

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026

Present: Councillors: Paul Selvey (Chair), Nicky Willshire, Alice Robinson, Cllr Emery, Cllr Turner
Clerk: Michael Walton.

1. There were no apologies for absence.

2. There were no declarations of interest:

2.1. There were no Members' Declarations of and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items.

2.2. Requests for dispensations.

There were no requests for dispensations

3. The District and County Council Ward Members & Clerk submitted their reports.

3.1. Nicky Willshire Ward Member

No update to submitted report. Suffolk Armed Forces day on 27th June 2026.
Requests for locality submission are being received.

3.2. Paul Selvey Highways

Cllr Selvey attended a traffic management course. He is awaiting the results of his examination. Cllr Selvey will be able to supervise and manage any works required at Blacksmith Corner should such a project be commenced.

3.3. Alice Robinson Village assets

Cricket playground equipment repaired.

3.4. Malcolm Turner Footpaths and allotments

Nothing to report. Suffolk CC have done the first cut of the footpaths.
Some footpath posts have been identified for repair – this will be undertaken this Summer.

Ref allotments, one plot vacancy.

3.5. Christine Emery Community engagement

Nothing to report.

3.6. Clerk report

Clerk's report

Agreed that the meeting schedule for forthcoming years will reduce meeting frequency from 8 to 6 meetings per year.

The councillors agreed that the clerk vacancy be advertised on the SALC website and that a JD be issued requesting new council members and application for the clerk's role.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2026 were received and approved.

5. There was no public comment nor questions from the parishioners.

6. Cllr Selvey proposed that the following payments below be approved

6.1. To review and approve payments:

	Description	£
UT1	Village hall 210326	20.00
UT2	Village hall 020326	20.00
UT3	Clerk pay rise	133.33
UT4	Village hall 130426	20.00

The Cllrs voted unanimously to agree that the expenses listed above be authorised for payment.

Clerk informed that the salary payment is £50 high and will be adjusted in July 2026.

7. It was noted that brown bin collection problems in Cross Street have been resolved.

8. Resident of Grigsby House requested permission to erect a mirror on the land opposite their house. It was noted that the land is owned by the Risdell-Smith family and the verge by Suffolk Council. It was agreed that the PC is not authorized to grant permission and the clerk was requested to revert to the resident with a response that we cannot authorize the request.

9. Ref requests for re-wilding it was noted that no plans had been submitted for discussion and that as the person making the request did not attend the council meeting the matter would not be progressed.

10. The Council agreed that the date of the next meeting is 6th July 2026 at 8.00 pm.
11. Elan City have quoted for a 4th speed display - £2,500. It was agreed that the Parish Council should request a locality grant to contribute to the project.
12. The meeting closed at 20.00pm.

Signed

Paul Selvey

6th July 2026