MINUTES of a Meeting held at Dunton Green Pavilion on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm

00. PUBLIC SESSION

None.

01. PRESENT / APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs. England, Copeland, Hersey, Parker, Gomes-Chodyniecki, Royston, Lockey, Forster-Pearce, Norton (late)
Apologies: Cllrs. Carrol, Williams (KCC), Tracy Godden (Clerk)
Absent: Cllr. Fenn
In attendance: Rebecca Norburn (Asst. Clerk/Facilities Officer), Cllrs. Bayley (SDC), Clack (SDC)

02. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

It was Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 as a true and accurate record.

03. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

04. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

None.

05. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

5.1 To receive updates from Kent County and Sevenoaks District Councillors

Cllr. Bayley (SDC) indicated that there had been limited meetings over the summer but highlighted the following matters:
Cllr. Bayley (SDC) advised:

- on behalf of Cllr. Williams (KCC) that the various outstanding highways issues he had been asked to deal with, including hedge works, road-marking and drainage, have been passed by KCC to their appointed contractors, Ringway, but that KCC was experiencing delay due to the handover. Therefore, the work was unlikely to be completed by the deadline of this weekend (18th October was the due date for completion – a three-month window had been allowed for the work). However, he will continue to chase on this.
- that collection of the new wheelie bins begins this week (w/c 12th October), phased by road. Black bin bags need to be inside the wheelie bin with the lid able to close in order to be collected. Refuse in bags left outside the bins – with the exception of folded cardboard – will not be collected due to manual handling restrictions on crews.
- that additional green food waste compostable sacks are available to purchase from local supermarkets or directly from the Council offices.

Cllr. Clack (SDC) reported:

- that car parking charges in Sevenoaks are to remain the same for this year, but that the previously free parking in the Council offices car park at weekends would be changing to chargeable.
- that Fairfax developers are holding a consultation event on Monday 19th October at Bat and Ball Community Centre to discuss proposals for the development of the ST4-7 site ('Land north of Sevenoaks, west of Otford Road') as identified in SDC's Draft Local Plan. It was confirmed that the Clerk will attend on behalf of Dunton Green Parish Council.
- confirmed that there was no update with regard to the issue of Local Government Reform (LGR).

5.2 Learning Opportunities (Cllr & Staff): to consider what is available (including KALC Training Programme and Data Protection training), booked or undertaken

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had attended training on Scribe and Civic.ly, and that the Clerk had attended the Scribefest (online) conference. The Clerk was currently attending the SLCC National Conference, and both the Clerk and Assistant Clerk are due to attend the SLCC Kent Clerks Autumn Conference in October. It was noted that Cllrs. Forster-Pearce and England had booked to attend a Project Management webinar and Cllr. Royston will attend an Introduction to Planning session. Details of training for councillors and staff will continue to be forwarded.

ACTION: CLERK, ASST. CLERK, GFP, FE, RR

06. RISK

Nothing to note.

07. DGPC REPRESENTATIVES – EXTERNAL BODIES

7.1 To consider feedback from any meetings attended by DGPC's representatives on external bodies and to note any meetings due to be attended

No meetings attended.

08. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had provided members with the report in advance of the meeting. The Chairman highlighted some of the information provided.

Festive Lighting 2026

The application for a permit to attach festive lighting to KCC streetlight columns has been submitted and approved. An invoice for £43 is expected. It should be noted that the current load testing report remains current until October 2027, so there will be a requirement for load testing to be completed again in autumn 2027 if DGPC is to continue to have such motifs.

Sevenoaks Larder

KALC has informed local clerks that Sevenoaks Larder are apparently looking for volunteers. We can share information across social media.

Floodlight Repair/Replacement

Parts are on order and Streetlights expect to complete the work in October. The Clerk has previously (11/09/26) advised of a correction to information shared at September's meeting. The existing floodlights are 1000W Metal Halide lamps (a much lower wattage was suggested). The options for replacement were a 300W (non-adjustable) LED or an LED lamp that can be set to 600W/500W/400W/300W depending on the light levels required. The more expensive and flexible option allows for the light levels to be set to try to match in with the existing lights, DGPC's supplier is not sure the static 300W would be bright enough.

