

Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 6.30 pm.

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

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
17.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs McKenna and Phelps.	
18.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
19.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 May 2025 be agreed as a true record.	
20.	Matters Arising Cllr Wood reported as follows: Permissive footpath in the field from Gardners Houses entrance to connect up with the wooded section - a meeting had been held with Will Todd (Blagdon Estates) on site to discuss the problems with providing a fence along the route of the section of permissive path. He agreed to take this back to Blagdon Estates to see if the requirement for a fence could be reconsidered. The overgrown condition of the existing Public Right of Way path had also been looked at. He had confirmed he would get Blagdon Estates to carry out the work they were obliged to do, but asked if Cllr Wood could contact NCC Rights of Way officer to see if they could assist. NCC had put it on the list to be strimmed in the next couple of months. Blagdon Estates would then carry out their work following this. The old furniture piled up next to the flats adjacent to Poplar Avenue had been removed. Cllr Toward Wright reported that the conifer cuttings had been collected and an update on the crash barrier had been submitted. Only two member photos had been submitted so far.	
21.	Kingston Park Bus Service Cllr Wood reported that Cllr Phelps had advised that the next Airport meeting, where this item could be raised, was not until early July. However, he had confirmed that the Airport were going out shortly for a consultation on their proposed new Masterplan, specifically on transport links to the airport. This could present an opportunity to get over the PC's	

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	concerns about the lack of the 342 bus, which used to go to the airport and pass through Dinnington.	
22.	Path Cutting and Clearing Members agreed that Cllr Hitchenes seek a price for clearing the lonnen and rec field as had been done in the past. He was authorised to proceed up to a maximum of £400 for the job.	Cllr Hitchenes
23.	Updates Village Hall – Cllr Porter reported that a package of works had now been received for the refurbishment and Richard would be given the go ahead to proceed. Newsletter – nothing to report. Library – nothing to report. Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments - NCC were progressing with preparing the tender drawings. Allotments - Nothing to report Website – Updated Dinnington Surgery - awaiting update from Emma Foody. Neighbourhood Plan - The Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan was formally made at Newcastle City Council Cabinet on 2 June 25 and now formed part of the statutory development plan. An additional four copies would be printed.	Cllr Wood
24.	Village Projects A new village map - deferred until the GP surgery has been built and then a more detailed map sourced. Possible additional grass cuts - If the need arises. Cllr Toward Wright suggested that NCC be asked if an operative could come round to trim at the rec, village green etc and it was agreed that Cllr Wood would take this up with NCC. Turn the area of the Old School Field remaining after construction of the Doctors into a small simple park - this should now be able to proceed, since the NP had been made. Consider reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Main Road - NCC had confirmed that the work was still scheduled for this month with the humps hopefully being put in last at the end of June, meaning all works should be completed by then. Re-Decorating the changing rooms at the Rec Pavilion – A further joint meeting was being arranged by NCC to look around the pavilion again to finalise the refurbishment work requirements.	Cllr Wood

	<p>Chicane Barriers at Sycamore Entrance to Rec – a site meeting was planned to review these with Allison Macleod, NCC.</p> <p>Quad bikes prohibited signs had been ordered - larger size to suit existing sign posts.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters - NCC were progressing with preparing the tender packages.</p>																
25.	<p>Highways Repairs/Maintenance</p> <p>Cllr Toward Wright reported that all new actions from last time had been actioned. The overhanging hedges at 23 Sycamore Ave had already been raised. Two items had been completed – Greencroft Cottage tree and the barriers which had been left lying. She reported as follows on the meeting with Pamela Holmes:-</p> <p>LCWIP “Local Cycle Walking Impact Plan” survey had just been done and she was waiting for the results to be consolidated</p> <p>“Connectivity” project movement strategy “to shape transport development up to 2045, focusing on Net Zero, sustainable growth, healthier travel, and inclusive connectivity”</p> <p>NECA – North East Combined Authority “working to prioritize walking and cycling for everyday and leisure journeys. NECA aims to make active travel the natural choice by developing a network of safe, attractive, and obstruction-free routes. This includes improving walking links, promoting walking to school and work, and ensuring new developments include walking and cycling infrastructure. ”</p> <p>Net - The new great park high school will likely influence the path too</p> <p>If the PC wanted to do the section along Cllr Thompson’s field she estimated £300,000-£400,000 but if the PC contributed, she could look into matched funding.</p> <p>She was meeting with her again 11th September to see what progress there had been</p> <p>Overall, she felt the meeting had been positive.</p> <p>Cllr Wood reported an overhanging hedge at 1 Mitford Way, which she would add to the list once he had spoken to the resident.</p>	Cllr Wood/Toward Wright															
26.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>The following payments were approved:-</p> <table><tr><td>K. Hadfield</td><td>May salary and expenses</td><td>18.06.25</td><td>£248.36</td><td>BACS</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE</td><td>18.06.25</td><td>£426.40</td><td>200306</td></tr><tr><td>F. Renton</td><td>Plants</td><td>18.06.25</td><td>£36.55</td><td>200307</td></tr></table>	K. Hadfield	May salary and expenses	18.06.25	£248.36	BACS	HMRC	PAYE	18.06.25	£426.40	200306	F. Renton	Plants	18.06.25	£36.55	200307	
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27.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <p>Cllr Toward Wright –she had asked Cllr Phelps to raise safety issues at the next Airport meeting. She also asked if the kissing gate on the path to Big Waters could be replaced as it was difficult to manoeuvre with a pushchair. Cllr Wood responded that this was already in hand and Allison</p>																

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	<p>McLeod would be asked about removing the gate and just leaving a gap in the fence.</p> <p>Cllr Douglass – expressed concerns about the way motorists were overtaking on the road to Kingston Park and in the village. Cllr Wood responded that Hazlerigg road ends was the boundary of the Parish but the issue could be raised with the City Council at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes– He had spoken to Eddie Dixon about the defibrillator and he had confirmed that he was happy for it and the PC noticeboard to stay on the building in some location.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson – two of the new trees which had been put in were dead. Cllr Hitchenes reported that someone had been checking them out very recently.</p>	Cllr Wood
28.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>(1) 2025/0729/01/HOU at Annexe At Marsfen Horton Grange Road, Dinnington, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Erection of two storey extension to side, insertion of 2no dormer windows into existing roof slope to front and demolition of existing garage outbuilding – No comments</p>	
29.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email query regarding provision of cashpoint Email regarding maintenance of kerbstones and pathways in the village to NCC (PC copied in) 	
30.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 6.30pm. Agenda items –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus service to Kingston Park 	

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