

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 5.30pm in The Committee Room, Council Offices, Dinnington

Present: Cllr D Booth, Cllr G Cruickshanks, Cllr J Hall, Cllr W Hall, Cllr J Hart, Cllr Z Lowe, Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr N Ruff (Chair), Cllr D Smith, Cllr F Walden.

Apologies: Cllr L Clarke, Cllr D Scriven, Cllr S Scott, Cllr K Smallwood

Absent: Cllr D Adams

In attendance: C Radford (Town Council Administrator) and 4 members of public.

126/25 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;

A member of the public emailed requesting that Councillors consider supporting St Leonard's Church annual Christmas Tree Festival this year.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to support the event this year and agreed for the necessary actions on this go through the Community Committee.

FORMAL MEETING

127/25 To receive and consider any reasons for absence

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr L Clarke, Cllr D Scriven, Cllr S Scott & Cllr K Smallwood.

128/25 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

This agenda item prompted a lengthy discussion between Councillors regarding the summons and agenda received by Councillors. The information provided to Councillors regarding the agenda items was felt by some to be insufficient to be able to declare any interests. It was also discussed at this point that the agenda should not have specified that items were already chosen for confidential session, this is to be decided by Councillors during the meeting. Councillors were informed by The Chair that the matters for discussion under the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and staffing matters should be deemed as confidential and this was an administrative error on this occasion. A small break was taken for Councillors to receive further information relating to Items 131/25 and 132/25 and members of the public were requested to leave.

Following a short break members of the public were then asked to return to the meeting.

No declarations of interest were raised.

Chairman Signature:



129/25 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 numbers: 131/25 and 132/25

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 reason.

130/25 To note the date and time of the next Town Council meeting

Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.00pm

131/25 **[CONFIDENTIAL] - To discuss and consider information from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee (Cllr W Hall)**

Due to the nature of the business to be transacted, this item was excluded from the press and public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

Councillors received a Land Registry map showing a strip of land owned by Dinnington St John's Town Council and were asked to consider including this small area as part of the current land sale at East Street.

It was discussed that this was originally purchased for a nominal fee in order to aide any future possible land sale.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to hand over the ownership of this land as part of the land sale.

132/25 **[CONFIDENTIAL] - Members are asked to consider the staff matters raised and agree the way forward, making any decisions where required.**

Due to the nature of the business to be transacted, this item was excluded from the press and public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

Resolved:- Councillors considered the current situation regarding the administration of the Council at length and agreed to temporarily appoint a Locum Clerk for up to 3 days per week. The matter remains ongoing.

Meeting closed at 18.42 hours

Chairman Signature:

