

Minutes

Of the meeting 09 October 2025 at Dry Doddington Village Hall

Members Present:

Birnage (Chair)	Broomham	Ford	Forman	Lett	
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Members Absent:

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In attendance: The Parish Clerk

Also Present: County Cllr Bamford, District Cllr Wood, one member of the public

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25-81	Public Forum: to receive questions and comments from residents of the village on any matter relating to items on this agenda. (15 minutes maximum) A member of the public and representative of Dry Doddington Church informed the meeting that the church was going to apply for funding to repair the floor. They reminded the Council, that £12,000 had been earmarked from the Copley Solar Fund for this some time ago.
25-82	To note apologies for absence . The council noted and approved apologies for absence given by Cllr Tom Arnold.
25-83	To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk Cllr Ford declared a personal interest in the Village Newsletter.
25-84	To welcome representatives of the Environment Agency to answer questions on flooding in the parish. None in attendance.
25-85	To receive the minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting(s). Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 10 July 2025 The Council resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting 10 July 2025 as a true record of that meeting.
25-86	To receive and note the Clerk's Report. The Council received and noted the Clerk's report.
25-87	To consider gifting Dry Doddington Village Hall equipment for the storage and moving of equipment and a water urn. The council unanimously resolved to gift Dry Doddington Village Hall equipment for the storage and moving of equipment and a water urn.

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25-88	<p>To consider whether the council want to use the LCC salt offer.</p> <p>The council considered the offer and concluded there would be nowhere to store a ton of salt.</p>										
25-89	<p>To receive and note information received on the potential use of Dry Doddington Village Green and consider further steps.</p> <p>The council learnt that Dry Doddington Village Green had never been used for human burial and that installing a play area would not contradict its status as a village green. Thus permission to install paly equipment and a notice board would likely be granted.</p> <p>Cllr Birnage volunteered to call a village meeting to continue the community engagement process.</p>										
25-90	<p>To receive and note information on the NJC agreed pay award resulting in backdated salary payments.</p> <p>The council received and noted the NJC agreed pay award resulting in contractual backdated salary payments.</p>										
25-91	<p>To consider the following proposal by Cllr Forman: To seek quotations for the appropriate work to be conducted on the grade II listed Village Cross in Westborough. If approved, to authorise the Clerk to seek listed Building consent for the work to be carried out.</p> <p>The Council resolved to for Cllr Forman seek an initial quotation for the appropriate work to be conducted on the grade II listed Village Cross in Westborough.</p> <p>If approved, to authorise the Clerk to seek listed Building consent for the work to be carried out.</p>										
25-92	<p>To consider the following proposal by Cllr Ford: To agree to donate the sum of £50 as an annual contribution to support the Village Newsletter.</p> <p>The council resolved to grant £50 to the Village Newsletter. The clerk explained that the Newsletter would need to re-apply for the grant each year.</p>										
25-93	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a) To receive and note the council's receipts and payments over budget report to 30 September 2025 and review the current budget and any virements.</p> <p>The Council noted the receipts and payments over budget report to the end of the second quarter.</p> <p>b) To receive and note the council's bank reconciliation to 30 September 2025.</p> <p>The council noted the council's bank reconciliation to 30 September 2025.</p> <p>c) To note the transfer of £10,000 from the Melton Building Society to the council's NatWest Account.</p> <p>The Council noted the transfer of £10,000 from the Melton Building Society to the council's NatWest Account.</p> <p>d) To authorise the following known upcoming payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 1955 1508 2029"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="276 1955 608 2029">Payee Name</th> <th data-bbox="608 1955 756 2029">Referen ce</th> <th data-bbox="756 1955 1026 2029">Transaction Detail</th> <th data-bbox="1026 1955 1329 2029">Budget Code</th> <th data-bbox="1329 1955 1508 2029">£ Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee Name	Referen ce	Transaction Detail	Budget Code	£ Total					
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	John Forman	P021	Grass cutting Westborough	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	90.00										
	Stuart Surr	P022	Grass cutting Westborough	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	65.00										
	Westborough VH/DW Plastering	P023	Westborough VH Refurb Grant	Project - - Westborough village hall roof	15,450.00										
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<p>Pluss, any expenditure approved at this meeting and yet unknown amounts for out-of-pocket expenses, grass cutting etc. to be presented on the day.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 925 1540 1160"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 925 608 1043">AC Garden Service</td> <td data-bbox="608 925 754 1043">P024</td> <td data-bbox="754 925 1026 1043">Ground Works Long Lane</td> <td data-bbox="1026 925 1331 1043">Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects</td> <td data-bbox="1331 925 1540 1043">130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 1043 608 1160">Coleen Dell</td> <td data-bbox="608 1043 754 1160">P025</td> <td data-bbox="754 1043 1026 1160">Mowing Dry Doddington</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1043 1331 1160">Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects</td> <td data-bbox="1331 1043 1540 1160">101.65</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The council resolved to approve the payments as listed above. The council noted that a receipt had been lost.</p>						AC Garden Service	P024	Ground Works Long Lane	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	130.00	Coleen Dell	P025	Mowing Dry Doddington	Volunteer Mowing, Comm cleaner projects	101.65
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25-94	<p>BANKING</p> <p>a) To consider closing the Melton Building Society account and transferring the money to the council's NatWest Reserve account.</p> <p>The Council resolved to close the Melton Building Society account and transferring the money to the council's NatWest Reserve account.</p>														
	<p>To receive and note a verbal update on the flood shed. There was no update but it was noted that the shed would need moving in the near future.</p>														
25-95	<p>To consider planning applications for comment. There are no current applications to be considered. There were none.</p>														
25-96	<p>To note the Planning Application Appeal Notification S24/1476 previously circulated. The council noted the above Planning Application Appeal Notification.</p>														
25-97	<p>To note planning decisions made since the last meeting. S25/1275 Demolition of the existing side extension and replacement with a two-storey side extension. 10 Main Street Dry Doddington Lincolnshire NG23 5HU – permission refused</p>														

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	S25/1207 Section 211 Notice for the felling and removal of Yew tree. The Cottage Long Lane Westborough Lincolnshire NG23 5HH – no objection S25/0523 Section 211 Notice for the removal of T1, G1, T2, T3, T4, T5 and T6. The Old Rectory Town Street Westborough Lincolnshire NG23 5HJ – no objection The council noted the above planning decisions.
25-98	To receive and note reports from members including Highways updates. (for information only). Cllr Forman reported that highways issues reported earlier in the year had now been resolved.
25-99	To receive the County and District Councillor's reports (for information only). Cllr Bamford stressed the importance of members of the public to report traffic issues themselves using the FixMyStreet website or app. He offered assistance from his divisional fund for war memorial repairs. He reported that 30m/hr speed limit was awaiting assessments Cllr Wood reported that the bin collection days had changed and the changeover had gone smoothly on the whole. He informed the council that there would be food waste collections from April 2026. An update on Local Government Reorganisation was expected for early 2026 with elections to the newly formed authorities planned for May 2027.
25-100	To note correspondence previously circulated by email. The Council noted correspondence previously circulated by email.
25-101	Items for notification to be included in a future agenda. For information only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood store re-location • Quotation for cross repair • Play area public meeting update • Appoint Internal Auditor • Agree meeting dates for the next municipal year.
25-102	To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 08 January 2026 at 19.30 at Westborough Village Hall. The Council noted the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as 08 January 2026 at 19.30 at Westborough Village Hall.

_____ Date _____

Signed as a true record by the presiding Chair of the approving meeting.