Dog Bite Incident

The Clerk was informed in September of a dog bite incident at Longford Meadow. The matter has been reported to the Police, the Community Safety Unit and to Animal Welfare. The dog was on a lead at the time of the incident and is allegedly known to have bitten previously. The matter is in the hands of these authorities. There is no further update at this time.

Local Government Reform(LGR) Update

The current view is that LGR will be delayed by one year, new unitary councils taking effect from 1st April 2029. If this is the case, shadow unitary council elections will be required in May 2028. SDC is now expecting to hold District Council elections alongside Town & Parish Council elections in May 2027. However, it may still be possible for some areas, under the Government's 'rapid review' of the LGR decisions for some areas to hold unitary council elections in 2027. An update from the Government is expected in mid-October.

Fence 'complaint'/School
The Clerk was contacted in September regarding a parent complaint to the school about a damaged fence, a claim that the damage risks security of the school site and a request for details of ownership. The Clerk has confirmed that the fence is not DGPC's and belongs to the Dinnis family but refutes that the damaged chain-link would have any impact on the security of the school site.

Local Plan Regulation 19 Response
The Parish Council's response was submitted by email. Details are available on DGPC's website.

Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule Consultation
The Parish Council's response was submitted by email. Details are available on DGPC's website.

Friends Group for Open Spaces in Dunton Green
A new resident has complimented DGPC on the floral displays around the village and has asked if a friends group exists to promote nature, wildlife and so on. If members feel this is worth following up, an article could be put together for the Winter edition of Dunton Green News to gauge interest.

Invitation to Inter-Parish Council meeting
The Chairman of Knockholt Parish Council has invited DGPC to a meeting to improve communications between parishes. In consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk has indicated that at the present time DGPC is focussing on budget preparations for 2027/28 and beyond, as well as working on the Dunton Green for the Future project. If KPC manage to set something up, DGPC could have a nominated representative. It has also been suggested to KPC that the KALC Sevenoaks Area Committee should be utilised for just this sort of collaboration, and that the Clerk would similarly develop better connections if they attended the quarterly Clerks' forums.

Fireworks Event – Donation Total
A total of £761.34 was raised through cash donations collected on the night. The money will be transferred to Education in Full once again, a worthy charity and a thank you for the assistance of trustees on the night of the event.

Remembrance - Tommy
Cllr. Hersey has resigned from duties related to the outside store. Thanks go to Cllr. Hersey for his assistance with the installation of Tommy over many years. This year Tommy will be set up by the Asst. Clerk.

War Memorial Clock: Daylight Saving Time – October 2026
The clocks go back on Sunday 25th October. Confirmation is needed with regard to who is to manage the clock in the war memorial so that it is set correctly. It would be helpful if some notes could be provided with regard to the process undertaken in October and March each year so that these can be referenced in the future.

It was It was agreed that Cllrs. Hersey and Lockey would meet at 10.30 am on Sunday 25th October at the Village Hall to change the time of the clock in accordance with the end of British Summer Time. At the same time the Assistant Clerk will attend to support with placing Tommy in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.
ACTION: PL, GH, ASST. CLERK

09. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SAFETY

9.1 Anti-Social Behaviour– to note or consider any issues brought to the attention of the Parish Council and to receive an update from Kent Police

Reports of stolen tools and motorbikes, damage at the railway station, a damaged vehicle on Station Approach, motorised-bike incidents and late-night disturbances from screaming children around Ryewood were discussed.

9.2 DGPC funded Community Activities – to note any updates

Mini sports sessions have now ended. The feedback from Keir was to look at beginning these earlier in the year, just after the May half-term, as the majority of the sessions were delivered during this summer's heatwave.
Lunch club continues to be well-attended and well-received, with a waiting list.

10. FINANCE

10.1 To receive a Bank Reconciliation (to the end of the previous month) and to acknowledge balance statement values have been verified.

The Chairman presented two bank reconciliations (to 31st August and 30th September), and it was Resolved that they be accepted. Two Parish Councillors have verified all the bank balances stated on the reconciliations against the bank / investment statements.

BANK RECONCILIATION TO END 31/08/2026

Description	**Value £**	**Value £**
Cash in hand 01/04/2026		**£72,697.71**
ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 – 31/08/2026		£98,970.39
TOTAL		£171,668.10
SUBTRACT		
Payments 01/04/2026 – 31/08/2026		£105,054.94
A: Cash in hand 30/04/2026		**£66,613.16**
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
NatWest Reserve 31/08/2026	£20,172.21	
NatWest Current 31/08/2026	£4,575.44	
CCLA Public Sector Deposit 31/08/2026	£41,683.19	
TOTAL CASH IN HAND per Bank Statements		**£66,430.84**
Less unpresented payments		£3.18
TOTAL		£66,427.66
Plus unpresented receipts		£185.50
B: Adjusted Bank Balance		**£66,613.16**

BANK RECONCILIATION TO END 30/09/2026

Description	**Value £**	**Value £**
Cash in hand 01/04/2026		**£72,697.71**
ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 – 30/09/2026		£181,809.47
TOTAL		£254,507.18
SUBTRACT		
Payments 01/04/2026 – 30/09/2026		£127,101.24
A: Cash in hand 30/04/2026		**£127,405.93**
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
NatWest Reserve 30/09/2026	£72,931.54	
NatWest Current 30/09/2026	£11,364.84	
CCLA Public Sector Deposit 30/09/2026	£41,819.44	
TOTAL CASH IN HAND per Bank Statements		**£126,115.82**
Less unpresented payments		£21.39
TOTAL		£126,094.43
Plus unpresented receipts		£1,311.50
B: Adjusted Bank Balance		**£127,405.93**

Cllrs. Bayley and Clack leave the meeting.

10.2 Budget 2027-28: to note date for a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee is set for 24th November.

Noted.

10.3 Donations 2026-27: To consider donations to be made to charitable organisations and groups for the current (2026-27) Financial Year

It was Resolved to make the following donations/grants for the 2026/27 Financial Year:

DONATIONS	2026-27
Citizens Advice in North & West Kent	£600.00
West Kent Mediation	£200.00
Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust	£300.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	£100.00
Kent Community Domestic Abuse Programme	£100.00
DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Service)	£100.00
Samaritans [Sevenoaks]	£250.00
West Kent Mind	£150.00
Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group	£500.00
Sevenoaks CFR	£450.00
We are Beams	£250.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	**£3,000.00**
GRANTS	**2026-27**
TOTAL GRANTS	**£0.00**
GRAND TOTAL	**£3,000.00**

POST MEETING NOTE: Following an application for a donation it has been agreed that a donation of £200 should be made to The Hygiene Bank. This will be included in the donations for 2026/27 (the total is to be amended to £3200), and this decision is to be ratified at the November 2027 meeting.
ACTION: CLERK

It was suggested that for charities no longer receiving Parish Council donations they could be invited to contribute articles to the newsletter to mitigate any financial losses.
ACTION: CLERK

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

11.1 It was Resolved to note expenditure for September and October 2026 to date and to approve items for payment in October. A list of bank transfers, debit card payments and direct debits (with supporting documentation) is provided and is to be signed off by two councillors.

Payment Type	Description	Net £	VAT £	Gross £
September 2026 Payments				
DD	Heliocentrix Ltd IT Support Billing for June	77.00	15.40	92.40
DD	HugoFox Ltd Website	29.99	6.00	35.99
DD	Hiscox Insurance premium (10th payment for 2025/26)	529.05	0.00	529.05
DEBIT CARD	Adobe Systems Software Adobe Acrobat monthly subscription	16.64	0.00	16.64
BANK TFR	Starboard Systems Ltd Bookings Software Subscription	28.00	5.60	33.60
BANK TFR	Starboard Systems Ltd Civic.ly Asset Management App monthly Subs	84.00	16.80	100.80
BANK TFRS	Staff Salaries & Expenses September 2026	4230.56	0.00	4230.56
BANK TFR	Bishops Services Ltd Pavilion cleaning/jet wash/windows August 26	1016.67	203.34	1220.01

