

DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting set out below.

This meeting is open to the public and press.

R Wilkin Proper Officer to Doddington Parish Council 6th February 2026.

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOMS,
NEW STREET ON WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.00pm

AGENDA

1. Open Forum.
Sarah Hall from Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service will attend to outline the findings from the recent “Love It, Hate It” questionnaire.
2. Apologies of absence
3. Declaration of Interest. If any Councillor needs to declare an interest in any item on the agenda, would they please now do so.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2026 (copy attached)
5. Matters arising from previous minutes:
 - a) Community Living Room – update
6. Administrative Matters:
 - a) To adopt a new Parish Council Policy:
Information Technology Policy (copy to follow)
 - b) Local Government Reorganisation:
A statutory consultation, conducted by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government, is taking place between 5th February and 26th March 2026 to gauge public opinion on the 4 proposals that were submitted by the councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;
7. Police Matters:
8. Fenland DC, CCC and other external organisations:
 - a) Reports from representatives
9. Highway Issues:
 - a) Items involving trees, hedges, potholes etc.
 - b) MVAS statistics.
 - c) Proposed 30mph speed limit – Hospital Road and Benwick Road.
 - d) New street naming, site of former 32 Wimblington Road, Doddington.

10. Fens Reservoir Project:

The next stage of the Fens Reservoir project has been delayed as questions remain over how the reservoir will be filled with water but ultimately no delay is expected on when the reservoir is expected to come into use.

11. Planning:

a) Update on previous applications:

i. F/YR25/0856/VOC land east of Bevills Close and north of Eastmoor Lane. Members will remember that they objected to the application to allow some works to commence without Clause 7 of the planning conditions which was for a full archaeological survey being undertaken.

An update will be reported to members at the meeting.

b) New planning applications:

i. F/YR26/0081/F Erect 2 x self-build/custom build dwellings including the formation of 2 accesses on land south of site of former Swan Cottage, Benwick Road, accessed from Dykemoor Drove.

c) New Appeal under section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. An appeal has been lodged against FDC's refusal to grant planning permission on application number F/YR25/0120/O Erect up to 37 dwellings, the formation of a vehicular access and associated drainage and open space (outline application with all matters reserved) on land west of Hermitage Gardens accessed from Benwick Road. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

d) Planning Monitoring Report

e) FDC Local Plan known as Fenland 50. As part of the early stages of the plans preparation, a scoping consultation has commenced which runs until 16th March 2026.

f) Doddington Neighbourhood Plan. A public consultation period is currently in place with two Open Sessions taking place in the Church Rooms towards the end of February 2026.

12. Abbey Recreation Ground:

a) To report that the installation of the new zip-wire and conical climbing frame has been completed. Some initial teething issues were noted that have been resolved by the equipment suppliers.

b) A Compliance Inspection Report has taken place on the skate park plus other parish owned equipment within the recreation ground.

13. Benwick Road Cemetery:

To report that a portion of wooded fence on the boundary of the cemetery has been damaged by a motor vehicle.

14. Street Lighting:

15. Village Maintenance:

a) Update on a new bus shelter in Benwick Road.

b) Update on the installation of a red telephone box as a book swap near the flagpole.

c) Update on arrangements for the replacement of public seats throughout the village.

d) To consider the replacement of Meridian Posts within the village.

e) Maintenance of the rose garden in the Church grounds.

16. Website and Communications:

17. Financial Matters:

a) Invoices for payment

18. Correspondence:

19. Any Other Business: