



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, DURRINGTON, SP4 8AD
Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 24th February 2026 7 p.m. in
the Robinson Room at the Village Hall, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

Present

Members

Cllr S Smith – Vice Chair and acting Chair for this meeting
Cllr J Todd
Cllr P Paul
Cllr P Galan-Bamfield
Cllr A Stafford
Cllr R Lock
Cllr S Paines
Cllr S Rennie
Cllr S Botham
Cllr K Johnson
Cllr A Hatt
Cllr G Eydmann

Officers

J Tudor – Clerk

Public

Fourteen members of public were present for part of the meeting.

The Council Meeting started at 7pm with Cllr Smith the acting chair reminding the meeting that it was being recorded.

Meeting

Public Participation – The Chair asked the members of the public if they wished to speak before the business section of the meeting started.

All but two members of the public in attendance spoke in support of GOGA (Get Out Get Active), an initiative previously funded by Wiltshire Council. Until this year, Wiltshire Council funded weekly sessions across the county. In Durrington, the session takes place every Tuesday morning from 10:00am for one hour and fifteen minutes at the Village Hall. The group regularly attracts more than 30 participants, who take part in games, gentle exercise and movement activities, as well as singing. The sessions are extremely popular and consistently well attended.

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Residents attended the meeting following the loss of Wiltshire Council funding to request that the Council consider providing financial support to enable the activity to continue. A representative from District Sports, the organisation delivering the sessions, was also present and confirmed that the sessions are currently free of charge, as they are primarily attended by retired residents. The intention is to keep the sessions free and accessible despite the withdrawal of external funding.

Residents expressed the view that they should not be overlooked because they are retired, particularly as many have lived in the village for a significant number of years and value the social connection, physical activity, and wellbeing benefit the sessions provide.

The Chair requested District Sports contact the Clerk to discuss possibly applying for a grant. Having made their presentation all but 4 members of the public left the meeting.

One member of the public was in attendance to apply for co-option to the Council.

The Chair proposed that Item **132/25** be taken first to allow the co-option to be considered at the start of the meeting. Members agreed.

Mr Aaron Hatt introduced himself and outlined his interest in supporting the Council in its work for the benefit of residents. Following this, Members voted to approve his co-option.

Councillor Hatt then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and took his seat at the Members' table.

129/25 Acceptance of Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Wright and Butler.

130/25 Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

131/25 Approval of minutes.

The minutes for the meeting on the 27th of January 2026 were approved.

One Member noted that the version of the minutes published on the website had not been marked as "Draft" and should remain designated as draft minutes until formally approved by the Council.

132/25 Interview of co-option candidates.

See above.

133/25 Minutes of meetings for information.

The meeting accepted the following minutes

Facilities and Amenities Committee dated the 18th November 2025

Finance and HR Committee dated the 9th December 2025

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Accounts.

- a. The cheques and debits for January 2026 were accepted.
- b. The bank reconciliation for January 2026 were accepted.

135/25

Proposals – the Council resolved to: -

- a. Defer the decision on the spend for white lines on Hackthorne and Church Road until the matter has been clarified.
- b. To approve the Bring Your Own Device Policy.
- c. To approve the Data Protection Policy.
- d. To approve the GDPR Data Map.
- e. To review and approve the Privacy Policy.
- f. To approve the Data Breach Policy.
- g. To approve a regular two-page section in the Durrington Dispatch at a cost of £820.
- h. To approve the Pensions Discretions Policy recommended by the Finance and HR Committee.

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Planning.

One application was considered.

PL/2026/00630

Durrington Library, 75 Bulford Road, Durrington, Salisbury, SP4 8EU

Proposal - Demolition of the existing porta cabin building and the construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings, landscaping and associated works.

The Council agreed to comment on the application concerning the trees at the back of the property. The Tree survey says the trees can be retained and easily protected. The block plan shows existing trees to be removed. This needs to be clarified. There were no other concerns for comments on the application noted.

137/25

Discussion Points

The meeting considered the Clerk's request that discussion points require a full description to ensure compliance with the transparency code. The Clerk confirmed the discussion meetings take place in February, April, June, September and November and agenda request items should be as detailed as possible.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on the 31st March in the Village Hall, there is a speaker from the Royal Artillery Museum and District Sports are coming to set up a game in the Robinson Room, and there will be an update on the councils

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progress during the year. The Chair hoped all members would make the meeting this year.

GDPR training for Councillors, the majority of councillors are happy to undertake the training. A joint session will take place on the 16th of March in the Robinson Room using the screen. The Clerk will contact those members to confirm.

138/25 Date of the next meeting 31st March 2026 after the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

Meeting finished at 19.48 pm

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