

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.00pm in The Lyric, Dinnington

Present: Cllr D Adams, Cllr D Booth, Cllr W Hall (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hart, Cllr Z Lowe, Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr D Scriven, Cllr D Smith, Cllr F Walden.

Apologies: Cllr L Clarke, Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Ruff, Cllr S Scott, Cllr K Smallwood

Absent: Cllr G Cruickshanks

In attendance: A Wilson (Locum Town Clerk), L Warne (Assistant Clerk) C Radford (Town Council Administrator), 17 members of public and Mr Rory Battye - RMBC.

Cllr W Hall chaired this meeting due the absence of Cllr N Ruff

140/25 Public Questions

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;

An elector asked why the microphones were not set up for the meeting to which they were assured that this will be looked into with a view to resolving for the next meeting.

A further question was asked regarding the council's financial accounts and when they could be expected to be brought up to date. The Locum Town Clerk confirmed that she is in the process of bringing the accounts up to date and they will be presented to Councillors as soon as they are available. Members of the public and Councillors were reassured that if anything regarding the finances was queried by the auditors, then the current situation regarding a Locum Town Clerk in position would be a very good explanation for the delays.

FORMAL MEETING

141/25 Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and consider any reasons for absence

Resolved: That the Council received and accepted reasons for absence from Cllr L Clarke, Cllr J Hall, Cllr N Ruff, Cllr S Scott and Cllr K Smallwood.

142/25 Declarations of Interest

Members are asked 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.

Resolved: At this point in the meeting, Councillors resolved to bring forward Agenda item 149/25 C so that Rory Battye, the representative from RMBC could discuss the proposed relocation of the markets during the regeneration project.

Following an online meeting between the Locum Clerk and Mr Battye, during which Councillors concerns were raised, Mr Battye addressed Councillors in person. He explained that there are currently 3 options regarding the temporary relocation of the markets while the regeneration project is taking place, with option 2, moving onto DSJTC owned car park being the preferred by the Market Manager.

Councillors spoke of concerns regarding the car park being on a slope, that stalls would need levelling, market stall's being dragged across the resurfaced car park could cause also cause damage. Councillors were also concerned that the market traders do not appear to have been consulted regarding the proposed move and that a consultation should take place.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to suspend Standing Orders to enable market traders present at the meeting to discuss and voice their opinions and concerns.

A member of the public spoke to say that the moving of the markets will reduce the number of car parking spaces available to traders and shoppers in Dinnington. If customers are lost in the area due to issues with car parking then it is very difficult to get them to come back. Better to have the market on Laughton Road and near the Aldi precinct area.

Councillors voiced concerns about the car parks slope, especially if icy for elderly or less mobile shoppers. The preference would also be to use Laughton Road and for RMBC to organise the necessary road closures each Friday morning until approx 1pm. A move onto the high street would also increase footfall to local shops.

Mr Battye agreed to speak with the Highways Dept re possible road closures as plenty of time between now and work on the regeneration starting in April 2026. RMBC will also look to consult with market traders directly.

Councillors were informed that it would be expected that any cost of the proposed road closure would come out of the regeneration fund.

Resolved: Councillors thanked Mr Battye for his attendance and resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.

143/25 Council in Private Session

Members are asked 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))

No items identified

144/25 Chair's Report

No report received as the Chair was not present at the meeting.

145/25 Monthly Accounts Schedule and relevant finance information:

Members are asked to note that there is a backlog in the accounts at the moment that the Locum Town Clerk is attempting to resolve. The Council will receive up to date information as soon as it is available.

Members noted that this was previously covered during the public questions.

146/25 Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the meetings of:

- **Informal notes of a meeting of the Staffing and Complaints Committee**
Councillors received and noted the informal notes of the Staffing and Complaints Committee
- **Full Council held on Monday 13th October 2025**
Councillors received and discussed the minutes of the meeting on 13/10/2025 and felt that there was an amendment needed on page 2 referring to an amendment to the minutes of the 14/07/25 Town Council meeting as a short disturbance. The disturbance to the meeting lasted around 20 minutes and should be minuted accordingly.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of 13/10/2025 with the amendment to remove 'short' from agenda item: 132/25
- **Neighbourhood Plan Committee on Thursday 16th October 2025**
Councillors received and noted the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee 16/10/2025. It was also noted that Cllr J Hart had sent her apologies for non attendance but this was omitted from the minutes.
- **Lyric Committee on Monday 3rd November 2025**
Councillors received and noted the minutes of the Lyric Committee 03/11/2025
- **Community Committee on Monday 3rd November 2025**
Councillors received and noted the minutes of the Community Committee 03/11/2025
- **Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council Tuesday 16th September 2025**
Resolved: Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of 16/09/2025

147/25 Planning:

- i) **Members are asked to consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly lists along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous planning applications/issues;**

Planning Reference	Details	Date Valid
	As at the time of writing the agenda there were no applications for consideration.	

