

Dinnington St John's Town Council

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

Present: Cllr N Ruff (Chair), Cllr T Mulholland, Cllr D Smith
Apologies: Cllr D Adams, Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall & Cllr J Hart
Absent: None
Staff: A Wright (Town Council Clerk & RFO)
1 member of the public

- N37/27** **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.

- N38/27** **Members to receive and consider any reasons for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr D Adams, Cllr L Clarke, Cllr W Hall and Cllr J Hart.

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr D Adams, Cllr W Hall and Cllr J Hart. Apologies were not accepted from Cllr L Clarke due to no reason for absence being given.

- N39/27** **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.

- N40/27** **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.

- N41/27** **Members to approve the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2026**

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2026 as a true record to be signed by the Chair and kept on file.

- N42/27** **Members to receive and note an update on the land at East Street and the removal of Japanese knotweed.**

The Clerk informed members that the contractor was due to undertake the work in September and residents would be informed that the work was being undertaken.

- N43/27** **Members to discuss the Project working document and consider any further action:
(A) DRUFC S106 plan and business case**

Members were informed that RMBC has agreed to extend the pavement and install a crossing outside the Rugby club and this will not be funded from the S106 funding. The Rugby Club had responded to a query about public access to the site. There would be room for a 4G pitch if it were fully funded through the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Rugby Club also need a bore hole to provide water to the pitch.

Members discussed the pressures on the Rugby club finances such as new doors, new fencing and having to remove the storeroom from the S106 bid. The lease for the Rugby Club needs to be reviewed regarding community access and allowing dog walking.

9.30am Craig West left the meeting.

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

Work needs to continue to ensure that the project to provide social housing on Leicester Road is progressing. The land was identified for Social Housing around 7 years ago when RMBC contacted the Town Council to discuss working together. Over recent months no further information has been received and RMBC's strategic housing are to be contacted and invited to the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

(C) Empty homes

It was noted that this is another project where the support of RMBC is needed and nothing has been heard for some time. Lewis Coates is to be invited to the next meeting.

N44/27 Members to consider a reinvestment strategy for funds from land sale

It was noted that this item was linked to discussions which had taken place in the Finance Committee meeting regarding 1 year, 3 year and 5 year plans. It was important to communicate with Councillors prior to the projects discussion meeting about the need to formulate a vision and strategy and for visibility of Town Council projects to members of the public.

N45/27 Members to note any matters for inclusion on the next meeting agenda

Follow up from all items discussed at the meeting.

N46/27 Members to note the date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 9.00am.

Members noted the next meeting date and time for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be 3rd September 2026 at 9.00am.

The meeting closed at 9.53am

Signed  Date 3/9/26

Chairman