

# DAGLINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30 pm

In the Village Hall

1.	Welcome and Introductions by the Chair.
2.	Attendance: Councillors Graham White, Paul Lane, Ross Sharpe, Sonia Pritchard, Jocasta Bullock, 15 members of public. District Councillor Julia Judd.
3.	No apologies
4.	There were no Declarations of Interest for matters on the agenda.
5.	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were approved.</p> <p>Chair invited Mr. Tom Edwardes to speak on behalf of the new owners of Manor Farm and to take questions:</p> <p>The land has been bought from Bathurst Estate by Westbury Farms which belongs to a German Family.</p> <p>Chair asked what the new owners intended for the land. Mr. Edwardes said it was to be farmed for general arable crops: not intended for housing/wind or solar farm. A general question and answer session followed about footpath access across the land. There are no public footpaths but Mr. Edwardes said plans would be sent to the Parish Council for the website showing permissive footpath routes. He had put up some signs but some had been knocked over. A resident mentioned that the area is sometimes used for anti-social purposes. Deer shooting will be carried out at times to control animals in accordance with Govt advice so it was important that walkers did not trespass on to the land. There are also Nature strips planted and these also should be avoided. One question was about whether the permissive rights have become public rights of way and Mr. Edwardes said the residents would need to take legal advice. A question was asked about unsocial hours for farm machinery: Mr. Edwardes said at times this might happen at harvest but a telephone number would be provided to be used for emergencies.</p> <p>Chair thanked Mr. Edwardes for attending and Mr. Edwardes left the meeting</p> <p>A question was asked about the sale of small areas of land adjacent to Dowers Lane for pony paddocks. Chair said a watching brief would be held to ensure no buildings are erected without necessary planning permission.</p>

6.	<p><b>Report from District Cllr Julia Judd:</b></p> <p>See Cllr Judd's Parish Report for April now on website: Local Government re-organisation is proceeding, the local MP was supporting a single unitary authority for Gloucestershire. This could then lead to a Regional Authority linked to Worcestershire/Hereford or South-west towards Bristol. Chair said that the proposal for Essex was for five unitary authorities.</p> <p>Daglingworth bin collection has been working well but Cllr Judd should be informed if matters change.</p> <p>A resident mentioned the recent closure of A419 without prior warning and Cllr Judd said this was regrettable but had happened before.</p> <p>Chair thanked Cllr Judd who left the meeting.</p>
7.	<p><b>Townsend's Orchard:</b></p> <p>Chair said that we should budget £1100 next year for tree pruning and a resident confirmed that pruning every three years was advisable.</p> <p>We should remind Philip Dickenson to carry out the sensitive clearing of the stream.</p> <p>A resident said there are some dumped tyres on Duchy land at the back of the High Bank. Chair will notify agent.</p> <p>Chair had told Nic's Mowing about wedding in August.</p>
8.	<p><b>Highway drainage:</b> Cllr Pritchard putting together a sub group to provide a paper on surface water from highways including Dowers Hill, School Lane and Overley Hill grip for submission to GCC/CDC.</p> <p><b>Parking in Church Lane:</b> Village Hall Committee will be considering parking provision.</p>
9.	<p><b>Mortuary building coping stones:</b></p> <p>Cllr Sharpe, Architect, said that two quotations being prepared to repair.</p> <p><b>Archives:</b> GCC Archivist will be writing a report (now received).</p>
10.	<p><b>Current Account balance: £14,975.39 after allowing for</b>  <b>Nic's Mowing £1,375</b>  <b>Webhost £228</b>  <b>Glos Association of Councils £100</b></p> <p><b>Not including Donation to Village Hall legal costs £660</b></p> <p><b>VAT reclaim received included in above.</b></p> <p><b>AGAR Form 2 previously circulated was approved and signed by Acting Unpaid Clerk and Vice Chair.</b></p>

<b>11.</b>	<b>Redundant telegraph and electricity poles: this item had been added following a request from a resident. Apparently some work had been undertaken but needs revisiting.</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Meeting at Daglingworth Quarry to be arranged. Cllr Lane said we should ask about wheel washing.</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting: AGM Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 @ 7.30 pm. To be followed by Parish Assembly when parishioners can make comments (although they aren't constrained normally)</b>