DD	SDC Non-domestic rates	80.00	0.00	80.00
BANK TFR	Gardens of England Grounds Maintenance August 2026	2764.75	552.95	3317.70
BANK TFR	Mr Fixit Various maintenance and repair jobs	500.00	0.00	500.00
BANK TFR	DG Lunch Club (Jackie Meeson) Lunch for July DG Lunch Club	139.50	0.00	139.50
BANK TFR	Diane Carey Lunch for September DG Lunch Club	227.50	0.00	227.50
BANK TFR	Omni Recycling Ltd Hire of 8yd skip for a week	360.00	72.00	432.00
DEBIT CARD	Lebara Mobile phone contract	4.12	0.83	4.95
DD	Heliocentrix Ltd Office 365 subscription July 2026	112.92	22.58	135.50
BANK TFR	Apex Air Conditioning Services Ltd Annual Maintenance (Heat Ventilation System) / Roof repair	1540.00	308.00	1848.00
DD	Smartest Energy Pavilion Electricity August 2026	599.02	119.80	718.82
BANK TFR	Mrs R Norburn Expenses	16.64	0.00	16.64
DEBIT CARD	Amazon Office supplies	24.99	5.00	29.99
DD	Heliocentrix Telephony July 2026	26.75	5.35	32.10
DEBIT CARD	Tesco Clear Storage Boxes x 10	63.00	0.00	63.00
BANK TFR	BNSI Electrical Electrical Works	280.00	0.00	280.00
BANK TFR	Clean Air (UK) Ltd Annual Legionella Risk Assessment	435.00	87.00	522.00
DD	SAGE UK Ltd Payroll software Sept 2026	14.00	2.80	16.80
BANK TFR	SLCC Enterprises Ltd Staff Training	40.00	0.00	40.00
DEBIT CARD	Amazon Office supplies	40.77	8.16	48.93
DD	EE Mobile phone contract	12.69	2.54	15.23
DD	Castle Water Ltd Pavilion Water	49.14	0.00	49.14
DD	Npower Unmetered Supply for streetlights	150.73	7.54	158.27
BANK TFR	Crestala Fencing & Construction Ltd Steel Fencing Pins x 15	44.55	8.91	53.46
DD	EDF Pavilion Gas August 2026	72.53	3.36	76.16
BANK TFR	Bosville Valley Stompers Entertainment (Fireworks Event)	140.00	0.00	140.00
DEBIT CARD	Amazon Office supplies / fireworks event supplies	58.07	11.62	69.69
BANK TFR	Phoenix Medical Services Ltd Event First Aid Cover	280.00	0.00	280.00

BANK TFR	Pyrovision Ltd 2026 Fireworks Display	5160.00	1032.00	6192.00
BANK TFR	Eventbrite (KALC) Councillor Training – Intro to Planning	50.00	10.00	60.00
BANK TFR	Eventbrite (KALC) Cllr & Staff Training – Project Management	100.00	20.00	120.00
DD	Heliocentrix Ltd IT Support Billing for July	77.00	15.40	92.40
DD	HugoFox Ltd Website	29.99	6.00	35.99
October 2026 Payments to date				
DEBIT CARD	Adobe Systems Software Adobe Acrobat monthly subscription	16.64	0.00	16.64
DEBIT CARD	Amazon Pavilion and Office supplies	104.92	20.99	125.91
DEBIT CARD	Amazon Pavilion and Office supplies	36.46	7.30	43.79
DEBIT CARD	Smartwater Testing Legionella Sample Testing	9.00	18.00	108.00
BANK TFR	Starboard Systems Ltd Civic.ly Asset Management App monthly Subs	84.00	16.80	100.80
BANK TFR	Starboard Systems Ltd Bookings Software Subscription	28.00	5.60	33.60
BANK TFR	NFP Workshops Councillor Training	95.00	0.00	95.00
BANK TFR	KCC (KCS) Photocopier leasing	82.52	16.50	99.02
BANK TFR	CJS Plants Ltd Hanging baskets and planters (winter 2026/27)	3350.00	670.00	4020.00
BANK TFR	Streetlights Ltd Annual maintenance contract (payment 2/2)	951.82	190.36	1142.18
BANK TFR	HMRC Shipley Qtr2 2026/27 PAYE Tax & NI	4539.70	0.00	4539.70
BANK TFR	Bishops Services Ltd Pavilion cleaning/jet wash/windows Sept 26	961.67	192.34	1154.01
BANK TFR	Gardens of England Grounds Maintenance September 2026	3908.25	781.65	4689.90
BANK TFR	Earth Anchors Ltd Noticeboard London Road (opp. Milton Road)	11362.00	272.40	1634.40
DD	People's Partnership Pension Payment September 2026	415.98	0.00	415.98
DD	SDC Non-domestic rates	80.00	0.00	80.00
BANK TFR	Diane Carey Lunch for October DG Lunch Club	234.00	0.00	234.00
BANK TFR	SDC Litter bin / Dog bin emptying Jul-Sep 26	582.40	116.48	698.88
October Payments (expected but unconfirmed/not yet paid as at 09/10/26)				
BANK TFRS	Staff Salaries & Expenses October 2026 (includes back pay)	5346.15	0.00	5346.15
DD	Heliocentrix Ltd Office 365 subscription August 2026	112.92	22.58	135.50
DD	Heliocentrix Telephony August 2026	26.75	5.35	32.10
DD	Heliocentrix Ltd	77.00	15.40	92.40

