

# **Dunchideock Parish Council**

Minutes of Dunchideock Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Village Hall on 12 January 2026 at 19:30

**Present:** Councillors Dudley Swain (DSw) (Chairman), Trevor Baker (TB), Edward Ellis (EE), David Barclay-Watt (DB-W) and one member of the public.

- 268 Apologies for absence** – Derren Summers
- 269 Declarations of Interest** - None
- 270 Public Discussion** - There were no questions.
- 271 Minutes** - Minutes of the PC meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were agreed and signed off.
- 272 County and District Councillor’s Reports** – Neither apologies nor reports had been received.
- 273 Financial Report**  
DB-W explained the financial position and tabled the income/expenditure to 31 December, the current balance being £15,276.64. Progress is being made on VAT reclaims for last year. The budget and suggested precept for 2026/27 was discussed and a precept of £3,000 was agreed.
- 274 Annual Audit Documents**  
The bank reconciliation, cash book and variances for 2024/25 remain to be completed.
- 275 Village Hall** – The VH heating installation has been completed. It was working very well indeed.
- 276 Village Name Road Signs** – Response awaited from DCC Highways
- 277 Dunchideock.net** – The domain name was renewed for 3 years, to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2028
- 278 Notice Boards**  
The two boards are now paid for and delivery scheduled for tomorrow 13 January 2026. We shall liaise with the Lord Haldon Hotel who kindly agreed to install the boards free of charge and the PC shall pay for the necessary materials.
- 279 Phone Box** – The maintenance requirements will be considered later this year. There have been no suggestions just yet for further use of the box.
- 280 Parish Clerk & RFO** – The person scheduled to be interviewed in Part 2 appears to have decided to not continue with her application. The post remains advertised.
- 281 Casual Vacancies** - Co-options advertised on the notice board and web site. No responses yet.
- 282 Public Discussion** - There were no questions.
- 283 Meetings in 2026** – It was agreed to hold meetings on March 9, May 11 (inc. Annual meetings), July 13, September 14 and November 9.
- 284 Date of next Meeting** – The next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:52pm*

Signed .....

Dated .....

**285 The Part 2 meeting was not held**