

Doddington and Whisby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Stable Yard Office at Doddington Hall on 12th January 2026 at 7pm

Minute number 2026.01.01. Welcome. Councillor Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minute number 2026.01.02.

Public Forum. No members of the public were present.

District Council and County Council Updates

Apologies were received from District Councillor Goldson and County Councillor Woodruff.

District Councillor Johnston advised that residents will soon be receiving the caddies for their new kerbside food waste recycling service. Each household will receive a small indoor caddy, a larger outdoor caddy, an initial roll of liners and a guide to using the service.

Collections will start week commencing 30 March 2026 and will be weekly on the same day as the usual black, green-lidded or purple-lidded bins. Residents should put their larger, orange-lidded outdoor caddy out for collection alongside their usual bin by 6.30am.

Formal session commenced at 19:10

Minute number 2026.01.03. Present and apologies.

Present; Councillors Cunliffe; Hall; Robinson; Waite and Whiles.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Hollingsworth.

Minute number 2026.01.04. Declarations of interest.

Councillor Hall declared an interest in agenda item 7 on planning.

Minute number 2026.01.05. Minutes of previous meeting.

Notes taken at the previous Parish Council Meeting on 3 November 2025 were approved as a true record of events and signed by the Chair.

Minute number 2026.01.06. Finance Report

6.1. Items of expenditure were agreed. Appendix A part 1.

6.2. The budget position to date was noted. Appendix A part 2.

6.3. The budget for 2026/27 was debated and it was unanimously agreed that no increase was necessary, and the precept request would be the same as the current year at £6750. **Action Parish Clerk.**

Minute number 2026.01.07. Planning. No concerns will be raised.

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Minute number 2026.01.08. Clerks report.

i, Traffic calming

A meeting is arranged with the leader of County Council and the head of highways for February 2026.

i.Councillor Robinson discussed the recent traffic statistics. While approximately 85% of vehicles were compliant, an initial, first-view assessment suggested that the remaining non-compliant traffic could equate to c.25,000 vehicles per month. It was noted that this figure was indicative, based on a preliminary review of the data, and that this is a matter that will be highlighted at the forthcoming meeting.

ii. Village gates. A second location will be discussed at the forthcoming highways meeting.

iii. Community emergency plan. In the absence of Councillor Moody, there are no updates.

iv. Communication. Councillor Waite has set up a Facebook page. A notice will be put up to advise residents about it and any Parish Council news or useful pieces of information will be put on.

v. Planters. This will be revisited in the spring.

vi. Assertion 10 compliance. The Parish Clerk advised that the new domain name for the website has been set up and is in use and the new email address is set up and will be in use shortly.

Minute number 2026.01.09. Defibrillator

The Parish Clerk asked for a volunteer to take on the checking of the defibrillator and the updating of the status to the Circuit website.

Councillor Hall advised that she would speak to Councillor Hollingsworth about this. **Action Councillor Hall.**

Minute number 2026.01.10. Correspondence and Councillor updates.

Councillor Robinson advised that he had received reports regarding the amount of litter along the roadside on the stretch of road from Damon's roundabout. With this being such a busy stretch of road, a litter picking exercise would be challenging.

It was agreed to speak to highways about this to see if there are any private contractors they can advise us about and this will be an item for the next agenda.

Councillor Hall asked if the Parish Council should consider paying someone to do light maintenance tasks such as weeding, sweeping and general tidying tasks. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Minute number 2026.01.11. Date of next meeting. 2nd March 2026

Councillor Robinson thanked everyone for contributions and the meeting concluded at 19:55.

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Appendix A Expenditure authorised

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31.10.2025	Npower	Streetlight electricity	-28.61
31.10.2025	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	-6.00
28.11.2025	Kerrie Vickers	Salary November 2025	-253.19
30.11.2025	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	-6.00
01.12.2025	Npower	Streetlight electricity	-34.46
23.12.2025	St Peter's Church	Carol concert donation	-100.00
23.12.2025	Kerrie Vickers	Salary December 2025	-253.19
23.12.2025	E.ON Energy Solution	Quarter 3 streetlight maintenance	-19.20
29.12.2025	Npower	Streetlight electricity	-37.67
31.12.2025	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	-6.00
		Total payments	744.32

Income noted

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31.12.2025	Unity Trust	Interest	138.38

Budget position

Expenditure		Budget	Actual
Salaries		3,600.00	-2,144.10
Expenses		250.00	-135.00
Maintenance		1,500.00	-380.41
Fee's/Subscriptions		400.00	-402.69
Insurance		600.00	-500.21
Office Running Costs		50.00	-54.00
Election Costs		200.00	0.00
S137 Expenditure		150.00	-100.00
CIL			-300.00
Total expenditure			-4,016.41
Income			
Precept		6,750.00	
Other receipts - interest		419.04	
VAT refund			
Total income		7,169.04	

Balance brought forward from 24/25		27,020.94	Payments	-4,016.41
Precept		6,750.00		
Other income		419.04		
		34,189.98		
Current balance		30,173.57		

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