

DUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Dunstall Parish Council, held Thursday, 15th January 2026, in Dunstall Church Hall at 7:30pm

Present - Cllr Marie Ward (Chairman), Cllr Peter Sloan (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Rosemary Roberts, Cllr Jan Gill and Cllr Ian Roberts.

District and County Councillors: Cllr Catherine Brown (SCC) & Cllr Jacqui Jones (ESBC)

Clerk - Robert Pritchard

Member of the public - 0

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Simon Clarke and District Cllr Bev George.
2. **Declaration of interests and dispensations:** None
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th November 2025 were approved.

4. **Reports from Borough & County Councillors:**

Cllr Jaqui Jones updated the council on waste recycling and Local Government Reorganisation.

Cllr Catherine Brown updated the council on how to report potholes, the proposed meeting on Lichfield Road and the insecure bin post.

5. **Reports from Parish Councillors:**

The Chairman reported on a positive Christmas event.

The flashing lights approaching the Dunstall Hill/Forrest Road/Rangemore Hill/Dunstall Cross junction has been hit by a car. Details will be sent to Catherine Brown

The council will ask Simon Clarke if he can fix the sign on Dunstall Cross.

Several councillors asked to attend the next SPCA training session.

6. **Planning:**

Application Number: P/2026/00042. Proposal: Display of 2 non-illuminated free standing entrance signs, 1 non-illuminated wall mounted sign, 2 non-illuminated directional totem signs, 5 non-illuminated unit totem signs, 3 non-illuminated hoarding signs, 2 non-illuminated directional lamp post signs, 1 non-illuminated post mounted v-board sign & 5 non-illuminated building vinyl's

Councillors were against the proposed sign I1 in the proposed layout. due to the impact on the view of the properties opposite. They believe it would be a visual nuisance, other signs are

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obscured from residents view by trees and shrubs. The Clerk will pass councillors objections to the council.

Cllr Jaqui Jones will ask planning officers to visit the Chairman to discuss the application further.

7. Financial Matters & Approval of Payments: The following payments were approved.

NI Refund (Clerk December salary):	£36.40
HMRC (NI payments):	£109.20
Christmas Event Supplies:	£43.75

7.3 Approval of transfer of funds: Transfer approved of £3231.14 from Business Reserve Account (ending 2308) to Unity Current Account. Transfer approved of £4000 from Business Reserve Account (ending 0501) to Unity Current Account.

7.4 Approve Bank reconciliations. The May, June, July & August 2025 bank reconciliations were approved.

8. Clerks Report: The report and resulting actions were approved.

9. To Record Any Matters Raised in the Public Session: None

10. Update Bank Signatories:

Unity Account – The council addition of Ian Roberts and Rosemary Roberts as authorised signatories.

NatWest Business Reserve Account 1 (ending 0501) Business Account Reserve 2 (ending 2308) and NatWest Current Account (ending 5853) - The council approved updating signatories to Ian Roberts, Rosemary Roberts, Marie Ward, Peter Sloan, Janet Gill, Simon Clarke & Robert Pritchard. And the named contact to the Clerk and RFO Robert Pritchard.

Council approved the closure of the NatWest accounts by the Clerk when all funds are transferred to Unity Trust bank account.

11. Co-Option: None

12. 2026/2027 Precept: The precept was approved at £5250.

13. Policies: The IT Policy was adopted.

14. Items for Next Meeting: Biodiversity Policy.

Time and date of next meeting – 7:30pm on Thursday 19th March 2026, Dunstall Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.23

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Date: 19th March 2026

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