



# Downton Parish Council

**MINUTES of the DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on  
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7pm  
in THE DOWNTON MEMORIAL CENTRE (BONVALOT ROOM)**

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Councillors summoned and present: Jane Brentor (Chair) (JB), Gareth Watts (GW), Matt Randall (MR), Stuart Carter (SC), Paul Roberts (PR), Gary Hawke (GH), Dave Mace (DM), and Judith Snares (JS)

Officers present: Melanie Camilleri (Clerk/RFO) (MC) and Susan Parsons (SP)

Members of the public present: None

## **354/26 Public Question Time**

The Chair will invite members of the public to make representations in respect of the business on the Agenda, ask their questions, or make their statements. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes unless otherwise directed by the Chair. A member of the public shall not speak for more than five minutes.

None - no members of the public attended.

## **355/26 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jalland. Reason noted and accepted.

## **356/26 Declarations of Interest**

- i) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda: None
- ii) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any):  
None
- iii) To consider and grant requests for dispensation in accordance with relevant circumstances under Standing Order 13(h), as appropriate: None

## **357/26 Business raised during Public Question Time**

To resolve to refer any business raised by the public or items of information from councillors either to the appropriate committee or for any other action.

None - no members of the public attended.

## **358/26 Treeworks**

- i) **RESOLVED:** the quote from N Harris & Son Forestry to fell the Beech was approved. SP will establish date for works to be conducted and issue communication to members of the public because it will be necessary to close off the Memorial Gardens Play Park for up to 3 days whilst the tree works are carried out.
- ii) In consideration that Beechwood is not weather resilient and the tree is diseased, it was decided that the Beech tree is not suitable for carving and will therefore be taken away in its entirety, once felled. This means that no wood sculpture will be created on this occasion.

## **359/26 RESOLVED: that Agenda item 360/26 would be closed to members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

**360/26 Meeting with Longford Estate**

No resolutions were passed under this Agenda item.

**361/26 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting for **Downton Parish Council** will be held on **Monday 09 March 2026** at **6:30pm** (*note earlier start time*) in **The Downton Memorial Centre (Bonvalot Room)**.

Being no further business, JB closed the meeting at 7:30pm.

**DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**