

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 9:00am in Committee Room, Council Office, Laughton Road, Dinnington

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Present: Cllr. W. Hall, Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. T. Mulholland, Cllr L Clarke

Also present: Anne Wilson Locum Town Clerk, D. Johnston

N220/25 To answer questions from the last meeting: and 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; followed by the formal meeting.

Members noted a letter from a local resident about various funding and concerns about matters in the town. In reply Members stated the following:

- S106 £650k money – only Rotherham have access to it
- £30k playing field strategy from Barrett to RMBC – won't release the S106 monies and RMBC have changed the goal posts
- Green spaces are at Anston not Dinnington
- 2015 was when RMBC first started to put the Local Plan together – Dinnington is one of the three main areas to build houses on. In 2018 Dinnington was second on the list
- The allotment site is in the Rotherham local plan
- The Miners Welfare is in the Rotherham Local Plan and there is no control over the site. NUM spent £90k taking RMBC to court and Siswell got it under false pretences. Dinnington Town Council (DTC) fought it as hard as they could as they were fighting for green spaces and for the number of houses coming to Dinnington
- Siswell own a lot of land – the cricket pitch is nothing to do with DTC
- Anston – RMBC have not gone for land for houses yet they are running out of land for houses in other areas
- Rugby Club – no donation to DTC from Barrett's
- DTC have no control over the allotment site – they can do what they want with the land although DTC would like to see social housing
- The cross is the responsibility of RMBC and not DTC although they deny responsibility for it. Yes it was there insurance payout that repaired it after a car went into it

Comment was made by Members that every aspect of the e mail was totally inaccurate all the way through.

N221/25 To receive and consider any reasons for absence

RESOLVED to receive the following apologies for absence:

- Cllr. D. Adams – work commitment
- Cllr. N. Ruff – personal commitment
- Cllr. J. Hart – unwell

N222/25 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

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest.

N223/25 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))

RESOLVED to note that there were none.

N224/25 To approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2025

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2025

N225/25 C106 money Dinnington Projects Ref 0108-2526MP - Dave Johnston from RMBC will address the meeting about C106 money

£680k came from Barrett's in the form of S106 with the final payment due. Dave said that for three years the Leader of RMBC has failed to answer his letters – now going through the MP who contacted RMBC and eventually he received a response.

Concern was expressed school had been spoken to and a meeting was being arranged with the Rugby Club but no one had contacted the Town Council.

The Regeneration Steering Group meeting had been rearranged as the MP was not available. The Locum Town Clerk would be attending.

The final payment should not have any bearing on who gets what out of the S106 funds but the bid needs to be redesigning where appropriate as long as it follows the original bid, noting the Rugby Club have ideas about the site and the funds. Cllr. Smith had told the Rugby Club Chairman not to speak to RMBC. The Council had gone to the Rugby Club with their plan but it appears that the discussions had not been passed on. It may be the only opportunity for the town to have new sports facilities.

The Locum Town Clerk was asked to find the original plans and bid to take to the Rugby Club meeting on Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7 p.m. This Committee would also like to see them again.

It looks like the school have already carried out some of the work that they were bidding for money for – noting that the funds are for new builds not replacement which is what they have done. Their facilities are not community facilities as they are not open to the public which is one of the criteria.

The bid is the Town Council's and not the Rugby Clubs – the only reason that they are involved is that they are tenants. Everyone has access to the facilities at the Rugby Club but their bid does not fulfil what the money is for. They can go to the RFU for some funds due to the number of children they are getting on a Sunday morning.

The delay in the Playing Pitch Strategy means that some people have missed out on playing pitches.

Dinnington Town Council and the Rugby Club need to work in partnership and get a proper agreement and responsibilities in place.

The public need to know what is going on. The proposals are to replace what Dinnington has lost i.e. replacing sports facilities the town has lost – for health reasons backed by Sport England, noting that new facilities would benefit the town and the Rugby Club want to be a community club.

N226/25 To receive an update on the working partnership meeting with RMBC on empty homes and consider any further action (Cllr D Smith & Cllr T Mulholland)

The Councillors had a productive meeting with Tania McGee. They sent a message that we are able to use enforcement laws and explained access to the initial property in question.

EDMO will get their money – to the tune of £50k - back through a small management order. Two officers at RMBC will pursue this.

N227/25 To receive and note an update on the sale of land at East Street (Cllr W Hall)

It was suggested to see if we could get together by e mail.

Rotherham approaches Dinnington Town Council and get they now claim not to know what the intentions are so we need to sit down with them and talk it through. Members were confused about why they are still asking so many questions.

N228/25 To receive and note any update on RMBC Asset Management meeting held on 14th August 2025 and consider any further action (Cllr W Hall)

There was no further update.

N229/25 To discuss developing the Project working document and consider any further action

Dave suggested he had solutions to this matter and not everyone was familiar about the projects. It was suggested that a template be put together at a meeting to include the project name, names of Councillors responsible, the whole story of the project and updates and contact details etc. People can feed into the project working document.

N230/25 To receive an update on the land at Lodge Lane and consider any further action

Nothing had been heard – Cube had been asked to get in touch with ESH. The land is opposite the Lodge Lane triangle and was with Wickersley Solicitors and Land Registry.

CIL Funding could offer support.

N231/25 To note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting

The Clerk was asked to put on the same items at the next meeting.

N232/25 To note the date and time of the next meeting

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee would be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday 20th November 2025 in the Committee Room.

Signed Date 20th November 2025

Chairman