- ii) **Councillors noted the following:**
Applications Agreed
- RB2025/1197 1 St Leonards Close, Dinnington
Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Dinnington Conservation Area
- iii) **Any other planning matter**
There were no other planning matters.

148/25 Ward Member Update

The Ward Member Update was read out by Cllr W Hall on behalf of the Ward's Borough Councillors. They updated that they have attended Remembrance events in the area and continue to work on cases within the community. They are supporting local businesses and traders based on the high street by providing workshops to boost online presence and skills.

Members are asked to consider and make decisions on the following:

- (A) **Confirmation of the date to excavate and relay a broken drainage pipe under Constable Lane**
Councillors noted the provisional date for work to commence is Mon 16th February 2026
- (B) **Confirmation of the date to carry out PAT testing for the Council and receive quotes for alternative methods of completion**
Councillors noted that the annual PAT Testing was carried out Mon 10th November 2025
- (C) **Members are asked to receive an update from the Locum Town Clerk following discussion at the October Council meeting about Rotherham Council wanting to temporarily move Dinnington Market onto the carpark adjacent to the bus station**
Previously discussed earlier in the meeting.
- (D) **To confirm the date that the front door will be repaired**
Councillors were updated that the front door was repaired Thursday 6th November 2025.
- (E) **To note the update of the sound and lighting in The Lyric and to consider the disposal of old equipment**
The Locum Clerk updated Councillors that she would like more time to look at the value of the equipment as the previous offer does seem to be on the low side. Item deferred until the next meeting.

General Matters

- (A) **RMBC Dinnington Regeneration update**
The Locum Clerk confirmed that she will be attending an online meeting on 11/11/2025 and update Members of the council accordingly of any relevant information.
- (B) **Neighbourhood Plan Committee update**
Cllr W Hall advised that the committee continues to meet regularly and is currently focusing on getting responses from RMBC to enable projects to move forward.
- (C) **Emergency Response Committee update**
No meetings, no update.
- (D) **Staffing and Complaints Committee update**
The Locum Clerk updated that the recruitment of a new Clerk is still underway. Councillors were also updated that that the recent complaint is still ongoing but should be closed off soon.
- (E) **Lyric Committee update**
Cllr W Hall updated Councillors that meetings have been held and members are currently reviewing the results of the public consultation.
- (F) **Community Committee update**
The Locum Clerk updated councillors that the Christmas Festival opening times have been revised to 12pm – 8pm. All Councillors, volunteers and staff are informed that no alcohol is to be consumed until the event is closed. The event is now advertised on Facebook.
- (G) **Working Group updates**
Twin Town – Cllr J Hart updated councillors that she has spoken to a representative at Clackmannanshire Council in Scotland regarding a twinning project. They have advised that they would want to carry out a public consultation with their residents, they hope to complete this early 2026 and will update Cllr Hart accordingly.
- (H) **Community Working update**
The Assistant Clerk updated councillors that she has had meetings with a representative from Dinnington Primary School and are discussing ways for the council to engage with the children and work together. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

151/25 Proposed 20mph zone off Lodge Lane Dinnington

Members are asked to consider a copy of the plan and the notice showing a proposed '20mph speed limit' on a new residential development 'off' Lodge Lane Dinnington.

In accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, I should appreciate it if you would consider the above proposal and let me know in writing if you have any objections to this proposal by the date of the attached notice.

Councillors discussed the proposed 20mph speed limit and discussed the planned boundary. Councillors have no objections to a 20mph zone being implemented but would propose that this is extended to well beyond the entrance to Dinnington Rugby Club as this can be dangerous with the current speed limits along Lodge Lane.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to support the scheme but would like to propose that the 20mph zone is amended to extend beyond the Rugby Club entrance.

152/25 High Street Funding for Dinnington St Johns Town Council

Members are asked whether anyone would like to attend this conference:

The government has launched a new "Town of Culture" competition to celebrate local heritage, boost civic pride, and strengthen community engagement, running alongside the UK City of Culture programme.

In preparation, Government Events are allocating Dinnington St Johns Town Council funded places at our Restoring the High Street Conference 2025, taking place online on the 2nd of December.

Councillors asked if it was possible for all of them to attend the online meeting together in the Lyric and use the big screen. The Locum Clerk is to check the time of the meeting and availability of the Lyric then update councillors.

153/25 To note the date and time of the next Town Council meeting

Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.00 hours

