

Minutes of the Dunston Parish Council Meeting - Monday 12th Oct 2026

Present: Cllrs McLuckie, Armstrong, Craig, Harding, Hutchinson, Lamyman, Phillipson and Treece. Clerk to the council and 5 members of the public

Council Session

26093 Apologies for absence: Cllr Pellew. The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor, Mrs Jenny Hutchinson.

26094 No declarations of interest were declared.

26095 Cllr Craig explained that the award received by him in June had been for his work on behalf of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. It was agreed to annotate the July minutes with the extra information. **TB**

26096 The Chairman explained that proposals, especially those involving significant expenditure of parish funds or likely to be of particular interest within the Parish, needed to be in the public arena both in time and in sufficient detail, for residents to consider prior to any vote being taken. **ALL**

26097 It was agreed that the Emergency response Team would set up a WhatsApp group to help improve information dissemination in times of crisis, and use the local Facebook page to keep the community informed where appropriate. **AC BL**

26098 No comments had been received pertaining to all the planning applications received since the last meeting.

26099 The bill had finally been received from HAGS for the re-tensioning of the cableway at the playground. The bill from T&T Tree Services for its work on the banks of the Beck was also passed to the clerk for payment. **TB**

26100 The clerk was instructed to contact HAGS to inquire about raising the slide enough to keep the bottom end out of the mud. **TB**

26101 It was reported that the road bridge repair was taking longer than expected with a new finish date of 16th Oct.

26102 The streetlight reported as inoperative in the spring remains so. It was thought especially important as it illuminates the footbridge over the Beck where the recent accident occurred. To be raised again with LCC/NKDC. **AC**

26103 Emergency Plan - Two work parties are required: one for work clearing the Beck of vegetation, one for filling sandbags at the barn beside the cemetery when the materials are delivered. A request for volunteers to be posted on social media. **TB**

26104 Reports of dog mess at the playground have been raised. The Chairman agreed to write to the relevant dog owner. **RM**

26105 After much debate option A for the cemetery was approved by a narrow majority. {Votes for A: GA,DH,RM,LT; for B: AC,BL,LP}. This does not initially require the removal of any of the Yew trees and the path will bend to enable access to the cemetery extension. If upon completion a review will be made to see if the removal of a single Yew tree is

required to give the desired clearances. T&T Tree Services to be contacted to enable the work to be started. **GA**

26106 Village Hall - Finances for the running of the hall are showing an upturn.

Consideration of the hall heating system is underway. It was agreed to spend £3000 on the solar light for the village hall car park. **RM**

26107 The PC finances were reviewed and the current position deemed satisfactory.

Next Meeting: Mon 9th November 2026 at 1900 in Dunston Village Hall.