

DUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025

	<u>Attending:</u> Cllrs G Armstrong (GA), R McLuckie (RM), R Pellew (RP), L Phillipson (LP), B Lamyman (BL), G Armstrong (GA)	Action Points
	<u>Apologies:</u> Cllrs A Craig and S Longmate	
	<u>Declarations of interest wrt agenda items:</u> None were received.	
	<u>Public session:</u> Nothing raised	
25083	<p>The new Village Hall Manager, Elizabeth Harding (EH), gave a report on behalf of the VH management committee.</p> <p>The roof repair appeared to have been successful and the new sound and hearing loop system had been installed. Bookings were increasing and the finances were looking more promising for the future. Some minor issues around security were still being actively addressed.</p> <p>It was planned to decorate the hall in good time before the Christmas season, probably before the end of November.</p> <p>A Christmas event jointly with the churches and the parish council, similar to those held in previous years, would be considered at the next VHMC meeting.</p> <p>Invoices for the sound system installation and the food at the summer event would be passed to the clerk.</p>	<p>EH, All</p> <p>VHMC, RM</p> <p>EH</p>
	<u>Reports from District & County Councillors:</u> None in attendance	
	<u>Acceptance of previous minutes:</u> Accepted without amendment	
25084	<p><u>Chairman's Report:</u></p> <p><u>Tree management</u></p> <p>Three quotes had been received for safety work on the trees in the VH grounds. Subject to the requirements of the tree officer at NKDC it was resolved to accept the quote from T&T Tree Services as a matter of some urgency as debris was regularly being found in some of the car parking spaces adjacent to the Beck.</p> <p>It was also agreed to request that T&T Tree Services survey all the other trees on PC land. Going forward it was suggested that a 2 yearly survey would probably be required by our insurers.</p>	GA, TB
25085	The Ransom Strip of land beside the playing field contained some mature trees which may require attention to maintain public safety – it was resolved to contact NKDC to ascertain whether or not it would be willing to take possession from the current owner.	TB
25086	Some instances of vandalism have occurred recently in the village – it was recommended that everyone should remain observant for anything unduly suspicious.	All

25087	<u>DPC Policy Documents</u> : The current policies and procedures are to be published on the website.	TB
25088	<u>Clerk's Report</u> : Extended warranty cover for the Elan City radar speed sign was revisited but it was thought too expensive to justify purchase.	TB
25089	<u>Emergency Planning</u> : The test of the emergency waste water pump had been carried out successfully although the second pump requires oil and fuel.	BL
25090	Blairgowrie Beckside: Still under active consideration.	RM
25091	Some Himalayan Balsam has been identified growing in the Beck. Volunteers from the village should be sought to help with its removal.	All
25092	<u>Playing Field</u> : The ROSPA safety report had highlighted several issues with the play equipment. It was resolved to remove the tunnel completely and hold 2 maintenance days (27 th Sep and 4 th Oct) to address those issues that were within the capability of lay persons. Contact with the manufacturer/installer should be made with a view to obtaining a quote to rectify the other safety issues raised.	All Cllrs TB
25093	A request for a tennis court had been received from a member of the public. Unfortunately, the cost involved would be beyond the financial ability of the PC to fund.	TB
25094	The current financial position was discussed and thought acceptable but the cost and quantity of tree surgery required is as yet indeterminate.	TB
25095	It was proposed and accepted to increase the clerk's remuneration to £13.75 per hour, backdated to 1 st April 2025	TB SM
	Date of next meeting 13th Oct 2025	