

Minutes of Dingley Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

in the Village Hall, Dingley at 7.00 pm.

Members of the Parish Council Present	Cllr S Dudson (Acting Chair) Cllr L Jones Cllr E Lomer-Wood
Others in Attendance	Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)

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1540	<p>Tribute to the late Cllr B Jones given by Cllr S Dudson</p> <p>In Memory</p> <p>"At tonight's Dingley Parish Council meeting we wish to remember and honour the life of our respected Parish Council Chair, Bill Jones, whose recent passing has left a profound void in our community. As one of Dingley's greatest assets, he will be sorely missed.</p> <p>Bill was a faithful servant, a wise leader, and a true pillar of our parish. Through many years of dedicated service, he led with humility, compassion, and a deep commitment to the well-being of our parish family. His quiet strength and steady guidance shaped our community in countless ways, leaving a legacy of unity and faith.</p> <p>We are grateful for the time we shared and the example he set. May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may we honour his memory by continuing the work he so faithfully began.</p> <p>With heartfelt thanks and remembrance, on behalf of the Parish Council"</p>	
1541	<p>To receive and approve apologies</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
1542	<p>Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda and any changes to the Members Register of Interests:</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda.</p> <p>There were no changes to the Register of Member's Interests.</p>	
1543	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2025 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr Lomer-Wood</p>	
1544	<p>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
1545	<p>Open Forum and Representations from members of the public – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</p> <p>There were no representations.</p> <p>(Meeting closed to the public)</p>	

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1546	<p>Planning:</p> <p>There were no planning applications to consider.</p>	
1547	<p>(i) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</p> <p>It was noted that the ordered replacement defibrillator pads were still out of stock. The Clerk will seek an alternative source.</p> <p>All other assets were in order.</p>	JM
	<p>(ii) Local Government Update:</p> <p>There was nothing to report on this item.</p>	
	<p>(iii) Councillor Vacancies:</p> <p>There are now two vacant councillor positions.</p> <p>The Council will pursue the expressions of interest in the roles. Cllr Dudson will continue as acting chair until a replacement is found.</p>	SD
	<p>(iv) IT Policy:</p> <p>The Council referred to the new requirement for all parish council to adopt an IT policy laying out how all clerks, members, and other staff should conduct authority business in a secure and legal way when using IT equipment and software. A draft had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This was approved.</p> <p>Proposed Dudson Seconded Lomer-Wood</p> <p>The next step will be to replace email the clerk's and councillor's e-mail addresses with a generic account hosted on a council-owned domain.</p>	
	<p>(v) Climate and Nature Champion:</p> <p>The Council referred to the request from NCALC to appoint a Climate & Nature Champion to represent it in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment.</p> <p>The Council agreed to revisit this once there is a full complement of councillors.</p>	
1548	<p>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</p> <p>Highways Update</p> <p>Cllr Lomer-Wood advised that she had written to logistic companies requesting that their heavy goods vehicles lorries slow down when travelling through the village. She highlighted the narrow stretch of road from which residents exit onto the main road, particularly from narrow driveways or blind corner at the Church Lane junction. Positive responses had been received from the haulage companies and residents were urged to send in any evidence of speeding, ideally a photo of the 30mph sign illuminated capturing the number plate too.</p> <p>Councillor Lomer-Wood also raised the issue of road signage being obscured by overgrown vegetation or dirt. The Council encouraged both councillors and residents to report such matters via FixMyStreet.</p> <p>Proposed Cycleway:</p> <p>There was no further progress to report on this item at present.</p> <p>The Council is still to secure the required written permissions from the relevant landowners and once this has been received there will be another consultation with the village on whether to proceed with the project.</p>	

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1549	<p>Financial Matters: (i) Payments The following payments were approved.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>VAT element</th> <th>Legal Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Safelincs</td> <td>Defibrillator Pads</td> <td>£186.99</td> <td>£31.16</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£3,843.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings Account</td> <td>£26,464.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ringfenced – Cycle Path</td> <td>£21,952.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td><u>£8,356.39</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on dingley-pc.gov.uk</p>	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT element	Legal Authority	Safelincs	Defibrillator Pads	£186.99	£31.16	LGA 1972 s.111	Current Account	£3,843.52	Savings Account	£26,464.87	Ringfenced – Cycle Path	£21,952.00	Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£8,356.39</u>	
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1550	<p>Exchange of Information, Crime Report and Village Hall:</p> <p>The Village Hall Committee provided the following report <i>“Maddock Developments have submitted a revised planning application to NNC on 10th June for the paddock on Braybrooke Road. The application is for three houses and NO new village hall (previous correspondence refers). The Village Hall Committee is OK with this as a new village hall, as proposed, would require significantly more resources to maintain than the current hall and may well prove to be a burden for future generations. The application is still surprisingly waiting on NNC to acknowledge but when it is finally registered it is expected to receive much support from local resident’s eager to get the issue of this land resolved.</i></p> <p><i>The next VH event is the quiz night this Friday 5th September</i> <i>Octoberfest scheduled for 3^d October. Rosie Wrighting MP expressed a wish to attend this Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September</i></p> <p><i>Parish and NNC Councillors are very welcome to attend any Village Hall event”.</i></p>																			
1551	<p>Correspondence: There was no further correspondence to discuss.</p>																			
1552	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting: To commence 2026/27 Budget Setting Process</p>																			
1553	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th November 2025</p> <p>The Meeting Closed at 7.38 pm.</p>																			

Signed (Chair)

Dated