

# Dullingham Parish Council

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Members of the Council are summoned to and Full Parish Council Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council to take place on  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Dullingham Pavilion at 6pm**

## MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Algar (RA) Chairman, Parkins (GP), Murden (JM), Cameron (MC), Park (SP), District Councillor Sharp (AS) and County Councillor Jonny Edge (JE)

### 050625/1 CHAIRMANS WELCOME

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

### 050625/2 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Simpson – prior commitments. Apologies accepted.  
Cllr Robertson was absent – no apologies received.

### 050625/3 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.

### 050625/4 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 were **APPROVED** unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Proposed RA Seconded MC**

### 050625/5 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  
There were no members of the public in attendance.

### 050625/6 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Pavilion Update  
RA updated Council on the recent contact with BT Openreach. It has been agreed that Openreach will move the pole in question. Date to be provided.
2. VJ Day Donation Request  
The Parish Council discussed the request from The Ellesmere Centre for a donation for a joint Dullingham and Stetchworth event to commemorate the occasion. It was **RESOLVED** to donate the sum of £200. **Proposed MC Seconded SP**
3. Highways – Cllr Robertson  
Item deferred due to Cllr Robertson's absence.
4. MVAS Repair Update – Cllr Robertson
5. Item deferred due to Cllr Robertson's absence.  
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6. Speed watch Update and thanks  
The Parish Council had received an update from the Speed watch Group:  
May 2025 -2 sessions held to date  
14/05/25- 6 volunteers. Brinkley Road. Southbound. Between 5-6pm.

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18 speeding vehicles caught and submitted  
22/05/25 - 5 volunteers. Brinkley Road. Southbound. Approx. 3-4:20pm.  
22 speeding vehicles caught and submitted.  
Next sessions due this week 30/31 May. Police may be with us on one on these sessions. Throughout June further sessions will be conducted in varying locations, once having been conducted already on Brinkley Road which was successful. For the hour session 20 cars passed, but none were speeding. If you would like to help out on Stetchworth Road, Eagle Lane, Station Road or Balsham Lane please email [lauraandmark88@outlook.com](mailto:lauraandmark88@outlook.com)  
The Parish Council wished to pass on its thanks to everyone involved.

**050625/7**

## **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

### **Updates**

**25/00404/HRN Dullingham Park Stud, 10 Eagle Lane, Dullingham** – Approved

**25/00451/SON Colbert Stud 40 Dullingham Ley, Dullingham**

Solar panels on quad barn roof – Pending Consideration

**050625/8**

## **PLAY AREA**

MC had circulated a full report prior to the meeting.

All new signage had now been erected and MC will meet with a play area equipment company this week to discuss possible new equipment and placement. It was noted that all repairs had been completed.

**050625/9**

## **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

The County Council held its annual meeting on Tuesday 20 May. Lucy Nethsingha was re-elected as Leader of the Council, and Lorna Dupré is now Deputy Leader of the Council. The meeting appointed Chairs and Vice Chairs of its committees, and representatives to some of its major partners. I am now Vice Chair of the Council's Children and Young Peoples Committee and will also be sitting on the Highways and Transport Committee.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Nethsingha drew attention to the 'extraordinary challenges' of the rising number of older people needing social care and of children with special needs and disabilities. She said the new Liberal Democrat administration will 'make sure our council continues to be more caring, better connected and that Cambridgeshire continues to be a wonderful environment for all to thrive'.

### **ADULTS & HEALTH**

#### **Pressures ahead for Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)**

NHS England has published what has been described as a 'draft blueprint of the future model of ICBs'. These local boards are responsible for planning, funding, and commissioning NHS services for their local populations.

Spending per head by ICBs, which varies across the country from £49 to just under £21, will be cut to £18.76. Plans on how ICBs will meet this new target should have been submitted by 30 May.

There will also be a shift in the functions of ICBs, including to neighbourhood health providers. Boards were told in March they must cut their running costs by around half by October 2025 and to focus on reducing duplication when making cuts. Health minister Karin

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Smyth recently revealed that no impact assessment had been conducted of the decision to reduce ICB running costs.

## **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **School funding**

The Cambridgeshire Schools Forum received a report on the final closing balance of maintained schools in the county (schools that are not academies).

The number of schools reporting a deficit revenue position at the end of 2024/25 has increased compared to previous years (37, compared to 31 a year earlier). The reasons for deficit budgets vary, but recurring themes include:

- Falling rolls between October 23 and October 24.
- Operation of unsustainable staffing structures compared to overall pupil numbers.
- Increase in staffing costs, not covered by funding uplifts.
- Having to operate additional classes due to infant class size legislation.
- Increasing cost pressures relating to SEND.

Bottisham Village College and many primary schools in the division have communicated with parents to explain that hard decisions are likely to be made over the summer to ensure financial stability. In most cases, schools' valuable support staff are likely to be hit first.

### **Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) inspection**

National inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) last month published their report on provision for children and young people with SEND in the county. The County Council and the NHS are jointly responsible for the planning and commissioning of these services as part of the Cambridgeshire Area SEND Partnership, for children and young people with SEND in Cambridgeshire. The partnership has been given the middle rating of three possible outcomes.

The inspectors highlighted several areas of good practice, including a clear and coherent strategy, the capacity to improve provision, and strong relationships across the partnership. It made five recommendations for improvement:

1. Improved timeliness and quality of Education Health & Care Plans.
2. Improved access and shorter waiting times for specialist mental health pathways and neurodevelopmental assessments.
3. Better opportunities for 'co-production' with children and young people with SEND, so their voices and views are more fully included.
4. Improved support for children and young people with SEND as they prepare for adulthood, especially in mainstream schools.
5. Better communication of the local area partnership's offer, so that schools, services and families know about and understand what the area seeks to provide.

