

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on Monday 10th March 2025 at 6.30pm in The Lyric, Dinnington

Present: Cllr N Ruff (Chair), Cllr D Booth, Cllr L Clarke, Cllr G Cruickshanks , Cllr Z Lowe, Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr S Scott, Cllr D Scriven, Cllr K Smallwood, Cllr D Smith, Cllr F Walden.

Apologies: Cllr J Hall, Cllr W Hall, Cllr J Hart

Absent: Cllr D Adams

In attendance: T Collingham (Clerk), C Radford (Town Council Administrator) and 7 members of public.

58/25 To receive a presentation from the Rotherham Council in respect to Selective Licensing and to answer questions

Council received a presentation from RMBC representatives regarding Selective Licensing scheme proposals for the Dinnington area. Data was shared with the Council why RMBC has identified Dinnington as an area for the scheme.

Following the presentation, a discussion between Councillors and RMBC was had around the difference between the success rates of the scheme between Maltby and Dinnington in the past. RMBC explained this information is based on actual inspections carried out on the properties.

Council advised that the same areas have been included in the schemes both 10 and 5 years ago so how is this different to previous involvement where it could now be argued that this scheme simply does not work. RMBC are hoping to bring new initiatives to the scheme that look beyond houses, looking to make a difference to improve the local areas too

It was confirmed by RMBC that the Landlord will pay the licensing fee and that there are discounts for Landlords owning multiple properties. The increase in cost is to cover inflation, the additional staffing costs of running the proposed scheme as well as the improvements brought to the scheme this time.

If Landlords are not co operative with the scheme, existing legislation is in place that can be followed that will ensure that their properties are brought up to standard or prosecutions can be made.

It is acknowledged by Councillors and RMBC that there may also be tenants that are un cooperative with the scheme, RMBC can support Landlords which appropriate action to take.

RMBC encouraged Councillors to speak with local residents who are tenants within these identified areas and encourage them to engage and report any issues within their properties. The scheme require a collaborative approach from RMBC, DSJTC, Tenants and Landlords in order to succeed.

Due to time restraints on this session Councillors invited the representatives from RMBC to attend a Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting where this scheme could be discussed further.

59/25 To answer questions from the last meeting: None

To allow for questions from electors of Dinnington to ask one question only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or on a pertinent issue that may arise;

What are the Councils thoughts on the proposed solar farm that is proposed on land stretching from Conisbrough to Dinnington ?

The Council confirmed that no planning applications have been received regarding the proposed scheme. The Clerk was requested to seek further information and feed this back to Council at the next meeting.

FORMAL MEETING

60/25 To receive and consider any reasons for absence

Resolved: That the Council received apologies from Cllr J Hall, Cllr W Hall and Cllr J Hart and accepted the reasons for absence. The Council noted that no reason of absence was received from Cllr Adams prior to the meeting.

61/25 To receive and record any declarations of interest and if necessary, to receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests and grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

No declarations of interest were raised.

62/25 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

Item number: 63/25

Item number: 74/25

Resolved: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the nature of the business to be transacted to the item numbers listed above for personal and commercially sensitive reasons.

63/25 Chair's Report (**CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**)

Council received and noted a report from The Chair with updates on recent meetings and opportunities/ progress on land sales. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee is currently meeting every 2 weeks and whilst there is knowledge and experience already on the Committee additional input at the meetings would be welcomed from landowners, Councillors and other agencies.

64/25 Monthly Accounts Schedule and relevant finance information:

(A) To approve accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the clerk delegation (attached)

Resolved: The Council approved the accounts for payment but with a query on #872 payment to Microshade ICT which the Clerk will look into further and come back to Council with further information at the next meeting.

(B) To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1: None

(C) To receive and note the bank reconciliation

Council received and noted the bank reconciliation along with the Clerks update that he has requested online access to one of the accounts.

(D) To update the Authorised Users for the Bank Account

Resolved: Council responded to the Clerks request of adding 2 further authorised users for the bank account and resolved to add Cllr Scriven and Cllr Scott to the account.

(E) To note payments made by Direct Debit

The Clerk presented a list of Direct Debit payments made by the Council and this was noted.

