

Of a meeting of Dean and Shelton Parish Council held in Dalton Hall, Upper Dean on Wednesday, 4 March 2026

Present at the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr M Pattison (Chair), Cllr N Barrett, Cllr S Brett, Cllr J Moodie, Cllr C Pattison

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Gamblen and Phillips due to personal commitments and holiday.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda** – There were no disclosures of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 7 January 2026** – With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4) **Finance:**
 - a) A Financial Statement, review of expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation to 28 February 2026 was tabled by the RFO, considered by the Council, and approved with no issues arising.
 - b) Quotations and a price comparison for a replacement for the Lower Dean noticeboard were discussed and **it was resolved** to purchase a poster case from The Parish Noticeboard Company quoted price £530 plus vat.
 - c) A schedule of ongoing maintenance items was discussed and several items identified. Cllr M Pattison will contact Matt Howe regarding replacement rubber on the playground gate.
 - d) Accounts for Payment – the following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. Mrs J Goodson – maintenance of planting around war memorial (2025) - £40 (War Memorials Act 1923 s1 & LGA 1948 s133)
 - ii. The Villager Community Minibus - Donation - £125 (Item 4f MoM 7/1/26) (Local Government Rating Act 1997)
 - iii. The Cartridge People Ltd - Invoice GB260210-LA7180452 – Printer cartridges - £35.13 **previously paid by Debit Card** (LGA1972 S.112)
- 5) **Planning:**
 - a) **Planning Application 26/00229/FUL** - Erection of timber orangery to rear/side - Dean Lodge House, Brook Lane, Upper Dean – was discussed. **It was resolved** that the Council had no comment.
 - b) A response to the Consultation on the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was discussed. **It was resolved** that the Council would respond using the framework proposed by CPRE of which it approved.
 - c) The next stage in the Planning Process for East Park Energy, the Examination, commences on 17th March at King's House Conference Centre, Bedford.

- 6) **Correspondence:**
- (a) A communication received regarding litter was discussed. The proposals for installation of additional bins will be revived and pursued by Cllr Moodie. Cllr Barrett will explore organising a communal litter pick with Beds B C.
 - (b) A communication received regarding the provision of a community cinema was discussed. It was felt that with Kimbolton Cinema struggling with attendance there would not be sufficient interest to cover the cost. Further enquiries would be made.
- 7) **Speeding and Police Matters** – Nothing to report.
- 8) **Highways and Drainage** – Nothing to report.
- 9) **Adult Fitness Equipment** – has been inspected in the last month and found to be in satisfactory order.
- 10) **Date of Next Meeting:**
- (a) Date for next meeting will be 6 May 2026 unless any urgent business is received in which case a meeting will be held on 1 April 2026. In any event the meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean.
 - (b) The Chair closed the meeting at 20.40.

Signed by

Matthew Pattison (Chair)

at the meeting held on 1 April 2026