# DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 13th January 2026 @ 7pm in the David Willis Room.

Present@ Cllr D Light, Chairman, Cllr J Attlesey Vice Chairman, Cllrs G Wilson, J McKenzie, S Payne, K Light
Clerk Z Bougourd.
One member of the public present.

**25/98 Public question time including Somerset County councillor reports.** No reports received.

**25/99 To receive any apologies for absence** – none received.

**25/100 To receive any declarations of interest and approve any dispensations**. None received.

**25/101 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2025.** Approved and signed

**25/101 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2025.** Approved and signed

**25/102Review action points and update from meeting held on 11th November 2025**

a. **Flood Alleviation Plans/Flooding update.** Cllr D Light had received an email update from Somerset Council Highways Department – some drains have been cleared, soil run off during heavy rain remains a significant contributing factor to localised flooding. Situation ongoing and monitored

**25/103 Review action points and update from meeting held on 26th November 2025**

a. **Action Plan for Emergency Planning.** Cllr Payne updated the draft emergency plan to date. Cllr Wilson will ask the Donyatt Despatch to include the information re Whatsapp for residents who want to be kept informed of any localised incidents which have significant impact on residents.

**25/104 Planning:**

**Proposal**: Proposed two storey extension to the rear/north of the Property and associated internal alterations.
**Location**: Dollings Pool Dairy Donyatt Hill Donyatt Ilminster Somerset TA19 0RY
**Applicant**: Mr And Mrs French
**Application Type** : Householder Application
**Application Number**: 25/02949/HOU - Noted

ADJACENT PARISH:
**Proposal**: Conversion of an existing barn into a Carport/Garden Store and the change of use of parts of an existing agricultural farm yard and paddock to domestic use.
**Location**: Land At Crock Street Donyatt Ilminster Somerset
**Applicant**: Mssr's M. S. and G White and Issac
**Application Type** : Full Application
**Application Number**: 25/02447/FUL – noted as adjacent Parish

**25/105 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

a) **Approve & sign Bank statements to date.** Approved and signed
b) **Current account £1212.85 Instant access Account £13718.12 Total funds held: £14930.97.**
c) **To approve and sign bank reconciliations.** Approved and signed

d) **Payment requests for authorisation.** Approved and signed

**25/106 To approve final budget for 2026/7 and approve precept request.** The budget was approved. Proposed Cllr Payne, seconded Cllr D Light, approved unanimously.

**Precept request was approved:** Proposed Cllr D Light, seconded Cllr Payne. Approved unanimously. Clerk to submit precept request to Somerset Council

**25/107 Consider grant application from DVH**. The grant application from Donyatt Village Hall was tabled and discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Mike Toop for further information and to request more recent accounts.

**25/108 Consider grant application from DRAC** – approved. Grant will be paid following receipt of precept

**25/109 Consider grant application from St Mary's Church**, Cllr D Light will contact the Church representative and also obtain alternative quotes for the Churchyard grass mowing contract.

**25/110:** Note: Grant payments will be made in two instalments due to SC paying the precept in two instalments.

2. **Dog Waste Bins: Update – Cllr Wilson**

3. **Application for Village Green statues - update**

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| 05/01/26 | CiLCA – course textbook | £50.00 | |
| 05/01/26 | CiLCA Dec hrs/mileage/pkg | £212.10 | |
| 05/01/26 | HMRC - CiLCA | £53.02 | |
| 13/01/26 | The George | £40.00 | |
| REGULAR PAYMENTS TO NOTE | | | |
| Salary | SO | 28th monthly | 361.55 |
| HMRC | SO | 28th monthly | 78.41 |

**Reports to note:**
Chapter 8 Training LCN/SC email
LCN Newsletter
Update on election costs
Local electric vehicle infrastructure

| DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/2027 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Expenditure | 2025/6 BUDGET | Year to date | To YE | Variance | 2026/7 Budget |
| Hall hire | 160.00 | 80 | 48.00 | 32.00 | 150 |
| Insurance | 300.00 | 359.84 | 0.00 | -59.84 | 425 |
| Audit | 150.00 | 165 | 0.00 | -15.00 | 200 |
| Admin expenses | 150.00 | 36.33 | 75.00 | 38.67 | 200 |
| Clerk equipment reserve | 135.00 | 0 | | 135.00 | 350 |
| Clerk salary | 4040.00 | 4598.7 | 1350.00 | -1908.70 | 5500 |
| Bank charges - Unity Bank | 75.00 | 54 | 36.00 | -15.00 | 100 |
| Training | 165.00 | 351 | 800.00 | -986.00 | 1450 |
| SLCC & CRPP &CCS | 125.00 | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 200 |
| Salc subs | 140.00 | 196.68 | 0.00 | -56.68 | 250 |
| Election | 500.00 | | 0.00 | 500.00 | 2000 |
| SC Devolved services | 1500.00 | | 812.00 | 688.00 | 1500 |
| Website hosting | 50.00 | 258 | 0.00 | -208.00 | 400 |
| Village events | 1500.00 | 646.5 | 250.00 | 603.50 | 1000 |
| DVH Grant | 2000.00 | 2000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2000 |
| DRAC Grant | 1500.00 | 1600 | 0.00 | -100.00 | 1500 |
| St Mary's Church grant | 1250.00 | 1250 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1250 |
| SIDS installation 2025 | 3250.00 | 3000 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 0 |
| Transfer to reserves | 3000.00 | | 0.00 | 3000.00 | 3000 |
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| 2025/6 Total Budget | 19990.00 | 14596.05 | 3371.00 | 17967.05 | 21475 |
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| Precept inflationary increase@ 3.8% plus election provision | | | | | 21475 |

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| Opening balance 31/03/2025 Current /ac | 3543.03 |
| Income/precept | 2990 |
| Transfer from reserves | 7250 |
| CIL payment | 1220.4 |
| Vat refund | 805.47 |
| | 1212.85 |
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| Reserves 31/03/2025 | 3709.78 |
| Precept | 17000 |
| Interest | 258.34 |
| Transfer to c/a | 7250 |
| | 13718.12 |
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| Unity Bank balances December 2025 | |
| Current a/c | 1212.85 |
| Reserves | 13718.12 |
| Total held | 14930.97 |
| Less YE predictions | 3371.00 |
| Total reserves carried forward | 11559.97 |
| **Reserves breakdown** | |
| Admin/running costs | 1500 |
| Equipment/asset replacement reserve | 244.57 |
| Election costs | 4500 |
| Parish projects | 575 |
| SC devolved services provision | 2000 |
| CIL funds | 1220.4 |
| CIL funds - c/f from 2022 | 1519.61 |
| | 11559.58 |