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Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Thursday 9th April 2026 commencing at 7:30pm.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons Chairman
Mrs M Scott
Ms S Fowler
Mr J Waldock

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents in attendance.

2026/017 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs Hackett, Mr Maunder Taylor, Mr Hunt and Mr Holder.

2026/018 Declarations of interest

Nothing on agenda items

2026/019 Public Time

There were no members of the public in attendance and no issues had been raised.

2026/020 Police Matters

The clerk had not received a report from the Police.

2026/021 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12.02.26

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th February 2026, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs Fowler and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Scott. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

2026/022 Matters arising

Todds Hill – the stones balls obstructing the highway verge have not been removed. Cllr. Mrs Parsons had spoken to Mr Constant following the last meeting and will have a further word with him. **Action: SP**

It was also reported that a bright yellow grit bin has been installed at the top of Todd's Hill. As well as being visually intrusive, it is against the stone wall of the adjacent property and there are concerns that salt leaching or spillage may damage the stonework. The Clerk is to contact NNC. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk had submitted a response to NNC's Community Governance Review as agreed at the last meeting.

The rubbish remains in Back Lane. Cllr. Maunder Taylor was going to try and get someone to clear it. In the meantime, Cllr. Parsons is to carry out a leaflet drop to those properties that back onto the lane. **Action: SP**

2026/023 Highway Issues

See minute 2026/022 regarding the obstruction in Todd's Hill.

The Clerk presented Cllr. Mrs Hackett's report regarding pothole repairs. The Traffic Enforcement team are to target the area some weekends to act over parking in the passing bays and on the bridge.

2026/024 Estate Matters

There had been no report on Estate Matters.

2026/025 Playground

Following the recent equipment repairs, the annual inspection only identified low and very low risk items. The picket fencing has been replaced.

2026/026 To Adopt the IT Policy

It was proposed by Cllr. Ms. Fowler and seconded by Cllr. Waldock that the IT Policy having been previously circulated by adopted.

2026/027 Data Protection Training

The Clerk referred to NCALC's Data Protection Training programme and councillors are to consider responsibilities for this matter. **Action: All**

Chairman

Date

2026/028 Litterpick

The Clerk is to re-circulate the NNC contact details for litter picking equipment. **Action: Clerk**

2026/029 Correspondence

As per list previously circulated to councillors.

2026/030 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) There had been no applications considered since the last meeting.
- c) No decision has been made over the dog walking application.

2026/031 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts and the end of year Bank Reconciliation. The balance of the Community A/C stands at £7800.20 and the Business A/C £2014.27
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report and this was approved.
- (iii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Ms. Fowler proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Scott.

Retrospective

Cheque No. 101150 void
07.02.26 NNC (Via The Post Office Ltd.) £55.00 Cheque No.101152
16.03.26 R Reed £2044.95 Cheque No. 101153
25.03.26 Defib Store £274.80 Cheque No. 101154
16.03.26 HMRC £573.75 Cheque No.101155

The Play Inspection Co. Ltd £115.80 Cheque No. 101156
Nineteen Bookkeeping Ltd £60.00 Cheque No. 101157
NCALC £471.02 Cheque 101158
Npower Commercial Gas Ltd £25.61 Cheque No. 101159
Greengage Gardens £47.84 Cheque No. 101160

- (v) There was no further financial business.

2026/032 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

The Clerk checked that councillors required the usual community skips for the Spring Bank Holiday as he wanted to get the order in in case demand was high. It was agreed to go ahead with this. **Action: Clerk**

2026/033 Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th May 2026. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 8:15pm.