

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30th June 2025

Present: Councillors: Paul Selvey (Chair), Penny Otton, Nicky Willshere, Christine Emery, Malcolm Turner, Alice Robinson.

Clerk: Michael Walton.

1. Apologies for absence Janet Elnaugh and Alice Robinson were noted and approved.
2. There were no 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.
subject to Paul Selvey submitting expenses.
3. Paul Selvey offered himself as Chairman for the year ending 31st March 2026 and the Council voted unanimously to elect him for the term
4. The District and County Council Ward Members & Clerk submitted their reports.

1. Cllr Penny Otton County Councillor
Cllr Otton added nothing to her report previously distributed.
2. Nicky Willshere Ward Member
No report
3. Janet Elnaugh Planning
no report other than review of two planning application covered later in the meeting.
4. Paul Selvey Highways
No report
5. Alice Robinson Village assets and allotments
Cllr Selvey reported that Scott Robinson has replaced the treads on the slide.
6. Malcolm Turner Footpaths

No report

7. Christine Emery Community engagement

no report

8. Clerk report

Clerk reported that the annual audit had been completed and that all financial reports were ready for approval.

5. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2025 were received and approved.

6. There was no public comment or question from the parishioners.

7. Cllr Selvey recommended the following payments to be approved.

UT1	Football nets for the cricket	£257.20
UT2	Alice Robinson – Cricket maintenance	£34.80
UT3	Heelis & Lodge audit fee	£220.00
UT4	Hall hire 7 th May 2025	£10.00
UT5	Clerk expenses – adobe	£279.58

The Council unanimously approved the payments.

8. Cllr Selvey proposed that he sign the documents required to finalise external audit.

The Council unanimously approved the report

9. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Internal Audit Report on the year ending 31.03.25 from Heelis and Lodge.

10. As required by the Annual Governance and Accountability Return under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council approved the accounts for the 12 months ended 31.03.25 and authorized the Chairman and the RFO to sign them as approved.

11. The Council unanimously agree that the AGAR 2024/25 Part 3 for smaller authorities be signed by the Council Chairman and the RFO.

12. The planning request for Stuart Nice was briefly discussed and it was agreed that in the absence of Cllr Elnaugh the matter be carried forward to the next council meeting.

13. Planning application - DC/25/02730 - Valley Farm, Hessett, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0AH

It was agreed that the planning request had little or no bearing on Drinkstone Parish and the clerk was requested to offer no comment.

14. Planning application - DC/25/02072 - Drinkstone Hall, Gedding Road, Drinkstone, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9TG

The application was discussed and no objections were raised. It was agreed that the clerk should offer no comment on the planning portal.

15. The Council agreed to change the date of the October meeting from 6th October to Monday 3rd November 2025 at 8pm.

16. The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 4th August 2025.

17. The meeting closed at 21.20pm.

Drinkstone Parish Clerk