	IT Support Billing for August			
DD	Smartest Energy Pavilion Electricity Sept 2026	795.42	159.08	954.50
DD	SAGE UK Ltd Payroll software Oct 2026	14.00	2.80	16.80
DD	Npower Unmetered Supply for streetlights	173.87	8.69	182.56
DD	People's Partnership Pension Payment October 2026	520.56	0.00	520.56
DD	EDF Pavilion Gas September 2026	102.46	5.12	107.58

ACTION: CLERK

12. PLANNING

12.1 CURRENT PLANNING To consider the applications and to resolve to agree recommendations.

12.1a Planning Application 25/01564/REM

Location: DSTL Fort Halstead Crow Drive Halstead

Development: Reserved matters application (details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to condition 5 of hybrid planning permission (in outline) 19/05000/HYN for works comprising access from Star Hill and a section of Crow Drive, with associated infrastructure including landscaping, to comply with conditions 2, 7, and 9, and to discharge condition 18.

Recommendation: No comments

12.2 PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS To note the decisions from SDC or the Planning Inspectorate.

12.2a Planning Application 26/00948/MMA

Location: 205 London Road

Development: Amendment to 25/01838/FUL with one new vehicular access and a reduction to the size and design to include a patio and driveway.

GRANTED

12.2b Planning Application 25/01285/REM

Location: DSTL Fort Halstead Crow Drive Halstead

Development: Reserved matters application (details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to condition 5 of hybrid planning permission (in outline) 19/05000/HYN for Phase 1 (RM01) works comprising Polhill Roundabout and a section of Crow Drive, with associated infrastructure including landscaping, to comply with conditions 2, 7, and 9, and to discharge condition 18.

GRANTED

12.2c Planning Application 26/02456/WTPO

Location: 33 Mill Road

Development: Oak – Crown reduction by 15-20%, reduce selected lateral branchers by 15-20% and removal of deadwood.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY [no statutory requirement to publicise WTPO applications)

12.2d Planning Application 26/02089/LDCEX

Location: North Downs Business Park Limepit Lane

Development: Confirmation that the existing car park is lawful

GRANTED

12.2e Planning Application 26/01933/HOUSE

Location: 26 Yew Tree Road

Development: Demolition of first floor porch balcony. Proposed first floor rear extension with rooflight.

{N.B. Application was amended to provide sun path and overshadowing analysis to support the application]
GRANTED

12.3 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT To consider any updates in relation to sites in Dunton Green being investigated by Planning Enforcement for planning breaches
Further to the September meeting, Cllr. Bayley (SDC) had followed up on some planning enforcement queries and obtained the following information:

Gym on the Technical Treatments Site, Rye Lane
Planning Enforcement advise that they have visited the site on three occasions recently (as at 09/09/26). The people operating the gym have indicated that they intend to submit a further planning application. A meeting had been scheduled with the gym operator on 27 August with planning officers. It has not been possibly to obtain an update as the lead officer has been on sick leave since.

(Old) London Road site - Land South Of M25 Morants Court Road (access is actually off of London Road)
Information was provided, but not for the correct site. The planning application (25/03119/FUL) for the erection of buildings on Article 4 Directive land was refused and is currently showing on the SDC planning portal as having an appeal lodged.

13. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES

13.1 Grounds Maintenance/Updates

13.1a Village Green Flower Beds – to note new planting has been completed
Noted.

