



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, DURRINGTON, SP4 8AD
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7 p.m.
in the Robinson Room, Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

Present

Members

Cllr G Wright - Chairman
Cllr J Todd
Cllr P Paul
Cllr A Stafford
Cllr R Lock
Cllr S Paines
Cllr S Rennie
Cllr S Botham
Cllr K Johnson
Cllr G Eydmann
Cllr P Galan-Bamfield

Officers

J Tudor – Clerk

Three members of the public attended for part of the meeting.

1/26 – Election of Chairman

Cllr Wright was elected Chairman of the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2/26 – Chairman’s Address

The Chairman expressed his pleasure with the progress made over the past year. He highlighted the youth event scheduled for the following day at the recreation ground and thanked councillors for working effectively together to deliver improvements for residents.

3/26 – Election of Vice Chair

In her absence, Cllr Smith had written to the Clerk confirming her willingness to continue as Vice Chair. The Council approved her continuation in the role.

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Public Participation

Three members of the public attended to raise concerns about the yellow lines at the Bulford Road junction of The Ham. To allow residents to hear the discussion, the Chairman brought the agenda item forward. A resident presented concerns about vehicle behaviour at the bottom of Bulford Road, noting advice received from a colleague road safety expert. He highlighted worries about vehicles mounting the pavement and stated that conditions appeared less safe than before the yellow lines were introduced. He also suggested that repainting the centre white line might worsen the issue. Councillors discussed parking pressures, the need for buses to pass safely, reports of vehicles mounting the pavement, and traffic speed in the area.

Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from **Cllrs Smith, Hatt and Butler**.

13/6 (Taken Out of Order)

Cllr Paul introduced the item, having taken it over from Cllr Butler. He referred to Highway Code Rule 243, which prohibits stopping or parking on a bend, and reported that bus drivers felt the yellow lines had improved conditions. He requested speed-watch data from the Chairman, who reported that only two out of four hundred monitored vehicles had been speeding around the corner. The Chairman had met with a Highways Engineer, who advised that the yellow lines should remain unchanged. She also recommended repainting the centre white line to encourage drivers to keep left. Her comments were read to the meeting.

Two proposals were made: Cllr Galan Bamfield proposed rejecting the residents' request; Cllr Paines proposed gathering formal data before making a decision.

Resolution: The Council agreed to obtain speed-check data. Once received, the Council will consider whether to support the request for changes to the yellow lines. The Chairman also reported that he had requested reduction of several trees on Wiltshire Council land and clearing of verge overgrowth back from the road.

5/26 – Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6/26 – Appointment to Committees

Finance & HR Committee: Cllrs Wright, Paul, Rennie, Smith.

Facilities & Amenities Committee: Cllrs Todd, Botham, Lock, Eydmann, Stafford, Johnson, Butler, Paines, Hatt.

7/26 – Appointment of Representatives to External Bodies

Stonehenge Area Board – Cllr Paines.

LHFIG – Cllr Paul.

World Heritage Site Management Committee – Cllr Johnson.

Larkhill Community Partnership – Cllrs Eydmann, Wright, Butler.

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8/26 – Banking Signatories (2026-27)

Members of the Finance & HR Committee, the Chairman, and the Clerk were approved as authorised online banking signatories.

9/26 – Code of Conduct

The Council reviewed and confirmed the Code of Conduct.

10/26 – Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2026 were approved.

11/25 – Minutes for Information

Finance & HR Committee minutes dated 16 March 2026 were received.

12/25 – Accounts

Cheques and debits for April 2026 were approved.

The April 2026 bank reconciliation was also approved.

13/26 – Council Resolutions

The Council resolved to:

- a. approve the Financial Risk Assessment;
- b. approve the Investment Strategy;
- c. confirm PKF Littlejohn as external auditors for 2025/26;
- d. approve annual subscriptions to
 - i. NALC/WALC (£1,300),
 - ii. SLCC (approx. £600),
 - iii. Community First (approx. £40), and
 - iv. ICCM (£110);
- e. approve Town Council-supported events for 2025/26 including the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2027;
- f. please see above.
- g. note the Chairman's report;
- h. note the Wiltshire Councillor's report;
- i. note Cllr Paul's LHFIG report with the correction that the item offered to another parish by the Chairman was a speed gun, not a SID.

14/26 – General Power of Competence

The Council confirmed it continues to meet eligibility requirements: at least two-thirds of councillors are elected, and the Clerk holds the required sector-specific qualification.

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15/26 – Planning

No planning applications were considered.

The public meeting closed at 7:54 pm.

16/26 – Confidential Business

The Council moved into confidential session under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to discuss a land matter and an insurance matter.

17/26 – Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 30 June 2026.

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