

DINEDOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Held on 21st April 2026 at Dinedor Village Hall

Present: Cllr. S. Penny – Chair
Cllr. N. Austin
Cllr. M. Louch

In attendance: Cllr. D. Davies – Herefordshire Council
Liz Kelso – Clerk
19 members of the public

Cllr. S. Penny welcomed members of the public to the meeting, noting that most have attended in relation to agenda item 4.5.1. Accordingly that agenda item would be taken immediately after agenda item 2 so that those who wished to do so could leave the meeting after that item.

041/2026 Apologies, Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs J. Over and T. Greenow. Cllrs. N. Austin and M. Louch declared a personal interest in agenda item 4.5.1 relating to a proposed development adjacent to their respective properties and have submitted a written request for a dispensation to enable them to discuss the agenda item in the current meeting and any subsequent meetings where the matter is raised. After due consideration, it was resolved that the dispensation be granted on the grounds that the business of the parish council could not continue for that agenda item without a dispensation.

042/2026 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026, which had been previously circulated, were adopted and the Chair was authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting

043/2026 Public Participation

043.1 Ward Councillor Report

The Ward councillor's report was received and the contents noted with thanks to Cllr. Davies.

043.2 Matters raised by the members of the public

Members noted a comment that the transfer of responsibilities to the new public realm contractor by Herefordshire Council has made contact with either body difficult to navigate.

043.3 Police Matters

There was no representative from the police in attendance at the meeting. After due consideration it was agreed that policing priorities for the quarter be confirmed as unchanged.

044/2026 Planning Matters

044.1 Applications now due for observations

- Ref: 260758
Site: The Vern, Dinedor
Dev: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 251126

Members considered this application and resolved to raise no objections to the proposal.

044.2 Applications notified for permitted development

None noted

044.3 Planning decisions by Herefordshire Council

None noted since the last meeting.

044.4 Meetings with developers

The draft policy as proposed to the meeting was adopted.

044.5 Planning Correspondence

044.5.1 Proposed development by Ilos Energy

Members noted correspondence from Ilos Energy requesting a meeting with the parish council to discuss their proposals for a solar energy installation covering a large area of land currently identified as farmland, adjacent to the River Wye within the parish. Subsequently, an application for a Screening Assessment has been submitted to Herefordshire Council by Ilos Energy and an assessment as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required for the proposed development is awaited from Herefordshire Council.

Noting that the current application is not open to the public for comments and that there will be a subsequent planning application for other aspects of the proposed development, members of the public commented on the environmental impact of the proposed development, noting perceived errors in the submission by the applicant to Herefordshire Council, the potential impact on local wildlife, loss of farmland, the visual impact on Dinedor Camp as a scheduled monument and on users of the busy B4399.

After due consideration, it was resolved to submit comments to Herefordshire Council recommending that an Environmental Impact Assessment should be a requirement and that comments be submitted urgently. It was further agreed that the applicants Ilos Energy be invited to a meeting within the Parish once further information is available on the proposed development with an extraordinary meeting and/or public meeting being convened if appropriate.

044.5.2 Steering Group

It was agreed that a Steering Group, comprising Councillors S. Penny, N. Austin and J. Over be set up to advise the parish council in connection with the proposed development by Ilos Energy and that the group be authorised to include members of the public as they think fit.

045/2026 Highway Matters

045.1 Lengthsman Scheme

045.1.1 Lengthsman's Grant 2025/6

Receipt of the grant for 2025/6 amounting to £927.00 was noted.

045.1.2 Lengthsman Scheme 2026/7

Noting that funding for the forthcoming year has been reduced, it was agreed that the draft contract submitted to the meeting be approved and the Chair and Clerk be authorised to sign on behalf of the parish council.

045.1.3 Proposal to obtain quotations for lengthsman work

In accordance with recommended practice, it was agreed to seek comparative quotations for three routine maintenance visits in

accordance with the lengthsman's draft contract for the 2026/7 financial year.

045.2 Drainage Scheme Work

045.2.1 Drainage grant 2025/6

It was noted that the grant of £2,237.00 has been received from Herefordshire Council for work undertaken during 2025/6..

045.2.2 Drainage grant works for 2026/7

Cllr. Louch presented proposals for work to be undertaken using drainage grant funding during 2026/7. These were agreed and it was agreed to obtain quotations for the work although the deadline for submission of the proposals for the drainage grant may require estimates to be used if quotations are not available within the required timeframe.

045.3 Footpaths

045.3.1 Footpath Officers Report

No report to note during this meeting. .

045.3.2 Public Rights of Way funded activity

Grant funding for 2025/6 amounting to £470.00 has now been received.

045.3.3 PROW funded grant works for 2026/7

Noting that funding is limited to £5,000 per parish in the first submission for 2026-7, it was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting. The deadline for submission of applications is 30th September.

045.4 Traffic Calming measures

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

046/2026 Dinedor Camp

046.1 Report from Dinedor Camp Steering Group

Cllr. Austin presented a report from the recent Dinedor Camp Steering Group meeting, noting particular concern that there is evidence of digging on the camp which is not permitted on a scheduled monument.

