



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, DURRINGTON, SP4 8AD
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7 p.m. in the
Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

Present

Members

Cllr G Wright - Chairman
Cllr S Smith – Vice Chair
Cllr J Todd
Cllr P Paul
Cllr A Stafford
Cllr S Paines
Cllr S Botham
Cllr A Hatt
Cllr G Eydmann
Cllr C Butler
Cllr K Johnson
Cllr P Galan-Bamfield

Officers

J Tudor – Clerk

Public

One member of the public was present for public participation

Meeting

Public Participation

A member of the public commented on the bollards recently installed in Birchwood Drive. The Wiltshire Councillor said that he would take the concerns raised back to Wiltshire Council.

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Acceptance of Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from **Cllrs Lock and Rennie.**

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Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

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- 149/25 Approval of minutes.**
The minutes for the meeting on the 31st March were approved with a small amendment.
- 150/25 Minutes of meetings for information.**
The meeting accepted the following minutes

Finance and HR Committee dated the **17th March 2026.**
- 151/25 Accounts.**
a. The cheques and debits for **March 2026** were accepted.
b. The bank reconciliation for **March 2026** was accepted.
c. The year end accounts for 2025/26 were accepted.
- 152/25 Proposals – the Council reviewed the internal auditors report and resolved to: -**
- a. To Sign section 1 of the AGAR Part 3.
 - b. To Sign Section 2 of the AGAR Part 3.
 - c. To note the remaining funds in the account as at the 31st March 2026.
 - d. To note the invoices paid by the council during 2025/26 were checked by Cllrs Johnson and Hatt.
 - e. To approve the dates of Public Rights between the 3rd June and the 14th July 2026.
 - f. To approve the request of funding from the youth working party of £6,000 for a number of sporting activities run by District Sports throughout the year, the Clerk to arrange the sessions on behalf of the council and arrange payment.
 - g. To approve the Community Pass trail with three organisations to start with for a year. The council office staff will run the pass scheme. The National trust has provided day tickets free of charge for residents and these will also be trialled.
 - h. To approve a quote for the River Park refurbishment.
 - i. To approve the Quote evaluation guidelines.
 - j. To approve Cllr Hatt’s appointment to the Facilities and Amenities Committee.

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- k. To note the lottery Community Grant of £19,999.
- l. To note the majority of Councillors undertook GDPR training in March and Cllr Paul undertook financial training in April.

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Planning.

No applications were considered.

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Discussion Topics

Emails, - Cllr Paul led the discussion about emails, and the recent email failure, he wanted to know if the council had a disaster recovery plan and various options were considered to allow communication for emergency matters should the email system fail again. It was agreed that the Clerk will set up an emergency only what's app group for the council.

SID Policy – Cllr Galan Bamfield led the discussion raising concerns about the council's responsibility for its staff and their safety. He referenced working at height, next to busy roads. The Clerk advised that all staff have training modules suitable for their roles and safety workwear is provided. Cllr Todd recommended looking at Chapter 8 provision for vehicles working on the road. Cllr Smith recommended a Health and Safety Audit and it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange the audit on behalf of the council. Cllr Wright indicated that he had looked for and not found a council with a SID (speed indication device) policy,

Cllr Training – the Clerk accessed training last month and recommended a trainer practised in offering training to councils to come to the council and offer training and strategy planning. It was agreed that the councillors would complete a training matrix to decide what training they require. The council agreed the 25th August for training as there are no formal council meetings in August. The Clerk will arrange for the trainer to attend in person and provide the required training.

155/25

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - To move into Confidential Business under section 100 (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss the next items on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The council considered two land matters.

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Date of the next meeting 26th May 2026.

Meeting finished at 8.46pm

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