

DALTON PIERCY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of meeting held at 8:10pm Tuesday 19th May 2026 at Dalton Piercy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Noble (Chair), Davies, Grylls, Middleton, Patrick and Robson.

In Attendance: Ten residents, the Clerk (M Davies)

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Middleton, Noble and Patrick Item 10.
3. **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 9th April 2026:** The minutes were then unanimously accepted as an accurate record-and the Chair signed the Minutes.
4. **Matters Arising:** **(i) Breach of planning query:** The Clerk advised she has chased this matter up, however no update has been provided. **(ii) Memorial Tree:** The Clerk advised this is in hand and the potential supplier is also trying to source a metal tree guard. **(iii) Mayfield House:** The Clerk advised she has received an email from HBC Public Protection, who have confirmed they have spoken to the owner of the property, who is currently not on site and a load of wood has been fly tipped but they will arrange for this to be cleared. As wood and building materials are not classed as a statutory nuisance an Environmental Protection Act notice cannot be served, therefore HBC will continue to attempt to resolve the issue informally with the owner. A resident advised fires are still taking place at the property. **iv) Village Green:** The Clerk advised this matter is currently being looked into HBC and she is awaiting feedback. **v) Footpath from Three Gates to the centre of the village:** The Clerk advised the Estates Surveyor from HBC, has advised this will get this looked into as soon as possible. **(vi) Area of overgrown vegetation in Abbots Lea:** The Clerk advised works to reduce the overgrowth in Abbots Lea have now been completed. The plan also included the removal of the eucalyptus tree in the area, however after a resident advised removing the tree in its entirety it would expose the rear of their property as this formed the majority of the privacy screen. The contractor has reduced the tree along with ring barking it to essentially kill it. The resident has been advised they have approximately 2 to 3 years to grow foliage to create a new privacy screening before the remaining part of the tree is removed. The contractor has recommend the area is reviewed and trimmed back in September time if required, then maintained annually going forward. A resident thanked the Parish Council for the work carried and asked if they may continue trimming the vegetation back to keep it tidy in between maintenance visits, the Parish Council thanked the resident for his support and all agreed to this. **(vii) Road beside the pond:** The Clerk advised the HBC estates surveyor will look into this, but the kerb should be high enough to stop water running into the pond. The road to the side of the pond is not HBC responsibility. Councillors did note following the resurfacing of the road to the side of the pond the flooding has stopped.
5. **Ward Councillors Report:** No report received.
6. **Chairman's Report:** Nothing to report.
7. **Personnel Report:** Nothing to report.
8. **Village Maintenance:** Nothing to report.
9. **The Batts Maintenance:** Nothing to report.
10. **Dalton Piercy Village Hall Trustees Report:** **(i)** Cllr Patrick advised the hall is now open. The air source heating is to be completed. A Grantscape (Red Gap) funding application has been submitted for a sound system, television, fencing around the site and a roller shutter for the main front door. A resident asked how high the fence was going to be, Cllr Patrick advised it would be no higher than 6ft. The official opening will be held in June and The National Lottery will be present. Cllr Patrick advised their will shortly be a meeting held within the Village hall and residents will be able to come along to ask any questions or share any concerns etc,

11. **Finance: (i)** The Clerk advised she had circulated to Parish Councillors both a Financial Transactions and Actual against Budget Reports for April 2026. These were accepted as an accurate record by all Councillors present.

1st April 2026 – 30th April 2026

Receipts	£
Allotment Rent	131.30
Allotment Rent	173.60
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HBC 26-27 Precept payment	21363.00
Total	21799.20