(F) To note staff subscriptions by the Council

The Clerk presented a list of Staff Subscriptions made by the Council and this was noted. The Clerk advised that he felt that a subscription for Cemeteries and Allotments would also be a beneficial addition for the Council.

(G) To receive and consider quotes for the Council Insurance for 2025-2026

The Clerk advised the Council that the current contract is due to expire so he is seeking alternative quotes. As all quotes have not yet been received this item was deferred until the next meeting.

To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on:**(A) 13th January 2025 (Extraordinary Meeting)**

The Clerk explained that an error had been spotted since distribution in the names of attendance/absence which would be corrected.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting be approved with the amendment of attendance and absence as discussed as true record and to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

(B) 27th January 2025 (Precept Meeting)

No matters were raised on the minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Precept Council meeting be approved as true record and to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

(C) 10th February 2025 (Town Council Meeting)

No matters were raised on the minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Full Town Council be approved as true record and to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

(D) 19th February 2025 (Extraordinary Meeting)

No matters were raised on the minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting be approved as true record and to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

(E) 1st March 2025 (Extraordinary Meeting)

No matters were raised on the minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council be approved as true record and to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly lists (5-9)

along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous

planning applications/issues;

Planning Reference	Details	Consultation End Date
RB2025/0056	Erection of a detached garage to the rear – 41 Central Avenue Dinnington, Rotherham http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0056	28/02/2025
RB2025/0146	Change of use to medical consultation room, including new shop front - Mana House 48 Lordens Hill, Dinnington http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2025/0146	03/03/2025

Resolved: Council members queried why the Consultation end dates had already ended when brought to

Council for consideration and the Clerk confirmed that this was an error on his part and this was actually the date that the consultation opened, he will ensure that this is correct going forward. Concerns and queries were raised by Council and members of the public regarding Planning Reference: RB2025/0146 and it becoming a medical consultation room in that area and it's exact proposed use. Council resolved that the Clerk request an extension on the consultation end date and seek further clarity on the application then report back to Council.

67/25 Ward Member Update

An update was provided by Councillor Amanda Clarke this month which advised of the many things she has been involved with recently:

- Open Arms Session
- Regeneration Meeting
- Health Commission
- Dinnington Issues
- Oldcotes Road
- Surgeries
- Ward Budget
- Selective Licensing Consultation
- Rural Crime Update

68/25 Booking Concessions and Donations: Nil

69/25 For Members consideration and decisions:

(A) To receive a quote for tree works at Silverdale Allotments

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed for a Tree Specialist to carry out work to tidy up the trees and overhanging branches on the boundary fencing.

(B) To discuss the charity of the year and consider any further action

A short discussion between Council confirmed that this is usually advertised out and then selected at May's Annual Council Meeting.

Resolved: Council resolved unanimously to delegate the promotion and engagement of this to the Assistant Clerk and for her to bring suitable applications back to Council for consideration at the Annual Council Meeting.

(C) To receive correspondence in relation to the feasibility of scheme between Red Lion Roundabout and M1 J31 on the A57 and consider any further action

A discussion was had about the flow of traffic, particularly at peak times and how improvements to the road lay out could reduce congestion and benefit the local area. Concerns were also raised about that specific area of road being used by irresponsible road users driving at high speeds late at night.

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed for the Clerk to formally submit their comments and concerns to The Transport Infrastructure Service at RMBC.

(D) To receive an invitation to a special meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch on 19th March 2025

The Clerk highlighted the correspondence received and agreed to send out the email invitation to all Councillors for the online meeting so that anyone wishing to take part can register.

(E) To note any actions from the full council training on 17th February 2025 and consider any further action

The Clerk advised that he will be following up on the training received from the event. Councillors that attended the session feedback that it had been both enjoyable and informative. It was requested that the Clerk look into other training sessions that would be beneficial and particularly around Planning applications.

(F) To receive correspondence from Keep Britain Tidy and consider any further action

Resolved: Council members resolved to take part in this year's litter pick event 21st March – 6th April. Further discussions needed to organise a date and the possibility of involving local schools and advertising the litter pick at the Community event in The Lyric on 2nd April.

