

Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 6.30 pm.

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

Cllr D. Downs, Hazlerigg Parish Council was in attendance
 One member of the public

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
31.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs McKenna and Bulpitt, and from City Cllr Avaei.	
32.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
33.	Open Forum A resident raised the following issues:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A badly filled pothole outside of The Raj • The path going south out of the village being patched with two different colours of tarmac • The metal safety handrail next to the traffic lights needed painting and the national grid poles around the village were rusty. • The stone retaining wall at Dinnington Green needed attention. • When would the new allotments be complete. <p>The highways matters would be added to Cllr Toward Wright's list for action. The allotments issue would be raised with NCC by Cllr Wood. He reported that officers working on the development of the allotments had been diverted to other work but he had been advised that completion was expected in the Autumn.</p>	Cllr Wood/Toward Wright
34.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 June 2025 be agreed as a true record.	
35.	Matters Arising Cllr Wood reported as follows: Dead trees on Cochrane Terrace - NCC would inspect and put on list for future replacement if necessary. Possible additional grass cuts - Cllr Toward Wright had suggested that NCC be asked if an operative could come round to trim at the rec, village green etc. NCC had confirmed that their operatives did not carry trimmers on the grass cutters. They did have a very small team who trimmed in targeted areas if requested. If the PC had a specific area of concern they would consider carrying additional work out. It was suggested that around	

	<p>the trees on Cochrane Terrace and the village green would be suitable and Cllr Wood would request this of NCC.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan – the additional four copies of the made Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan had been collected from the printers today.</p> <p>Overhanging hedge at 1 Mitford Way - the resident has confirmed he would cut the hedge after the birds who were nesting in it had gone.</p> <p>Permissive footpath in the field from Gardners Houses entrance to connect up with the wooded section - Awaiting update from Blagdon Estates</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes reported that the footpath at the east end of the trees estate and rec field had been strimmed. The shrubs were still to be done.</p>	Cllr Wood
36.	<p>Kingston Park Bus Service Cllr Phelps reported that the Airport Consultative Committee had met last week. They had started consultation on their Masterplan but were also consulting separately on a surface access plan which would involve the public transport side. The officer who had taken over from Graeme Mason was very keen to get as many bus services back as possible. He had asked if the PC could be involved in meetings with NECA to discuss this.</p>	
37.	<p>Updates</p> <p>Newsletter – nothing to report.</p> <p>Library – nothing to report.</p> <p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments - NCC drawing and tender package work was progressing, still aiming for installation and handover by the Autumn.</p> <p>Allotments - Nothing to report</p> <p>Website – Updated</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery - awaiting update from Emma Foody. This would be chased by the Clerk</p> <p>Village Hall –. Cllr Porter reported that the Airport were using the main hall on 18 September for a consultation meeting. Regarding the refurb, quotes were still awaited for the package of works.</p>	Clerk
38.	<p>Village Projects</p> <p>A new village map - deferred until the GP surgery has been built and then a more detailed map sourced.</p> <p>Possible additional grass cuts - If the need arises.</p> <p>Turn the area of the Old School Field remaining after construction of the Doctors into a small simple park - Contact being re-established with NCC Properties to try to progress this.</p>	

	<p>Consider reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Main Road - The works were substantially complete.</p> <p>Re-Decorating the changing rooms at the Rec Pavilion – A further joint meeting was held last week to begin to choose the options to progress this. A number of new items were discussed, in particular, replacement of the windows to try to improve the internal ventilation and works to the roof, which was leaking. NCC would provide an updated list of work required with budget prices.</p> <p>Chicane Barriers at Sycamore Entrance to Rec – at the site meeting last week it was established that the chicane has not been constructed as per the drawing. A further meeting was planned on site tomorrow to find the best way forward to resolve the issues. It was likely that some additional spend would be needed to find a satisfactory solution, which was agreed.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters - NCC drawing and tender package work was progressing, still aiming for installation and handover by the Autumn.</p>																
39.	<p>Highways Repairs/Maintenance Cllr Toward Wright reported on four items raised since the June meeting:-</p> <p>23 Sycamore overhanging hedges – letter sent to resident 23 Cochrane overhanging Hedges: - letter sent to resident 12 Castleway: Referred to NCC Department, who've raised a ticket to have this resolved. Prestwick Carr Road Maintenance : Under review</p> <p>Cllr Thompson reported an overgrown hedge. Cllr Downs was asked to raise this with Cllr Avaei.</p>	Cllr Downs															
40.	<p>Financial Matters The following payments were approved:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 1379 1209 1532"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>June salary</td> <td>16.07.25</td> <td>£213.66</td> <td>BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Pawlet</td> <td>Watering and weeding</td> <td>16.07.25</td> <td>£120.00</td> <td>BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TP Jones</td> <td>Payroll services</td> <td>16.07.25</td> <td>£63.40</td> <td>200308</td> </tr> </table>	K. Hadfield	June salary	16.07.25	£213.66	BACS	C. Pawlet	Watering and weeding	16.07.25	£120.00	BACS	TP Jones	Payroll services	16.07.25	£63.40	200308	
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41.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <p>Cllr Porter – a resident had reported that NCC had done some work on a cherry tree in their garden but they weren't satisfied with it. The circular bed behind the bus stop needed digging over and seeding. Cllr Wood would then ask NCC to include this in future grass cutting. The garden competition would be judged this week and the winners would be on the website.</p>	Cllr Wood.															

	<p>Cllr Douglass – there was a broken tree near the activity area and the gate at the playpark needed some work. These would be actioned with NCC by Cllr Wood.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes – the recent run event had been well organised this year, with the roads reopened an hour earlier than expected and a really good clean up afterwards. A date had already been set for next year’s event.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson - the PC meeting minutes needed to be available for the noticeboard earlier. The planter next to the doctors was full of weeds and the planter in Ash Avenue needed to be moved. Ex Cllr Hood’s planter was not being maintained and someone needed to be found to do the planter outside the school. Planters would be an item for the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Bulpitt – a resident from Oak Avenue had expressed concerns about the community aspect of the garden. This was causing some anxieties. She also reported that the bus stop near the shops needed to be cleaned and disinfected.</p>	<p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wood/Cllr Toward Wright</p>
42.	<p>Newcastle City Councillors Items Cllr Downs reported that Cllr Avaei had raised the issue of grass cutting in the communal gardens and he had raised a request via Sarah Halley on this. Regarding speeding on the Prestwick Carr Road, there was no data which indicated that measures were necessary.</p>	
43.	<p>Planning Applications (1) 2025/0950/01/HOU 1 Rochester Place, Dinnington, NE13 7NU Proposal: Erection of two Storey Extension to Side and Ground Extension to rear – No comments</p> <p>Cllr Thompson updated members on a couple of existing applications.</p> <p>Cllr Douglass reported to members that she had recently received planning permission for a house extension. This application had been below the threshold for consultation.</p>	
44.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails from residents regarding Prestwick Carr Road 	
45.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 6.30pm. Agenda items –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas trees • Planters 	

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