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Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council on
29th October 2026 at 6.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Algar (RA), Cllr Guenigault (RG), Cllr Murden (JM), Cllr Park (SP), Cllr Parkin (GP), Cllr Leighton-Scott (JLS), Jonny Edge (JE), Alan Sharp (AS).

031126/1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

031126/2 Apologies for absence were received from Cary Simpson and James Lay.

031126/3 **MINUTES OF MEETING OF full Parish Council Meeting of 1st October 2026 were signed and approved.**

031126/4 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
None received.

031126/5 **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**
Speedwatch: A zoom meeting had been held with Michael Martin (MM) from, Local Highways Initiative and Jonny Edge, attended by Jacqui Sellers on behalf of the Speedwatch Group, Cllr Algar and the clerk. Thanks were extended to Michael Martin and Jonny Edge; it was a very useful meeting and advised the PC to apply for support in 2 or 3 stages. Stage 1: Brinkley Road. Stage 2: Station Road. Stage 3, if stage 1 isn't effective, for further restrictions in Brinkley Road. In addition MM will follow up the need for repeater signs on Stetchworth Road.
Jacqui Sellers also appealed for more volunteers for Speedwatch.

031126/6 **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- **Jonny Edge:** The latest proposal for LGR is still unknown but clarification is expected by Christmas.
- **Children and Young People:** the current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is expensive and not well thought through. A £2M package has been put in place, and £5M has been put into local schools.
- **Road Repairs:** the road between the Kings Head and Eagle Lane has now been resurfaced and the drains were cleared at the same time.
- **Alan Sharp:** His latest information is that LGR clarification will not be available until February.
- **Kingsway Solar:** The application is expected next month and there are applications for 2 windfarms at Mepal and Littleport.

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031126/7 MATTERS ARISING:

1. **Robot Mower:** This has been signed off and a copy will be forwarded to NCC.
2. **NCC Proposal Four in One Facilities Development:** Steve Elsom spoke on behalf of NCC outlining the benefits of the facilities to both parties. NCC has 190 members, 6 teams and 100 juniors, and ladies' cricket is also becoming more popular. The refreshment area will also provide an additional income stream and the whole development will make Dullingham Playing Field much more attractive as a venue. Some issues were raised by members of DPC:
    - **T**he colour needs to be more interesting.
    - Concern was raised that the containers would be too close to the tree crown and ECDC might refuse planning permission on this point; NCC would consider this when submitting plans.
    - the signage needed to be discussed further**.**
    - It was agreed that the development would be a massive improvement; discussions took place on the need for additional refreshment facilities.
    - concern was raised over the adequacy of current toilet facilities but this was not expected to be an issue.
    - concern was expressed over the licensing arrangements and it was agreed that further discussion needed to take place on this topic**.**

JLS proposed that DPC agreed in principal to the storage, scoring and refreshments plan, subject to further details on the licensing application; any additional costs incurred or resulting from the planning, possible licensing and subsequent installation will be the responsibility of NCC; this was seconded by SP and carried unanimously.

3. **Footpath Display Board:** JM was thanked for her hard work on this, and it was agreed to go ahead with the printing. It will then be agreed where this, and any other maps, should be sited.
4. **Path next to the pond**: JM to report the condition to the council.
5. **Recording of road accidents/incidents**: To be maintained by the Clerk. RG/LC to set up a link to the DPC website.
6. **Water Tank Removal/re-siting**. 3 quotes were provided. RA proposed that the Jolland quotation be accepted; this was seconded by GP and unanimously agreed.
7. **Water Leaks/usage**: Although the leak appears not to be on the DPC's side of the meter, there are some issues with tree roots around the meter which are causing problems. RA/LC to follow up with an email to M. Robertson.

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8. **The Post Office, Ellesmere**: Funding/donations have been requested to help with the legal costs to keep a Post Office at the Ellesmere Centre. Discussion took place on S137 and what a parish council can do, and in the meantime AS is to send a copy of the Ellesmere's accounts. To be followed up at December's meeting.

9. **Budget Proposal**: Cary Simpson has provided some very useful information and LC will be attending a training session run by CAPALC. In the meantime any suggestions for specific projects or spending should be sent to the Clerk.

031126/8 **PLANNING**
Nothing to discuss.

031126/9 **TO RECEIVE PLAY AREA REPORT (JLS):**
The front fence is becoming increasingly wobbly.
The wood is looking shabby and needs to be treated. A quote of £975 has been received and it was agreed that a total of 3 quotations should be obtained.
The basket swing is showing wear and tear and is being monitored.
JLS has quotations for the repair of the chain bridge; awaiting feedback from the insurance company. LC to chase.

031126/10 **TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS REPORT (JM):**
JM is reporting dead or damaged trees to the appropriate people/authorities and will ensure a record of these reports is maintained.

031126/11 **TO RECEIVE PAVILION REPORT AND UPDATE (RA):**
The annual review/renewal of the charge for NCC is due 1st November and GP has it in hand.
There are a number of football matches planned; there have been complaints by Some residents because cars were parked on the paths which prevented people with pushchairs or wheelchairs getting past; the organisers have been asked to monitor this situation.

031126/12 **TO RECEIVE ASSETS REPORT**
The revised assets' values: if anyone feels that these are incorrect, please forward comments to SP.

031126/13 **COMMUNICATION**
This is proving to be very useful; RG to look at linking FB with the DPC website..

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031126/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Approval of payments to 25th October and bank reconciliation to 29th October .

Payments:	Warning tape	£5.99
	YU Energy	£45.28
	Lloyds Service Charge	£4.25
	CAPALC (LC's training)	£35.00
	HMRC	£97.37
	Newflame Fire Equipment	£48.48
	Mr Groundsman	£2100.00
	Jolland Construction (patio)	£2500.00
	Anglian Water	£865.40
Receipts:	Bootcamp	£300.00
	NCC 2nd instalment	£1390.00

03126/15 COUNCILLORS' FORUM

- Need to review whether the funds are receiving the best interest rates.
- Batteries for the defibrillator.

031126/16 The next meeting will be on 3rd December at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.

Issued by –L. Cole
Date: 1st November 2026

Should anyone wish to receive any full report from a Councillor, please contact Clerk@dullingham-pc.org.uk.