(G) To consider refreshments at the Town Council meeting (Cllr D Smith)

Resolved: Council agreed that the kitchen shutters will be open before a Full Council Meeting in order to serve drinks to members of the public. The Kitchen will then be closed and shutters down while the meeting takes place.

70/25 **Park Avenue Cemetery/Lyric Theatre/Allotments/Land: None**

71/25 **Dinnington Town Council Grants:**

(A) Dinnington Bowling Club

(B) Community Education Adults Disabilities (CEAD)

Resolved: Following a discussion it was resolved to defer a decision on both of these applications whilst the Clerk obtains further information from both applicants to support their applications and how these grants would be to the benefit of Dinnington residents.

72/25 **General Matters:**

(C) Dinnington Regeneration update

The Chair confirmed that the available money has been secured for a further 2 years beyond the previous 2026 deadline. RMBC are happy to give any additional updates as this is their project.

(D) Neighbourhood Plan Committee update

Council updated as part of the Chairs Report Item 63/25

(E) Emergency Response Committee update – No update

(F) Staffing and Complaints Committee update – No update

(G) Community Committee update – No update

(H) Working Group updates – No update

73/25 **Date and time of next meeting:**

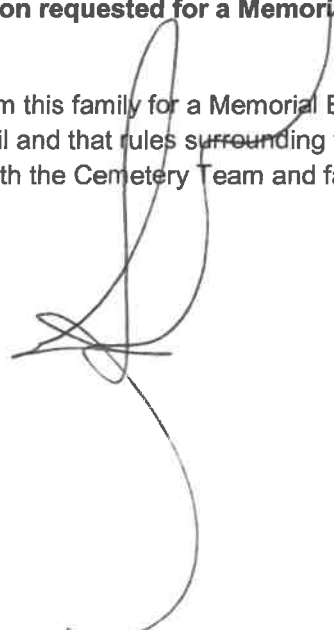
(A) 14th April 2025 at 7pm in The Lyric, Laughton Road (Annual Parish Meeting)

(B) 12th May 2025 at 7pm in The Lyric, Laughton Road (Annual Meeting of the Town Council)

74/25 **[CONFIDENTIAL ITEM] - To receive an update on information requested for a Memorial Bench placement and consider any further action**

Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed to the request from this family for a Memorial Bench providing that it is placed in the agreed area, is purchased via the Council and that rules surrounding the placement of flowers or other items are adhered to. The Clerk will liaise with the Cemetery Team and family regarding suitable bench options and the installation.

