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Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddington-With-Fineshade Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Thursday 14th May 2026 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Present:

Mrs S Parsons Chairman
Mrs M Scott
Mrs S Hackett
Mr R Holder
Mr J Waldock
Mr J Maunder Taylor
Ms S Fowler

Mr Richard Reed – Clerk

There were two residents in attendance.

2026/034 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Mr S Hunt

2026/035 Declarations of interest

Nothing on agenda items

2026/036 Public Time

No issues had been raised by residents.

2026/037 Police Matters

The Clerk had received nothing from the Police. Cllr. Mrs Hackett said that the PCSOs are no longer mentioned on the Oundle team.

2026/038 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th April 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2026, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Mrs. Scott and seconded by Cllr. Mr. Waldock. It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

2026/039 Matters arising

Cllr. Mrs Hackett referred to the recent Cluster Meeting, the notes of which had been circulated by the Clerk.

2026/040 Estate Matters

There was no report of Estate matters.

2026/041 Highways

Traffic concerns continue, specifically over the speed of Mick George vehicles.

Cllr. Maunder Taylor spoke of the proposed litter pick which is now scheduled for Sunday 31st May 2026. The Clerk is to notify NNC over the provision of equipment. **Action: Clerk**

2026/042 Playground

Following completion of the equipment repairs the Annual Inspection did not identify any outstanding issues.

2026/043 Community Skips

Bourne Skip Hire say they no longer deliver to NN postcodes and so could not supply the Fineshade skip. The Clerk has tried Mick George Skip Hire but these seem expensive and so will try Baileys. Failing that Cllr. Mrs Parsons said she would speak to Mick George. Skips to be delivered Friday 22nd May and collected Tuesday 26th May. **Action: Clerk**

2026/044 Correspondence

As per list previously circulated to councillors.

2026/045 Annual Review

Councillors reviewed the following items:

Financial Regulations: Updated and adopted in 2025

Standing Orders meet current needs.

Risk Assessment: Considered to meet the council's requirements.

Internal Audit arrangements: Considered to meet the council's requirements

Insurance: The quote for renewal was only slightly more than last year's premium and it was agreed to renew the policy with Gallagher brokers. **Action: Clerk**

Chairman

Date

2026/046 To approve the Internal Auditor's Report

The Clerk presented the Internal Auditor's Report which was approved and accepted. Cllr. Mr Maunder Taylor proposed that the report be approved, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Holder.

2026/047 To approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Audit Return

It was proposed by Cllr. Hackett and seconded by Cllr. Waldock that the Governance Statement be approved.

2026/048 To approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Audit Return

It was proposed by Cllr. Hackett and seconded by Cllr. Waldock that the Accounting Statement be approved.

2026/049 To approve the Certificate of Exemption

Proposed by Cllr. Mr Holder and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Scott that the Certificate of Exemption be approved.

2026/050 Planning

- a) No applications had been received for consideration.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) The felling of the walnut tree adjacent to the Church wall was discussed as the Parish Council had not been consulted on the application. Councillors were concerned to subsequently learn that NNC will no longer consult with town and parish councils over proposed tree work other than those affecting TPOs.

2026/051 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts for 2025/26. Since the last meeting, receipts include £11000 precept. The current balances stood at: Community A/C £18,079.93, Business A/C £2014.27.
- (ii) The following invoices were presented and Cllr. Mr. J Maunder Taylor proposed that payment be made and this was seconded by Cllr. Mr Holder.
Anglian Water £21.75 (Cemetery water supply) Cheque No. 101161
AJGIBL GBP CLIENT NST A/C (Gallagher Insurance) £1110.18 Cheque No. 101162
Mrs S Parsons £150.00 (Reimbursement of mowing costs) Cheque No. 101163
- (iii) There was no further financial business.

2026/052 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

The dog waste bin by Highfields is lidless. To be reported to NNC: **Action: Clerk**
The skip and rubble on the highway verge at Robinswood, Stamford Road is attracting complaints. Cllr. Mrs Parsons said she would speak to the occupants. **Action: SP**

2026/053 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th August 2026 commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.