulated with the minutes from the meeting with Pamela Holmes. Overall feel very positive about the outcome <p>New Items raised since the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic Survey south of the village: Location - along the run way to Coach Lane Junction. Objective - requested to measure volume of traffic, Types of road users and speeds. This addressed a matter of correspondence received along with other issues previously raised like cyclist safety and dangerous overtaking. Cllr Toward-Wright would circulate the request for awareness. - New Barrier on Sycamore: complex as won't meet standard regulations but Cllr Wood had negotiated a solution. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree blown over on Main Road next to 2nd bungalow. Cllr Wood had already reported this - Could we request grass cutters trying to complete the job in the same area in one day. <p>Cllr Thompson – Build up of leaves on Cochrane Terrace, next to bus stop. Cllr Toward-Wright would take this up with highways</p> | Cllr Toward Wright |
| 73. | <p>Newcastle City Councillors Items</p> <p>Circular about additional city wide leaf street sweepers between now and December– Cllr Down to forward to Parish Clerk for circulation</p> <p>Education Authority are allocating Dinnington residents to the new school on Great Park however there are travel issues for Dinnington Residents (he was aware of 2 students impacted) as there is no public transport or safe paving. Members were asked to notify him if they heard of any further children having issues</p> | Cllr Down |
| 74. | <p>Planning Applications – none to consider.</p> | |
| 75. | <p>Reports/Airport Masterplan Consultation - Response has been requested by 30th November from the airport.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extension of the runway and redirection of the road. There was a Northern villages appraisal in 2001 where options were underpass or road redirection, underpass was the winner – Cllr Phelps has a copy of the original appraisal and results. 2. Windmill in Prestwick, 64M high and the ecology of the wetland is a concern 3. Concerned about the volume of traffic going through Kingston Park / Kingston Village, a road was removed from the plan <p>It was decided we would compose a response at the next meeting with the Clerk once she had returned.</p> <p>There are more consultations still to come in Brunswick, Hazlerigg and Woodlands Park</p> | Clerk |
| 76. | <p>Correspondence – Flags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was not known who / how the flags had been hung - Comment noted that you must have permission to put flags on “public furniture”. - It was noted that the incorrect hanging (upside down) of the flags was disrespectful to Service members | |