Some concern was expressed that meetings of the Steering Group have recently been held at the Village Hall rather than on site.

046.2 Steering Group membership

Following the resignation of Brian Granthier from the Steering Group, it was noted that membership of the group should be reviewed. The Steering Group will be asked for recommendations to be agreed at the next meeting of the parish council.

046.3 Signage

It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to purchase additional signage for the Camp at a maximum cost of £250.00 .

047/2026 Village Hall Matters

It was noted that work is continuing on the plans to refurbish the kitchen at the Village Hall an a grant from the Lottery has been applied for to support this work.

048/2026 Clerk's Report

There was nothing further to report under this agenda item.

049/2026 Financial Matters

049.1 Payments now due:

The following payments were agreed:

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| • HMRC | |
| Tax & NI due for March salaries (due 16.4.2026) | £205.41 |
| • HMRC | |
| Tax & NI due for April salaries (due May 2026) | £205.41 |
| • PrintPlus | |
| Newsletter printing March | £55.00 |
| • Dinedor Village Hall | |
| Room hire | £120.00 |

• Information Commissioner Office		
Annual data protection registration fee		£52.00
• Liz Kelso		
Expenses: Anti virus software, data storage, Ink	£57.06	
VAT	£11.41	
Total		£68.47
• Unity Bank		
Bank charges due 30.4.2026		£7.00

049.2 Receipts since last meeting

The following receipts were noted:

• Herefordshire Council		
Drainage grant for 2025-6	£2,237.00	
PROW grant for 2025-6	£470.00	
Lengthsman grant for 2025-6	£927.00	
Precept 2026-7 – 1 st instalment	£7,500.00	
Total		£11,134.00
• Unity Bank		
Interest received 31.3.2026		£15.99

049.3 Bank Reconciliation

Total bank balances of £5,603.79 as at 31.3.2026 were noted.

049.4 Draft Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31.3.2026

The draft receipts and payments account for the year ended 31.3.2026, as attached to these Minutes, was noted.

049.5 Grant request

A request for a grant of £560.00 from St. Andrew's Church towards the cost of grass cutting at the Churchyard was agreed.

050/2026 Annual Parish Meeting

As there has been little support for this in past years, it was resolved not to convene an Annual Parish Meeting for the current year.

051/2026 Councillor Training

It was agreed that Cllr. Penny attend the Chair's Chat offered by HALC.

052/2026

Reports from Councillors

Cllr. Penny noted that despite being recently added to the List of Streets maintainable by Herefordshire Council, the Camp access road is still in a very poor condition which is impacting on the Outdoor Centre and other road users. As vehicles avoid potholes, the bank is being affected which is damaging trees and may lead to additional work on parish council owned areas of Camp Wood.

053/2026

Date of next meeting and items for the agenda

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall. There were no additional items raised for the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

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Bank Reconciliation

Year to 31.3.2026

Opening Balance	£ 8,773.69
Add receipts	£ 19,549.13
Less expenditure	£ 22,719.03
Balance	£ 5,603.79

Meeting:

Per bank statement: 31.3.2026

20446000	£ 2,487.33
205512154	£ 3,116.46

Add: Receipts since statement
Less: Payments since statement

£ 5,603.79

		Year to 31.3.2025	Year to 31.3.2026
RECEIPTS			
	Precept	£ 9,500	£11,000.00
	Grants	£ -	£ 3,437.00
	Insurance Premium Reimbursement	£ 1,070	£ 781.12
	Other Income	£ 2,048	£ 2,068.20
	VAT Reclaim	£ 621	£ 2,262.81
	Total Income	£ 13,239	£19,549.13
PAYMENTS			
	Staff Costs	£ 5,667	£ 5,869.44
	General Office Costs	£ 462	£ 1,175.96
	Room Hire/meeting costs	£ 264	£ 283.00
	Insurance	£ 1,805	£ 1,832.58
	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 1,864	£ 7,261.36
	Dinedor Camp		
	Maintenance	£ 8,105	£ 1,872.09
	Equipment	£ -	£ -
	Legal Expenses	£ -	£ -
	Purchases	£ -	£ 540.83
	Subscriptions	£ 483	£ 470.02
	Audit Fees	£ 283	£ 332.90
	Election Costs	£ -	£ -
	Advertising/Publicity	£ -	£ -
	Training	£ 50	£ -
	Website Costs	£ 225	£ 225.00
	Newsletter	£ 330	£ 330.00
	Neighbourhood Plan costs	£ -	£ -
	Grants and Donations	£ 560	£ 560.00
	Miscellaneous	£ -	£ -
	VAT	£ 2,263	£ 1,965.85
	Total Expenditure	£ 22,362	£22,719.03
	Surplus/Deficit for the Year	-£ 9,123	-£ 3,169.90
RESERVES			
	Opening Balance	£ 17,897.08	£ 8,773.69
	Add: Net expenditure	-£ 9,123.39	-£ 3,169.90
	Closing Balance	£ 8,773.69	£ 5,603.79