

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 9:00am in Committee Room, Council Office, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr. N. Ruff (Chair), Cllr. D. Adams, Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall, Cllr. J. Hart, Cllr. D. Smith

Absent: Cllr T Mulholland

Also present: Amy Wright (Town Clerk)

- N46/26** **Members 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.**

There were no questions raised.

- N47/26** **Members to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr T Mulholland.

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr T Mulholland.

- N48/26** **Members 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**

There were no further declarations of interest.

- N49/26** **Members 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)**

Members noted that there were none.

- N50/26** **Members to approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026**

A discussion was held regarding further information received from Dinnington Rugby Club detailing the numbers of their members coming from Dinnington and other surrounding areas. The data did not identify which members were adults, children or members of the junior or senior teams. It was suggested that the membership could be used to promote Town Council activities if the Rugby Club were able to forward communications. It was also suggested that the Rugby Club premises could be used outside of practice times for community use of any facilities such as gym equipment

(9.20am Cllr W Hall arrived)

The matter would be discussed at the next Community Committee meeting to discuss positive ways of marketing through the Rugby Club.

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026 as a true record to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

- N51/26** **Members to receive and note an update on the sale of land at East Street (Cllr N Ruff)**

The Chair confirmed that he had a meeting next week but there was nothing further to report.

N52/26 Members to discuss developing the Project working document and consider any further action

The Clerk referred to the list of projects for which information had been found. A working document is to be developed itemising each project and any points made in meetings or progress made both during and in between meetings.

- (A) DRUFC S106 plan and business case – Cllr Smith confirmed that Rachel Stothard, Sports & Physical Activity Manager at RMBC, will be attending the next meeting. A discussion was held regarding the Playing Pitch Strategy and the S106 funding from Barratts which was to replace the playing fields provision from the Miners Welfare. It was noted that any misunderstandings about the funding and changes to parameters needed to be discussed with Rachel Stothard. It was further suggested that the playing field strategy passed at RMBC the previous Wednesday should be read by members of the committee prior to meeting with Rachel Stothard.

N53/26 Members to receive an update on the land at Lodge Lane and consider any further action

It was noted that no further communication had been received from Vistry but David Mees had expressed an interest in the land. The owners of adjacent land would be contacted to ascertain their plans and it was suggested that the owners of farming land next to the Rugby Club should be contacted. The meeting with the Chief Executive of RMBC, John Edwards was still to be arranged.

N54/26 Members to consider any update to the empty homes situation

It was noted that fencing had been erected around empty houses on Rotherham Road. There were supposed to be bi-monthly meetings with RMBC to discuss empty housing but these had not taken place. There was a housing meeting the following week which Cllr Smith would attend.

N55/26 Members to consider a reinvestment strategy for funds from land sale

This item was deferred to the next meeting

N56/26 Members to consider the report from Mr D Johnston and any additions to be made to it

There were more discussions needed to ascertain what plans were being made regarding the North Anston GP Surgery site and any plans to increase capacity for doctors with the increase in housing being built in Dinnington.

N57/26 Members to receive an update on the investigation into the situation with the Leicester Road project

There was no further update.

N58/26 Members to note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting agenda

The updates mentioned in the agenda item discussions would be included as items at the next meeting including:
Invitation to Rachel Stothard to attend the next meeting to discuss the S106 funding and Playing Pitch Strategy

N59/26 Members to note the date and time of the next meeting

RESOLVED to arrange the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee to be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday 7th May 2026 in the Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 10.09am

Signed **Date**

Chairman