

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Present: Parish Cllr. S. Barrow (Chair), J. Richardson and J. Perchard

Clerk; A. Fletcher

1. Chairman's welcome, and received apologies for absence.
 - a. Apologies from Parish Cllr. L. Pliva and District Cllr. A. Adams.
 - b. The Clerk received notification of Parish Cllr. S. Hodgkinson on 15th December 2025, the Parish Council gave thanks for all his work during his time as a Parish Councillor.
2. No declarations of any interests or dispensations relating to items on the agenda.
3. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. Public Open Forum –
 - a. No members of public present.
5. Matters arising.
 - a. Co-opting New Parish Councillors. The Parish Council discussed ways in which to engage with residents about becoming involved as a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors will communicate with residents and post on Social Media.
6. General report from District Council is that new food waste bins will be distributed soon, the Government reorganisation update and still ongoing is the discussion about the hedge on A449.
7. Parish Councillors discussed the meeting dates for the year 2026. Potential dates; Monday 2nd March (Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall), Thursday 14th May (Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of Parish Council at Dunston Village Hall), Monday 6th July (Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall), Thursday 3rd September (Dunston Village Hall) and Monday 2nd November 2026 (Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall). It was agreed in unanimous favour to go ahead with the dates for the year and to notify the village halls of the date.
8. Financial Matters:
 - a. Approved payments of current invoices.

i. DM Payroll Services	£60.00	C300068
ii. Salary	£640.05	C300070
iii. HMRC	£160.20	C300071
 - b. The asset register was reviewed and no changes needed.
 - c. The standing orders to be updated and agreed at the next meeting.
 - d. The budget for 2026/27 was agreed unanimously and to increase the precept by 1% was agreed unanimously.
9. Planning Matters in the Parish.
 - a. 25/01123/ - no comment
 - b. 25/01122/ - no comment

10. Highways Matters

- a. There has been an increase in pot holes across the Parish, it was reminded that to report it on highways website. Parish Councillors discussed that they would like an update from County Cllr. C. Large regarding pot hole repair budget.

11. Correspondence received.

- a. A letter received from Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding an update on the next phase of reforms to accelerate growth and house building. Matter of Report.

12. Any other business.

- a. No other business raised, meeting closed at 8:30pm

The next meeting will be Monday 2nd March 2026 at Hyde Lea and Coppenhall Village Hall. 7:30pm.

Anne Fletcher

Clerk to the Parish Council