13.2 Price's Wood

13.2a To consider a request that a tree adjacent to a Pounsley Road property be trimmed
Council agreed that the request should be denied. It was recommended that the Parish Council's response include reference to ongoing inspections to be carried out by the Parish Council, and mention of enforcement action to be taken by the Council in the event of any subsequent damage.
ACTION: CLERK

13.3 Pavilion

13.3a To note that the outside store has been tidied (to make the area safer for access), handles have been installed on the roller shutter door and various items have been wall mounted
Noted.
13.3b To note that additional signage has been installed in the car park area regarding closure of the car park
Noted.
13.3c Leak affecting ceiling in men's toilet: damaged ceiling tiles have been replaced
Noted.
13.3d Water boiler: to note issues have been rectified
Noted.

13.4 General Maintenance

13.4a Play Equipment: to note that an order has been placed for the repair for the rocking horse
Noted.
13.4b New noticeboard: to note that the new noticeboard has been installed on London Road, opposite the Milton Road junction
Noted.

14. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION (INFRASTRUCTURE)

14.1 Highways Improvement Plan (HIP): to note progress, if any, in relation to items on the with

particular regard to installation of signage re the school, cutting back of the hedge outside the school and drainage in the underpass
No progress noted and the deadline of 18th October is unlikely to be achieved.

14.2 Disabled Parking Bay London Road: following consultation, information will be collated and taken to the next Joint Transportation Board meeting (early 2027)
Noted.

14.3 A224 London Road/Morants Court Road: to note overnight closures from 23rd October for up to 7 nights for road resurfacing works
Noted.

15. EVENTS

15.1 Fireworks 2026: to note feedback to improve the 2027 event

Councillors reviewed feedback from the 2026 fireworks event and identified improvements for 2027 which will be incorporated into the event planning documentation.
ACTION: ASST. CLERK

15.2 Remembrance Sunday Service: to note details of event plan and risk assessment and to consider an offer to attend from the Neighbourhood Officers

Cllr. Gomes-Chodyniecki volunteered to lead on the organisation and delivery of the Remembrance Sunday Service.
ACTION: ASST. CLERK/AGC

16. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 Members considered or noted correspondence received since the September 2026 meeting (not already covered by an agenda item)

16.1a CPRE – Kent Countryside Voice Autumn-Winter 2026/7

16.1b CPRE Kent – Letter from CPRE Kent to Sevenoaks Parish Councils

16.1c Darent River Protection Society – How much rain do we really need

16.1d North West Kent Countryside Partnership/Kent Wildlife Trust – Alternative Vision for land north of Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve – River Darent

16.2 Dunton Green News (newsletter): to note copy deadline of 1st November for Winter 2026 edition

Noted.

16.3 Dunton Green PC Website: reminder that councillor biographies are overdue

Councillors were again reminded to either submit their bios for the next newsletter or to inform the Clerk that they were declining to do so
ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE YET TO SUBMIT

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17.1 Scheduled: 10th November 2026 (7.30pm) – Full Council

18. PUBLIC SESSION

None.

It was Resolved, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the following item be discussed in closed session. The item is of a confidential nature (as defined by Schedule 12 of the Local Gov Act 1972) which may

either breach the council's obligations of the Data Protection Act 1998 or is not in the public interest to disclose.

19. DUNTON GREEN FOR THE FUTURE [Confidential Item – Commercially Sensitive]

19.1 To receive an update regarding latest communications with DGPC's solicitors, planning consultants, agents, and a recent workshop/meeting session with ONH Planning for Good and to note the date of the next ONH meeting.

It was noted there will be a further ONH Planning for Good meeting/meeting on 17th November 2026. Knight Frank will not be appointed following a further meeting and advice of a significant increase in their proposed fees. Alternative valuers recommended by the planning consultant and solicitor would be approached. It was noted that the timing of an anticipated outline application had moved further into 2027, reducing immediate time pressure. Further to the September meeting, the Clerk had sought advice and confirmed that the Parish Council would not be liable for Capital Gains Tax and that properly made decisions would be corporate decisions of the Council rather than personal decisions of individual councillors.

It was Resolved, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to close the confidential session and return to the open meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Chair_____

Date_____