

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 4th June 2026 at 9:00am in Committee Room, Council Office, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllr D Smith (Chair), Cllr D Adams, Cllr J Hart, Cllr T Mulholland

Absent: Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall, Cllr N Ruff

Also present: Amy Wright (Town Council Clerk), Craig West (DRUFC), David Johnston

As Cllr N Ruff was absent, Cllr D Smith Chaired the meeting.

N14/27 **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.

N15/27 **Members to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall and Cllr N Ruff.

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall and Cllr N Ruff.

N16/27 **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 declarations of interest.

N17/27 **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))**

Item number: N023/27 – Members to consider a reinvestment strategy for funds from land sale

It was agreed 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 number listed above for personal and commercially sensitive reason

N18/27 **Members to approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026**

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026 as a true record to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

N19/27 **Discussion with Dave Johnston re GP Surgery**

Mr Johnston updated the meeting with details of who his report had been sent to including RMBC Councillors and committees and Ward Councillors. He had received positive responses and planned to start a petition to both inform people and strengthen the argument for a new GP surgery/health centre. The figures in the report were discussed and noted that they were based on the 2021 census so had changed and estimations were showing that 1400 new houses would have been build in the Dinnington area by 2031. The increase in residents over 65 years and disabled residents were also noted.

Different options for siting the new healthcare facility were discussed and it was noted that it would be at least 4 years before a new building would be operational by which time the facility in Anston would be outside of its current lease.

Further discussion was held regarding the petition, how it would be shared online and paper leaflets distributed plus groups to highlight it with such as the Rugby Club members, churches and other local groups.

The update and petition would be taken to the Town Council meeting by Mr Johnston.

9.53am Mr Johnston left the meeting.

- N20/27** **Members are asked to review the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Terms of Reference and put forward any suggested amendments to be considered at the next Town Council meeting.**

RESOLVED That the Neighbourhood Plan Committee Terms of Reference be taken to the next Town Council meeting for approval

- N21/27** **Members to receive and note an update on the sale of land at East Street (Cllr N Ruff)**

The Clerk updated members that the quotes for the removal of the Japanese knotweed had been circulated to Committee members by email and were being taken to the Town Council meeting.

- N22/27** **Members to discuss the Project working document and consider any further action**

(A) DRUFC S106 plan and business case

Craig West confirmed that the bid had been submitted to the Local Authority for the S106 funding. The Rugby Club would like to do coaching in schools and Cllr Smith asked if he was asking the Town Council to finance a Sports Officer to work in schools. Craig West suggested that it would be good to involve Dinnington Football Club in the project and confirmed that the Rugby Club employ a part-time Physio. A meeting it to be arranged with the Rugby Club, Football Club and Town Council to discuss the project.

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

There were no further updates

(C) Empty homes

There was no update given.

- N23/27** **Members to note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting agenda**

The updates mentioned in the agenda item discussions.

- N24/27** **Members to note the date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 18th June 2026 at 9.00am.**

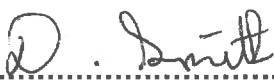
Members noted the next meeting date and time for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

- N25/27** **(CONFIDENTIAL) Members to consider a reinvestment strategy for funds from land sale**

A short discussion was held between members about the Town Council involvement in the decision making.

Members agreed that a discussion should be held at a Town Council meeting to request suggestions from the whole Town Council for what they would like the funds to be spent on e.g. land purchase for open space/leisure areas, buildings, other projects, etc. The suggestions would then be brought back to this Committee for detailed discussion.

The meeting closed at 10.24am

Signed  Date 18/6/26

Chairman