

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 9:00am in Committee Room, Council Office, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr. N. Ruff (Chair), , Cllr. J. Hart, Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr. D. Smith

Absent: Cllr. D. Adams, Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall

Also present: Amy Wright (Town Clerk), Rachel Stothard

- N60/26** **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.

- N61/26** **Members to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr D Adams. It was noted that Cllr L Clarke and Cllr W Hall were also absent.

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr D Adams.

- N62/26** **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.

- N63/26** **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.

- N64/26** **Members to approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026**

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 as a true record to be signed by the Chairman and kept on file.

(9.30am Rachel Stothard arrived)

- N65/26** **Invite Rachel Stothard from RMBC to discuss the S106 funding and Playing Pitch Strategy with members**

Councillors discussed with Rachel Stothard the history of the S106 funding and the Playing Pitch Strategy. It was noted that the S106 funding would be awarded to either Dinnington Rugby Club (DRUFC) or Dinnington High School and had to be spent by 2028 but it did not state any requirement for open access to facilities provided through the funding. The Playing Pitch Strategy had identified a shortfall of 9-13 pitches in the borough of Rotherham and there were regulations around all the new pitches having the same charging structure and a set amount of income to be paid into a separate bank account to fund future investment.

A discussion was held on open access to pitches and the lack of suitable sites in the Dinnington area. A question was raised regarding whether the S106 funding could be used to purchase land and this

would be taken to the planning department. A pavement up to the DRUFC site was also needed and a crossing point for pedestrians. The site of the old mining pit was noted as now being out of the time frame for it not to be used. A check for any other available funding would be made.

(10.30am Rachel Stothard left the meeting)

N66/26 Members to receive and note an update on the sale of land at East Street (Cllr N Ruff)

The Chair handed out copies of the proposed site plan and timeline which would be submitted to planning. The survey had noted the presence of Japanese knotweed in the area and quotes for it to be removed were being obtained for presentation to the Town Council.

N67/26 Members to discuss the Project working document and consider any further action

(A) DRUFC S106 plan and business case

This was discussed in item N65/26 and Craig West from DRUFC would be invited to the next meeting.

(B) Sale of land for social housing: Lodge Lane, Scarsdale Street and Leicester Road

There was nothing further to report.

(C) Workshop consultation

This item is to be removed from the agenda as a new consultation would be needed for future projects.

(D) Empty homes

Cllrs Smith and Mulholland had arranged a meeting with Tanya McGee at Scarsdale Road.

(E) GP Surgery

A request would be made to contact the current doctors surgery in order to continue the work on identifying a larger site for a new doctors surgery.

N68/26 Members to consider a reinvestment strategy for funds from land sale

The current amount of CIL funding was discussed and figures would be brought to the next meeting.

N69/26 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 John Edwards to attend the next meeting

Invitation to Craig West to attend the next meeting

N70/26 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 21st May 2026 in the Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 10.51am

Signed  Date 20/5/26

Chairman