The council has already invested £500,000 to manage the increased demand for Education Health & Care Plans and approved a further £920,000 annual investment in February this year.

The full report is at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50276860>

## **COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY and INCLUSION (COSMIC)**

**Find your family in the library**

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Did you know that Cambridgeshire Libraries give you access to Ancestry, the database where you can search millions of historical documents and genealogy resources, including the 1921 census? Ancestry is available at the County Council's 33 libraries and is free to access with your library card.

## ENVIRONMENTAL & GREEN INVESTMENT

### Disposable vapes ban

From 1 June it will be illegal to sell or supply disposable vapes. The government ban is being introduced to tackle the impact of these items on the environment.

It is also hoped the move will help cut the number of children and young people vaping. Retailers caught breaking the law in England face a minimum £200 fine, with a prison sentence of up to two years for repeat offences. Trading Standards will be able to seize any single-use vapes they find. It is estimated that almost five million single-use vapes a week are either littered or thrown away in general waste in the UK.

### Fire service issue battery charging safety reminder

Charging batteries have caused six fires in homes across the county so far this year. Firefighters have been called to fires involving batteries being overcharged, resulting in thermal run-away from the lithium-ion contained in them and causing significant damage to people's homes.

## HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

### Buses

The new Tiger Bus Network services, T4 (Newmarket to Addenbrookes) and T5 (Soham to Cambridge) started to run on 27 May. Residents have already shared concerns with me about these new services related to:

- Impacts of the timing of services reaching end destinations in Cambridge
- Lack of an evening service
- Lack of a Sunday service
- No equivalent services south of Newmarket
- The review period being inadequate (students will be on their summer holidays)

I have written to the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority to share these concerns, but also to ask for an extension to the review period to make sure there is sufficient time for all regular users to have appropriate use of the service before it is reviewed. I will keep you posted on progress.

### Capital highway maintenance programme – 2025/26

As part of the councils £59,332,000 Capital maintenance programme for 2025/26, the work scheduled for 2025/26 is shared in a separate document covering work across the whole of the Woodditton division. This will not include specific works to be covered by Local Highways Improvements (LHI) projects. There are also ongoing emergency works that arise with little warning. When they do occur, the chair and clerk should also be copied into these notices.

I'll share progress against this work every couple of months and will be looking into how I can influence the priorities for our area in 2026/27. Highways was a significant focus throughout the election, and I remain committed to continuously finding better ways to engage Parish Councils and the wider community in work needing to be done; why some work can't be undertaken, or using expected methods; and on action taken to progress work that is scheduled.

**Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141, [jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

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District Councillor Sharp notes the Tiger 4 Bus Issues and District Council Reorganisation meeting which is set for 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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## **ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS**

JM provide the below report

### **FOOTPATH REPORT JUNE 25 – Jules Murden (JM)**

Definitive Map Officer at CCC has not yet sent a copy of the definitive map. JM to chased.

**FP18:** is overgrowing –RA has reported on Report It. Highways should approach Stetchworth Estates in due course but probably too late in the season now.

Proposed information board for footpath map board: Still awaiting the definitive map. Two printers identified, need to find one more in order to provide three quotes for consideration. Also need to source a designer to provide the artwork. JM will provide a full proposal in due course.

Watery Lane – flooding & surface poor, contractors lined up to resurface and improve stream banks this summer.

Pathway 3 next to the school – County chasing the neighbouring stud to cut back the hedge. May be too late in the year now so may now be early autumn. Update: the surface has recently been mown and the hedge is not encroaching too much.

Path overgrowing at the far end of Watery Lane (on the upper path). JM to contact Ailsible stud.

Path at back of Cross Green getting overgrown. JM has cut back the woody growth.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

Pipes under bridge near cattle arch are still almost entirely blocked by tree debris. JM to email Stetchworth Estates. What3words ref (boosted.access.leader)

Flytipping: there are about 14 rusty cans/buckets and some plastic debris and a hosepipe on the railway embankment that has been there for years. It would be nice to see this removed. SP to write to the Network Rail. What3Words ref: (visit.eyeful.plodding). Update: SP has received a reply from Greater Anglia who have promised to action.

**050625/11**

## **ASSETS**

SP circulated a full report to all prior to the meeting. It was noted that approved works under 010525/16 (3) had not taken place.

**050625/12**

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Bank Reconciliation for Signature up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and approval of payments and income to date

### **Payments:**

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HMRC, Wages and Expenses	£1210.99
K & M Lighting – Maintenance	£36.96
MWP – Maintenance	£200.00
The Sign shed – play area signage	£95.23
AJ Gallagher – Insurance	£1418.94
Lloyds – service charge	£4.25
McGregor Services – Grass Cutting	£720.00
OLP – Inspection	£144.00
Yu Energy – Pavilion Electricity (DD)	£31.70

### **Income**

HMRC - VTR Refund	£713.05
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ECDC – CIL 19/01553/FUL Full payment

£6833.02

All the payments, income and bank reconciliations were unanimously **APPROVED**.

**Proposed RA Seconded SP**

**050625/13**

## **COUNCILLORS FORUM**

It was noted a member of the community had made contact with a Councillor to express concerns over the bad parking at the Community Pavilion over the weekend. RA noted the Away Cricket Team arrived before the Home Team and the gate was not opened for their arrival resulting in parking issues. The Parish Council encourage everyone to park with care for others and make sure that all road ways are clear for emergency vehicles.

**050624/14**

**DIARY DATES** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 6pm Dullingham Pavilion

Meeting closed at 19.02

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**Karen Peck**  
**Clerk and RFO**  
**Dullingham Parish Council**

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**R Algar**  
**Chairman**