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Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting of Dullingham Parish Council on 1st 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), Cllr Simpson (CS), Jonny Edge (JE).

031026/1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

031026/2 No apologies were received.

031026/3 **MINUTES OF MEETING OF full Parish Council Meeting of 3rd September 2026 were signed and approved.**

031026/4 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
None received.

031026/5 **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Speedwatch: JE confirmed that he had been in contact with the council and they are prepared to come and meet interested parties. However before then everyone needs to continue to collect evidence and decide what outcome they really want before the January deadline for the next submission.

JE reiterated that even at that point, it may take 18-24 months before any action is taken.

Accidents: A bollard has been broken opposite the Boot PH; all accidents should be recorded and the clerk will set up an excel spreadsheet.

Newmarket Chalk Stream: Invitation to a presentation regarding the chalk stream to be held at Newmarket Memorial Hall on 28th October, 20-12pm.

Hope Hall Stud: A member of the public queried the change of use for buildings on Hope Hall Stud. Councillor Sharp had been asked to look into the matter and we will contact him regarding progress.

031026/6 **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- **JE:** The Best Start in Life Survey showed a drop in negativity regarding the quality of roads.
- The new road surface from the Kings Head PH to the top of Eagle Lane is due to take place from 14th October and the road will be closed from 8am to 5pm.
- The combined authority has reviewed the local bus service; Dullingham is set to have a more regular bus service to Newmarket (2 hourly) but not to Cambridge. However, some local villages are losing all their bus services.

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- Kingsway is back on the table and the submission is being sent into ministers by mid October.

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MATTERS ARISING:

1. **Robot Mower:** Discussion continues regarding a mutually acceptable agreement. The long version is too wordy for DPC and the shortened version is not acceptable to NCC. It was agreed that a medium length version will be sent by GP to NCC which hopefully will be acceptable to both parties, along with a proposal for the cost of electricity.
2. **Nappa House:** After much discussion it was unclear as to what the issue is with this path. LC to contact the resident.
3. **Update on MVAS:** Straps due 8th October; CS reported that the battery life is very poor and they are awkward to replace; solar recharging panels are expensive (c. £500 per set) but may be worth investigating.
4. **Drainage ditch:** Lesley Bird has followed this up with the appropriate person.
5. **HR Committee:** Comprising CS/JLS/RG.
6. **Dullingham Playground 10 Year Management Plan.** Asset Management Plan was received and approved by the Parish Council, and provides a strategic plan for ongoing review and management of the playground assets.
7. **Annual Audit:** This has been successfully completed for the 2025-2026 financial year.
8. **Budget Proposals:** Proposals and suggestions by January 2027 please.

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PLANNING

No objections were raised.

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TO RECEIVE PLAY AREA REPORT (JLS):

The front fence is becoming increasingly wobbly.
The surface covering needs raking again.
The wood is looking shabby and needs to be treated.
JLS to get quotations to fix the damage to the chain bridge.

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TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS REPORT (JM):

JM has written to Hope Hall regarding seasonal flooding at the farm gate at the end of footpath 27 where it meets footpath 26; so far, no response.
JM completed a survey regarding Cambs Rights of Way Improvement.
There will be an update to the Display Board next meeting.

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031026/11 TO RECEIVE PAVILION REPORT AND UPDATE (RA):

NCC has asked the DPC's contribution to the patio be increased from £2k to £2.5k due to the choice of slabs; after some discussion it was agreed that correct procedure had not been followed; The proposal to pay the extra £500 was proposed by CS and accepted by all councillors except SP.

RA has an updated quote for moving the tank, etc., and this will be underway soon. The annual review/renewal of the charge for NCC is due 1st November.

031026/12 TO RECEIVE ASSETS REPORT

The revised assets' values will be added into Scribe before year end. LC.

031026/13 COMMUNICATION

RG to provide a regular update and to upload useful posts onto DP Facebook page.

030106/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Approval of payments to 30th September and bank reconciliation to 30th September .

<u>Payments:</u>	K&M Lighting	£36.96
	YU Energy	£85.20
	Pavilion cleaning	£289.37
	PKF Littlejohn (audit)	£252.00
	Signs for play area	£44.48
	Pavilion cleaning	£52.00
	Lloyds Service Charge	£4.25
	Engie	£164.67
	CAPALC (RG's training)	£75.00
	Red Shoes	£50.40
	McGregor Services	£252.00
	L. Cole (salary)	£365.42
	HMRC	£97.37

<u>Receipts:</u>	BT Claim	£1980.00
	Pavilion Hire	£65.00
	Precept 2 nd Inst.	£16562.24

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031026/15 COUNCILLORS' FORUM

- No further action regarding Old Cross.
- National Emergency Plan. It was felt that this is already in existence. CS to follow up.

031026/16 The next meeting will be on 29th October at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.

Issued by – L. Cole

Date: 6th October 2026

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