

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 8.00pm

Present: Councillors: Paul Selvey (Chair), Janet Elnaugh, Malcolm Turner, Alice Robinson, Cllr Nicky Willshere.

Clerk: Michael Walton.

1. Apologies were received from Nicky Wilshere and accepted
2. Declarations of interest:
 - 2.1. To receive any Members' Declarations of and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items.
 - 2.2. To receive requests for dispensations.

There were no declarations of interest.
3. To receive any report from District and County Council Ward Members & Clerk. Complete with agenda items requested by the Council.

1. Cllr Penny Otton County Councillor

Care market strategy for carers of people - new telephone number 0808 281 5804. Please distribute. Thurston Primary School being extended. Local government review meetings to be held in village halls.

2. Nicky Willshere Ward Member
no update
3. Janet Elnaugh Planning
no update
4. Paul Selvey Highways

No update. New road resurfacing planned for 2025 to be effected – timing not confirmed.

5. Alice Robinson Village assets and allotments

New defibrillator installed but not live. It was noted that there is a live electricity supply to the phonebox. Heater offered by the installation company.

The Chair recommended that we contact UK Power Networks to inform them that we have an active supply.

Cllr Selvey reported that the Cricket has been lifted the old rubber matting which now needs removal. It was agreed to hire a skip to remove the rubber subject to Cllr Elnaugh seeing whether she can recycle it.

The PC agreed unanimously to purchase replacement goal and basketball nets.

Cllr Selvey stated that the backboards on the basketball nets need repairing.

6. Malcolm Turner Footpaths

Cllr Turner reported that new maintenance equipment has been purchased and vegetation is growing rapidly. Volunteers have assisted in maintenance.

7. Christine Emery Community engagement – no report

8. Clerk report No update to previously circulated documents

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting held 7th May 2025.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

5. Public comment or question invited by the Chair.

A parishioner reported that goats have been tethered near the footpaths – whilst not currently an issue the parishioner requested that the PC should be aware of it.

6. **Proposal: Cllr Selvey**

The PC reviewed the controls assessment and unanimously approved that the document be approved and signed by the Chair.

7. Proposal: Cllr Selvey

a. Receipts

	Description	£
UT1	Allotment charity repayment of planning application	146.50

b. Payments for authorisation by the Council:

	Description	£
UT1	Direct debit for bank charges to Unity trust bank (£18 per quarter) - £72 annually	72.00
UT2	Malcolm Turner – maintenance equipment	1,307.00
UT3	Playdale – 2 nd instalment	14,881.30
UT4	Janet Elnaugh – storage boxes	42.99

Proposal: Cllr Selvey

The Council agreed that the expenses listed above be authorised for payment.

8. Proposed Revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedules – Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – six-week consultation 28th May to 9th July 2025

The proposed terms for the CIL charging schedules were agreed and no comment would be made.

9. Stuart Nice- boundary settlements. The Council requested that the clerk respond to the enquiry.

10. Disaster recovery plan.

The Council agreed that there was no desire to set up a plan given that emergency services would be available.

11. Planning application - DC/25/02232 4 School Meadow, Drinkstone, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9SW

Unanimous approval of the application - clerk to update the portal

12. Request for CIL monies to erect fencing at the Gedding Road allotment site.

The Council voted on the request for funds to erect muntjac-proof fencing at the Gedding Road allotment site. The Council voted 3 in favour with one abstention.

The Council requested that the clerk inform the Chairman of the Allotments Charity that £2,500 would be awarded on 2 conditions:

- 12.1. Two quotes to be obtained
- 12.2. Residents to be informed of the proposed works.

It was noted that no planning permission is required.

13.AOB

The Chairman reported that the Chair of Hesselton Parish Council had requested assistance in the preparation of their Neighborhood Plan. It was agreed that the Chair would respond to this request by informing them of the availability of the Plan on the parish website and that no further assistance would be forthcoming.

The Council discussed whether Drinkstone need a new neighborhood plan. It was agreed that no action ne taken at this stage but that the Council waits for the Joint Local Plan to be issued

14. It was confirmed that the scheduled date for the next meeting is agreed by Council as Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 8pm.

15. Close the meeting

Drinkstone Parish Clerk