

Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 10th Nov 2025

Present: Cllrs McLuckie, Armstrong, Craig, Lamyman, Pellew and Phillipson. LCC Cllr Kendrick, Clerk to the council and 1 member of the public.

LCC Cllr Kendrick gave his report to the meeting. The inoperative street light at the end of Fen Lane and the blocked drain on Front street were again brought to his attention. Cllr Kendrick left the building at 1920.

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25107 Apologies for absence: Cllr Treece.

25108 To receive members' declarations of disposable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item. **No Changes**

25109 The minutes of the previous meeting on 13th Oct were agreed as a true record. **RM**

25110 It was resolved to contract T&T Tree Services to survey all DPC owned trees for safety reasons on a bi-annual basis. Any remedial work required would be quoted for prior to commencement. **GA TB**

25111 The ground at the cemetery is very uneven and could be a trip hazard. It was decided to erect a "beware uneven ground" sign to warn pedestrians. **RM TB**

25112 To wind up the church clock access is required to the tower. Currently this is achieved by use of a ladder. It was resolved that for the safety of the operator the access hatch should be openable from ground level and a fall arresting system should be fitted. **RM DS**

25113 The safety of the footpath through the old Nocton Farm site from the top of Back Lane has been raised with LCC but no further updates were available. It was decided to raise the subject with LCC Cllr Kendrick. **TB**

25114 The temporary repair to the Beck bank at Blairgowrie has been removed and Open Reach have confirmed that the cable is now suitably buried so this item has now been closed.

25115 The village Christmas tree needs to be purchased and erected prior to 28th November. The VH is to be decorated for Xmas on that date and the tree lights installed. The village celebration is scheduled for Sat 20th Dec and a budget of up to £400 for food for the event was approved. **VHMC RM DS ALL**

25116 Any repairs to the equipment at the playing field would be considered after an inspection to be carried out by HAGS, the manufacturer.

25117 It was thought sensible to allocate £25k as a contingency reserve in the 32 day notice account. Between now and year end it is hoped to install the fall arresting system and perhaps some remedial tree work will be required. Three salaries, a Glendale invoice and the repair to the clerk's laptop were approved for payment. The overpayment to the GMO has now been rectified. **GA TB**

The next meeting will be held on 12th January 2026 at 1900 in the Lamyman room.