Meeting closed at 20.45 hours



**DUNNINGTON ST JOHNS TOWN COUNCIL
PAYMENTS LIST**

Date	Cost Code	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
919	20/02/2025 00:00	£888.57	£177.71	£1,066.28	Gas supply	British Gas
918	19/02/2025 00:00	£10.50	£0.00	£10.50	Bank Fees	Co-op Bank
917	19/02/2025 00:00	£2.42	£0.48	£2.90	Milk for meeting	Tesco
916	17/02/2025 00:00	£37.88	£0.00	£37.88	Sweets etc. for Lyric tuck shop	Aldi
915	17/02/2025 00:00	£55.25	£0.00	£55.25	Sweets etc. for Lyric tuck shop	B&M
911	08/02/2025 00:00	£4.40	£0.00	£4.40	Bar supplies	Hornsea
910	10/02/2025 00:00	£1.99	£0.00	£1.99	Posters	Poster My Wall
909	10/02/2025 00:00	£1.99	£0.00	£1.99	Posters	Poster My Wall
908	06/02/2025 00:00	£43.75	£8.75	£52.50	Payroll System	Staffology
907	04/02/2025 00:00	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00	Office electricity	EDF
905	03/03/2025 00:00	£27.20	£5.44	£32.64	Vehicle service	EMAC Ltd
904	27/02/2025 00:00	£11.21	£2.24	£13.45	Adjustable Spanner	Homecare Two
903	28/02/2025 00:00	£4.41	£0.88	£5.29	Milk etc. for TC meeting	Heron
902	28/02/2025 00:00	£46.67	£9.33	£56.00	Allotment keys	Village Gent
901	05/02/2025 00:00	£3.68	£0.74	£4.42	Refreshments	Tesco
900	05/02/2025 00:00	£128.49	£25.70	£154.19	Refreshments	Tesco
899	28/02/2025 00:00	£66.97	£13.39	£80.36	Cleaning supplies	Makro
898	13/02/2025 00:00	£11.66	£2.33	£13.99	Door Closer	Plumb Fix
897	18/02/2025 00:00	£10.07	£2.02	£12.09	Refreshments	Tesco
896	07/02/2025 00:00	£177.30	£35.46	£212.76	Poster Frames	UK POS
895	03/02/2025 00:00	£47.40	£9.48	£56.88	Bar supplies	Amazon
894	17/02/2025 00:00	£6.94	£1.39	£8.33	Lyric catering equipment	Amazon
893	06/02/2025 00:00	£33.32	£6.66	£39.98	Cleaning supplies	Amazon
892	11/02/2025 00:00	£8.25	£1.65	£9.90	Sweets etc. for Lyric tuck shop	Amazon
891	20/02/2025 00:00	£7.65	£1.53	£9.18	Staff clothing	Amazon
890	18/02/2025 00:00	£34.47	£6.89	£41.36	Bar supplies	Makro
889	20/02/2025 00:00	£243.82	£48.76	£292.58	Staff clothing	Workwear Express
888	20/02/2025 00:00	£255.02	£51.01	£306.03	Staff clothing	Amazon
887	20/02/2025 00:00	£45.83	£9.17	£55.00	Flowers	Interflora
886	01/02/2025 00:00	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00	Payroll System	IRIS
885	05/03/2025 00:00	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00	Payroll System	IRIS
884	03/03/2025 00:00	£22.46	£0.00	£22.46	Water supply	Everflow Ltd
884	03/03/2025 00:00	£86.31	£0.00	£86.31	Water supply	Everflow Ltd

884	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery Water	£71.11	£0.00	£71.11	Water supply	Everflow Ltd
884	03/03/2025 00:00	Allotment Water	£221.04	£0.00	£221.04	Water supply	Everflow Ltd
883	04/03/2025 00:00	Office Heat & Light	£198.40	£9.92	£208.32	Electricity supply	EDF
882	04/02/2025 00:00	Office Heat & Light	£128.57	£6.43	£135.00	Electricity supply	EDF
881	17/02/2025 00:00	Office - Phone & Broadband	£27.11	£5.42	£32.53	Telephone, broadband	BT
880	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery Grave Digging	£760.00	£0.00	£760.00	Gravedigging	Gravediggers (M&C Elliott)
879	03/03/2025 00:00	Lyric Air Conditioning/Heating Servicing	£630.00	£126.00	£756.00	Aircon unit service	Aircool
878	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery Memorials	£405.00	£81.00	£486.00	Memorial fee	Beecroft Memorials
877	03/03/2025 00:00	Printer Charges	£22.14	£4.43	£26.57	Printer charges	East Penine Office Technology
876	03/03/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Purchases	£960.16	£192.03	£1,152.19	Bar supplies	HB Clark
875	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery Plants & Bedding	£2,569.25	£513.85	£3,083.10	Plants	Hobson Nurseries
874	03/03/2025 00:00	Vehicle Fuel	£76.06	£15.21	£91.27	Fuel	HM Wainwright
873	03/03/2025 00:00	Health & Safety Support (I-Safe)	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00	Health and Safety Consultant	I-Safe
872	03/03/2025 00:00	Microshade/Vision ICT	£261.90	£52.38	£314.28	Monthly hosting fee	Microshade
871	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery - Misc Supplies incl staff uniform	£7.82	£1.56	£9.38	Cemetery supplies	Rackfords
870	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery - Misc Supplies incl staff uniform	£73.64	£14.73	£88.37	Cemetery supplies	Rackfords
869	03/03/2025 00:00	Lyric - equipment purchases, hire/repairs	£38.18	£7.64	£45.82	staple gun	Rackfords
868	03/03/2025 00:00	Contingency - unforeseen repairs etc.	£215.01	£43.00	£258.01	Lift Repair	RJ Lift Services
867	03/03/2025 00:00	Contingency - unforeseen repairs etc.	£423.88	£84.78	£508.66	Boiler repairs	Robinsons
866	03/03/2025 00:00	Cemetery - machinery repairs/servicing	£61.66	£12.33	£73.99	Signage	Torne Valley
865	03/03/2025 00:00	Lyric Miscellaneous Supplies/Equipment Repairs	£16.22	£3.25	£19.47	Signage	Torne Valley
864	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - machinery repairs/servicing	£57.40	£11.48	£68.88	Equipment service	Turner Hire
863	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - machinery repairs/servicing	£43.33	£8.67	£52.00	Equipment service	Turner Hire
862	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - Misc Supplies incl staff uniform	£4.95	£0.99	£5.94	Paint	Turner Hire
861	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - machinery repairs/servicing	£42.70	£8.54	£51.24	Cemetery machinery	Turner Hire
860	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - machinery repairs/servicing	£46.87	£9.37	£56.24	Cemetery machinery	Turner Hire
859	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - machinery repairs/servicing	£131.20	£26.24	£157.44	Cemetery machinery	Turner Hire
858	27/02/2025 00:00	Website Fees	£450.00	£90.00	£540.00	Website Final Invoice	Vision ICT
857	27/02/2025 00:00	Member/Staff Training	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	Member/staff training	YLCA
856	27/02/2025 00:00	Member/Staff Training	£502.55	£0.00	£502.55	Member/staff training	YLCA
855	27/02/2025 00:00	Member/Staff Training	£17.50	£0.00	£17.50	Member/staff training	YLCA
854	27/02/2025 00:00	Lyric - equipment purchases, hire/repairs	£12.49	£0.00	£12.49	New key	Cheryl Radford
853	26/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Events Budget	£790.00	£0.00	£790.00	Lyric Door Split	Andy Greaves (Andy Greaves Entertainer)
851	05/02/2025 00:00	Xmas Festival - Entertainments	£129.98	£26.00	£155.98	Xmas decorations	Costco
850	05/02/2025 00:00	Xmas Festival - Entertainments	£199.98	£40.00	£239.98	Xmas decorations	Costco
849	05/02/2025 00:00	Alarm/CCTV Maintenance	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00	Key fob repair	Industrial Door Solutions Ltd
848	27/02/2025 00:00	Cemetery - Misc Supplies incl staff uniform	£420.00	£0.00	£420.00	Staff clothing	Tracie B
TOTAL			£13,006.98	£1,945.26	£14,952.24		

