

Dinnington St John's Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Thursday 18th June 2026

at 9:00am in Committee Room, Council Office, Laughton Road, Dinnington

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

Absent: Cllr D Adams, Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall & Cllr N Ruff,

Also present: Cheryl Radford (Town Council Administrator)

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

- N26/27** **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.

- N27/27** **Members to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

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

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr D Adams, Cllr W Hall and Cllr N Ruff.

- N28/27** **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.

- N29/27** **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))**

No items identified.

- N30/27** **Members to approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2026**

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 4th June 2026 as a true record to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

- N31/27** **Members are asked to consider and approve any changes to the frequency of meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and whether monthly meetings would be adequate.**

Members discussed the current frequency of meeting on a fortnightly basis; this is not currently allowing much time for council staff to turn around and report back on any actions before preparing for the next meeting.

RESOLVED Members resolved to reschedule future meetings to a four weekly basis.

N32/27 Members to receive and note an update on the land at East Street and the removal of Japanese knotweed.

Members discussed that no response has been received from the developer regarding the Council's offer to reduce the sale price in view of the presence of Japanese knotweed.

RESOLVED Members resolved to instruct the contractor, approved by full council on 8th June, to remove the Japanese knotweed and that this work is carried out as soon as possible.

N33/27 Members to discuss the Project working document and consider any further action

(A) DRUFC S106 plan and business case

Cllr Smith updated members that he is aware of changes made by both Dinnington High School and Dinnington Rugby Club in their applications for the S106 funds to ensure that they fully meet the criteria. Cabinet members will make the decision on the allocation of funds but Cllr Smith has concerns about one of the members' impartiality and has made a complaint regarding this. It is understood that some money from the S106 pot has already been allocated for an extension to the pavement along Lodge Lane down to the entrance of Dinnington Rugby Club to be carried out. There is no known timescale for a decision on the winning bids being announced at this stage.

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

There are no further updates or communications received regarding the sale of land on Lodge Lane.

Members discussed that there appears to be no progress regarding the sale of land at Leicester Road. The committee would like to discuss the land further with RMBC.

RESOLVED Members request that the Clerk invites representatives of RMBC's Strategic Housing Department to the next meeting of the NPC. Members hope to meet with RMBC to discuss the possibility of working together on a future housing scheme for Leicester Road.

(C) Empty homes

Cllr Smith updated members that quarterly meetings with Tania McGee from RMBC have failed to take place. He is disappointed that promised follow-ups with Yorkshire Water do not appear to have been followed up on either. The current situation leaves members frustrated as they would like to bring the property back into use. Cllr Smith will now contact the Chief Executive at RMBC regarding the issue.

N34/27 Members to consider a reinvestment strategy for funds from land sale

Members discussed the need to pass this agenda item to full council. Councillors can then discuss and consider ideas and suggestions put forward. It was decided that the item is added to the next Town Council meeting on 13th July and then further discussed at September's Town Council meeting.

N35/27 Members to note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting agenda

Updates on sale of land, Empty Homes and any response from RMBC's Chief Executive.

N36/27 Members to note the date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 9th July or 23rd July 2026 at 9.00am.

Members noted the next meeting date and time for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be 23rd July 2026 at 9.00am.

The meeting closed at 9.35am

Signed Date 23/7/26
Chairman