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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council at the Village hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, commencing at 7;30pm.**

**Present:**

Mrs S Parsons (Chairman)  
Mr R Holder  
Mrs M Scott  
Mrs R Spencer Jones  
Mrs S Hackett

Richard Reed – Clerk to the Parish Council

There were no residents in attendance

**APM/2025/01 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Mr J Waldock and Mr J Maunder Taylor. Cllr.

**APM/2025/02 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 21.05.24**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024, and which had previously been distributed to Members were approved, proposed by Cllr. Mrs S Hackett and seconded by Cllr. Mr R Holder that these be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**APM/2025/03 Matters arising.**

There were no issues arising.

**APM/2025/04 Annual Report of the Parish Council**

The Chairman presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council and added her thanks to Mrs Rae Spencer Jones for her service with the council as she will not be standing for a further term, the Clerk for his work, Ian Arnott as the internal auditor as he has retired from the role and to the village tree warden. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**APM/2025/05 Village Hall Report**

The Chairman spoke of the Village Hall roof replacement. An inspection has indicated that the work is not urgent and so there will be time to look for grants and other fund raising.

**APM/2025/06 Matters of general interest or concern that may be raised by residents**

There were no residents present and no issues had been raised.

**APM/2025/07 Any other business**

Nothing at this time.

In the absence of any other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Chairman

Date

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024-25**

The Parish Council has met on six occasions during 2024-25 thus meeting the legal requirement of four meetings a year. The average number of Members attending meetings was five.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been adopted. The Parish Council expresses its appreciation for the work that Cllr. Hackett undertook to bring this to fruition.

Due to budget issues and changes to methods of working, representatives of Northamptonshire Police no longer routinely attend Parish Council meetings, but details of reported crime can be viewed on the Police website.

As in previous years, the Parish Council has financed two builder's skips at Duddington and one at Fineshade on two occasions during the year and the same arrangements will be in place this year.

Financially, the opening balance of the Parish Council funds was £16775.58. Receipts totalled £12853.34, which included £2824.25 VAT refund. Payments totalled £9150.50. These are provisional figures at the moment as the final year-end outturn is awaited. The internal audit of the 2024-25 accounts will be carried out by NCALC following the retirement of Mr Ian Arnott.

The Parish Council has continued to consider planning applications in its role as a statutory consultee and submitted its views to North Northamptonshire Council.

Finally, councillors are pleased to acknowledge with thanks the work and efforts of our North Northamptonshire Council representatives. Thanks also to Adam Farnsworth for Estate Matters and also the many others who contribute to the well-being of the Parish.

Chairman

Date