Payments	£
Elwick W.I Hall Hire Sept 25 – April 26	160.00
Total	160.00

12. **Matters of Concern to Councillors: (i)** Cllr Patrick raised concerns over the number of potholes on the road throughout the Village – The Clerk is to raise this with HBC **(ii)** Cllr Robson, reiterated a residents concern during the APM, regarding the screwcaps and screws on the speed cushions coming loose – The Clerk is to raise this with HBC. **(iii)** Cllr Middleton asked for it to be noted that a vehicle has created a rut in the verge by The Villas, which has been filled in with stone.
13. **Correspondence: (i)** The Clerk advised she had received an email on behalf of Jonathan Brash, thanking DPPC for the detailed and helpful response for the inquiry regarding recent Parish precept increases after a resident raised concern with Jonathan, he acknowledged the time taken to set out the background and the various pressures facing the Parish Council. He ensured the residents who raised concerns will be made aware of the information provided by DPPC. Jonathan had asked for his thanks to be passed onto DPPC for the work it does on behalf of residents and for the care taken to maintain and improve village assets and amenities. Jonathan acknowledged there are significant responsibilities placed on Parish Councils, particularly in smaller communities. **(ii)** The Clerk advised she had received an email from a resident over the overgrown shrubbery in Abbots Lea which is encroaching the footpath, preventing deliveries to their property and restricting access. The Clerk advised she had responded to the resident to advise as the shrubs are on private land and footpaths are not the responsibility of DPPC, it is not within the remit of DPPC. All Councillors agreed this was not a matter DPPC are able to assist with.
14. **Public Forum: (i)** A resident asked if the yellow stone laid on the Village Green on the road to the Village Hall was being addressed. Cllr Noble and Cllr Patrick advised this had been laid without DPPC consent and the matter is in hand to resolve the issue. **(ii)** A resident commented on the new bus service route servicing the Village and asked if the service of a large bus is required. Councillors advised this is not a Parish Council issue and the resident would need to address Stagecoach directly. **(iii)** A resident raised concern over the ongoing issue with the pot holes in the Village, whilst they are filled in the material soon comes out again, Cllr Noble advised DPPC believe a review was carried out in the end of April, in preparation for the review of works in the area. At present the corner by Mayfield house is currently scheduled in for improvement works. **(iv)** A resident advised they had attended to ask about the recent precept increase, but following the meeting she understood why the increase was required. **(v)** A resident welcomed Cllr Davies to the Parish Council, and expressed to the Councillors, as a resident they try to help, but asked if the Council could be more receptive. **(vi)** A resident asked if there had been an update on the broken fence in Dene Garth. The Clerk advised she had not received any updates regarding the fence but would chase the matter up with HBC. **(vii)** A resident asked if there was an update on the stones for the Village Green. The Clerk advised she is trying to liaise with a local company to obtain the stones free of charge as they will normally be £15 each, she will chase it up to see if there has been an update. **(viii)** A resident advised there is a noticeable amount of nitrous oxide canisters around the village etc, while the police are now trialling a breathalyser, the resident asked if the cameras at the water board and Sambucas could be reviewed to identify the source. Another resident advised they attend the

rural crime forum and they will bring the issue up at the next meeting. Police actively encourage residents to report and suspicious or antisocial behaviour, providing as much detail as possible i.e. car reg, clothes etc to enable them to build intelligence and target specific areas. **(ix)** A resident asked who is responsible for the road in Dalton Heights, councillors advised it is HBC and if the road is scheduled for improvement works from the main road. Cllr Middleton advised he would liaise with the Clerk with pictures and more information to contact HBC for advice.

- 15. Planning applications:** H/2025/0346 Notification of a Planning Application: Proposal: Approval of all reserved matters application for the erection of 116no. dwellings with the associated access, landscaping and infrastructure pursuant to Outline Planning Permission H/2014/0428 (Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development comprising up to 1,200 dwellings of up to two and a half storeys in height and including a new distributor road, local centre, primary school, amenity open space and structure planting) Location: Land Sout of Elwick Road, High Tunstall, Hartlepool. TS26 0LQ. Councillors all agreed The Clerk is to reiterate DPPC objections.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: The Parish Council may at any point pass a resolution that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) the public and the press shall be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business if publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted e.g. Employment matters, terms of commercial tenders and negotiations for contracts for legal proceedings, preparation or advice.

- 16. Confidential Matters** - Confidential matters only, recorded separately.

- 17. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 11th June 2026, 7pm at Dalton Piercy Village Hall.

Meeting concluded at 8:56pm