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Full Parish Council Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council to take place on Thursday 6th February 2025 at Dullingham Pavilion at 6pm

Minutes

In attendance: Councillor Algar (RA) Chairman, Robertson (MR) Vice Chairman, Councillor Cameron (MC), Councillor Parkins (GP), Councillor Murden (JM) District Councillor Lay (JL) and District and County Councillor Sharp (AS)

060225/1 CHAIRMANS WELCOME

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

060225/2 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Parks (SP) – prior commitments. Apologies accepted.

060225/3 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- 1. Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business
- 2. Declaration of any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda
- 3. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
- 4. Grants to any requests for dispensation

None were made.

060225/4 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

It was **RESOLVED** that the Full Parish Council Meeting minutes of 9th January 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **Proposed RA Seconded MC**

060225/5 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman. No members of the public were in attendance.

060225/6 MATTERS ARISING:

- To approve Safeguarding and Planning Response Policy The Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Safeguarding Policy. MR wished to amend the Planning Response Policy and will circulate draft amendments to Full Council. Deferred to next meeting.
- to Full Council. Deferred to next meeting.
 2. Pavilion matters

 RA thanks GP for her work in sourcing the blinds and curtains for the Pavilion.
 RA noted that the Pavilion Sign will be ordered and delivered shortly.
 RA noted that the loft insulation has now all be fully laid.
 RA updated Council that drainage enquiries are ongoing but contact has been made with BT Openreach.
 - 3. To discuss Volunteering

SP and RA have compiled a list of works for volunteers. SP to arrange for Volunteers to sign acceptance forms and complete action sheet. The Parish Council wished to thank the volunteers for their assistance. All forms to be provided to Clerk.

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- 4. Highways Update overhanging foliage King Head Hill and fallen speed sign –from County Councillor Sharp and Councillor Robertson There was no update. MR proposed the Parish Council raise a Freedom of Information Request with Cambridgeshire County Council regarding Highways Reports showing completed but works still outstanding. Seconded by RA, **RESOLVED** to raise FIO Request, motion carried. MR to draft FOI Request Letter and manage request.
- 5. Update on Net Zero Grant The Parish Council had not been successful.

060225/7 PLANNING

(Any plans the PC are aware of after posting of the agenda will be discussed at the next meeting. The application numbers and brief details will be posted via the notice board prior to said meeting.) Applications to discuss: None at time of issue **Previous Application status:** 25/00035/FUL Dollyn Cottage 19-21 Stetchworth Road, Dullingham Installation of outdoor wooden swimming pool, associated filtration and air source heat pump 24/01329/FUL Hare house, 5 Elm Close, Dullingham Single storey rear extension - pending consideration 24/01087/FUL Deer Park Stud Dullingham Demolition of existing yard and erection of replacement American Barn, horse exerciser, muck bunker, loading ramp and service yard - pending consideration 24/00575/FUL and 24/00576/LBC 61 station Road, Dullingham Replacement external windows and doors and the installation of 12 solar panels - Approved 24/00831/VARM Dullingham Park Stud, 10 Eagle Lane, Dullingham To vary condition 1,2 6 8 3 and 10 on previously approved 22/01102/FUM- Approved 24/00830/VAR Dullingham Park Stud, 10 Eagle Lane, Dullingham

Variation condition 1 and 4 of previously approved 22/00991/FUL – Approved

060225/8 PLAY AREA

MC provided a full report to all which was circulated to all before the meeting. Outstanding works to play area due on 7th February 2025.

060225/9 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS County and District Councillor Sharp

Buses

I mentioned last month that at the Transport & Infrastructure Committee on 4th November, the proposed new routes were discussed and that officers stated that they were unable to provide details about the new routes as this was commercially confidential due to ongoing negotiations but would be released shortly.

I have continued to chase for the information, even if it was on a confidential basis, but with no success.

As an update to this released on Thursday 9th January, the CPCA has released a statement saying that the tender process will have to commence again for the new routes.

With the election upcoming in May 2025, it is unlikely that anything will happen before then. In the meantime, the mayor has pushed through a proposal to retain the bus fares at ± 2 per

journey, after the Government's decision to increase the fare to £3. This will be funded by some of the money not used on the extra routes, but only until the end of March 2025, as the budget is not available after then, which is a totally unsustainable

use of public money.

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Whilst lower fares are welcome, they need to be sustainable and lower fares are no use when there is no bus service, as promised as part of the 200% increase in the mayoral precept, which residents have seen no extra bus services yet.

The handling of the extra bus services has been very poor by the Combined Authority. **Council Reorganisation**

There has been a large amount of press coverage around the proposed white paper issued by the Government.

It is true that there are too many layers of local government, with the Combined Authority, County Council, District Councils, Parish Councils and Cambridge has the GCP as well. It seems inevitable that one layer will go, with one or two unitary authorities set up.

As Cambridgeshire already has a mayor, it is unlikely that they will be in the first wave, so it is likely that the County Council elections in 2025 will go ahead, but changes will come into place over the next few years, with the GCP becoming part of the Combined Authority jurisdiction.

District Councillor Lay

District Councillor Lay has now secured 7 dates for Community wide Defibrillator Training across the Woodditton Ward. The seven Parish Councils will be contacted in due course and offered a date in April/May of 2025 for the free training to take place. Dullingham will hold the training on 15th April 2025 at 7pm at Dullingham Pavilion, Stetchworth Road. More information to follow

ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS 060225/10

JM provided a report and raised questions on individual footpath and byways. JM to make contact with the County Council Publics Rights of Way Officer.

JM to advertise the village walk map to help promote the walking routes.

060225/11 ASSETS

SP provided a full report that was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

060225/12 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Bank Reconciliation for Signature up until 31st January 2025 and approval of payments and income to date

Payments:
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HMRC, Wages and Expenses	£839.45
K & M Lighting – Maintenance	£36.96
Anglian Water	£69.76
Yu Energy – Pavilion Electricity (DD)	£30.00
Engie – street light power	£764.07
Engie – street light power	£213.06
Income	
Hire	£108.00
All payments and income were APPROVED unanimously.	Proposed RA Seconded MC

COUNCILLORS FORUM 060225/13

No issues were raised.

DIARY DATES 13th March 2025, 6pm at Dullingham Pavilion, Dullingham Sport Field 060224/14

Meeting closed at 19.44

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