

Dalbury Lees Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **Dalbury Lees Parish Council** on Monday 19th of January 2026 held at 7.30pm, at Dalbury Lees Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. S Morris(Chair) · Cllr. M Butterworth · Cllr. C Timmins · Cllr. J Archer · Cllr Y Clarke

Clerk: C Bryant

South Derbyshire District Councillor David Muller

1/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

No election of chair / vice chair was required at this meeting.

2/26 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

3/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Archer declared their interest in the allotments and their dispensation.

4/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

5/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Muller reported that the proposed New House Farm CofE Primary School has been placed in the Department for Education's "minded to cancel" category following the national review of free school projects. Approximately £3m in associated Section 106 funding is under discussion. Efforts are ongoing to explore whether the scheme can proceed and whether funding could be phased over 3–4 years.

He also referred to emerging proposals for land south of Mickleover, between Etwall Road and Staker Lane, where a developer intends to apply for outline permission for up to 2,300 dwellings. The proposals are expected to include education provision and open space.

In respect of Local Government Reorganisation, little progress has been made locally and the normal election cycle is expected to continue in this area. Derbyshire County Council is expected to increase council tax by up to 4.9%. South Derbyshire District Council is still considering its position.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

6/26 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of November as accurate.

7/26 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Butterworth reported that he and Cllr Colin installed the parish Christmas tree, which has been well received by residents. Although smaller than in previous years, it has met with universal approval.

Cllr. Butterworth advised that the fingerpost had come down and confirmed that Cllr. Timmins has since reinstated it.

Cllr. Timmins outlined recent repair works undertaken and presented a bill relating to replacement post hooks for approval/payment.

Cllr. Butterworth also provided guidance on how residents can report potholes to the appropriate authority.

In addition, Cllr. Butterworth reported that he attended Dalbury to post in the noticeboard; however, it was found to be broken and in need of repair. He confirmed that this will be repaired using leftover materials from the previous repair works.

8/26 MAINTENANCE

Parish maintenance, mowing, weedkilling (only when strictly necessary) and repair of noticeboards was discussed.

9/26 ALLOTMENT RENTS

It was resolved that the allotment rent remain unchanged.

10/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

- a) It was resolved to note accounts presented.
- b) It was resolved to sign the transaction summary.
- c) It was resolved to sign the bank reconciliation.
- d) It was resolved to approve invoices presented for payment.
- e) It was resolved to approve draft budget and precept at £3120 for the coming year.

11/26 NOISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

No environmental issues were raised since the last meeting.

12/26 PLANNING MATTERS

The council discussed general planning matters, but no planning applications or major enforcement notices were received since the last meeting.

13/26 TO REVIEW POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

- a) It was resolved to adopt the Equality and Diversity policy along with the EIA Template and EDI Statement.
- b) It was resolved to adopt the Disciplinary Policy.
- c) It was resolved to adopt the GDPR Policy.

- d) It was resolved to adopt the Model Publication Scheme.
- e) It was resolved to adopt the Document Retention Policy.

14/26 ONGOING ISSUES AND UPDATES

- a) Councillors discussed parish calendar items and actions from previous resolutions.
- b) Councillors discussed website content.

15/26 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

Correspondence regarding potholes was discussed by the council.

16/26 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Items were relayed to the clerk for the next meeting.

- THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 20:53 -