INCOME

Date	Cost Code	Net	VAI	Total	Description
369 11/02/2025 00:00	Community Club	£16.00	£0.00	£16.00	Community club income
368 11/02/2025 00:00	Bookings Income	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Lyric Hire
367 11/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£224.50	£0.00	£224.50	Bar receipts
366 04/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£245.80	£0.00	£245.80	Bar receipts
365 04/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£195.10	£0.00	£195.10	Bar receipts
364 04/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£76.00	£0.00	£76.00	Bar receipts
363 17/02/2025 00:00	Bookings Income	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	Lyric Hire
362 07/02/2025 00:00	Professional Fees	£1,569.60	£0.00	£1,569.60	Legal Fee - Refund
361 05/02/2025 00:00	Bookings Income	£2,190.00	£0.00	£2,190.00	Lyric Hire
360 19/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£85.92	£17.19	£103.11	Card transaction fees
359 10/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£697.20	£139.44	£836.64	Card transaction fees
358 03/02/2025 00:00	Lyric Bar Income	£550.56	£110.11	£660.67	Card transaction fees
357 03/02/2025 00:00	Rugby Club Rent Income	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	Ground rent
356 25/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
355 24/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
355 24/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
354 23/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
353 23/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
352 23/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
351 23/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
350 23/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
349 20/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
348 20/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
347 20/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
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346 20/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
345 18/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
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344 18/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
343 04/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
342 16/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
341 15/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
340 15/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£34.50	£0.00	£34.50	Allotment fee
339 13/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee
338 08/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	Allotment fee

337	10/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income			
336	03/02/2025 00:00	Allotment Rent Income			
			£34.50	£0.00	£34.50 Allotment fee
			£24.00	£0.00	£24.00 Allotment fee
		TOTAL	£6,949.18	£266.74	£7,215.92