



Datchworth Parish Council

24th February 2026

c/o Datchworth Village Hall
52 Datchworth Green,
Datchworth,
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Tel : 07938743424

Present: Cllrs Sara Miller, Andrew Wood, Julia Florence, Dean Goodman, Charles Groves, Viv Marshall, Emma Norman, Pat Perry and Michael Sims.

In attendance: Acting Clerk, Cllr Stowe EHDC and 3 members of the public

Minutes of Datchworth Parish Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 24th February 2026

Datchworth Church Hall at 7pm

PCM26-02/01 Apologies

- a. To receive and accept apologies for absence; Clerk, Cllrs Mark Light and Julia Florence

PCM26-02/02 Interests

- a. To receive declarations of interests from Councillors on items on the agenda

None

- b. To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests

Cllr Goodman- Datchworth Green car park
Cllr Wood – Sports Club

- c. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

None

PCM26-02/03 Minutes

To verify the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27th January 2026 as a correct record. Cllr Wood asked that the minutes reflect that his apologies had been sent for the meeting. Otherwise, unanimous as a correct record,

PCM26-02/04 Public Issues

Members of the Public and Councillors can raise matters of concern (15 minutes)

- a. Weekend parking Datchworth Green. Following an extensive discussion with a resident and the chair of the rugby club, several actions to mitigate the parking problem were agreed.
- b. Women's Institute 100th anniversary celebration (to plant daffodils on the green to bloom in Spring 2027) Cllr Miller. Permission granted. Unanimous.

PCM26-02/05 Finance (Cllr Light)

- a. **Resolved** to approve monthly finance report – February payments. Unanimous.
- b. Datchworth magazine grant (Cllr Marshall). **Resolved** that Cllr Miller to represent DPC on the grants committee. Unanimous.
- c. Tree maintenance (Cllr Wood). **Resolved** that budget approved as per quotes sent to clerk to undertake immediate tree work by local contractor. Unanimous.

PCM26-02/06 Planning (Cllr Goodman)

a. Planning

New applications	None
Decisions:	None

2a Raffin Park – appeal lodged. DPC had not been notified by EHDC, which will investigate. Await decision.

Coltsfoot Easement matter: A verbal update was received and several outstanding points remain. We will ask for damaged bank to be repaired on completion.

PCM26-02/07 Governance and Legal (Cllr Perry)

- a. Datchworth Green Car Park Update. **Resolved** to sign and return deed gift of land to solicitor. Unanimous.
HCC will grant technical approval for the dropped kerb and project is progressing.
- b. Bulls Green Communications pole see *briefing note*. Resolved to proceed with Option 1 proposed. Unanimous.
Action Clerk to confirm to Openreach.

PCM26-02/08 Recreation (Cllr Norman)

- a. Playground repair and maintenance. Priority repairs scheduled; Turkey Farm mats under the swings. Zip Wire being investigated. Next inspection 2027.
- b. Parking signs and the application for a parish mag grant. If granted, 4 signs will become village assets.
- c. Citizens Advice to attend Digital Inclusion session to present on several topics (LPAs, heating, sources of help). Similar evening event also being considered.
- d. Possible car park opening event, in conjunction with The Plough

- e. 'Picnic in the Park' – BBQ and picnic in the Turkey Farm on Saturday 16th May planned.

PCM26-02/10 Clerk Correspondence

- a. PC Annual meeting date. Proposed dates – 5th, 6th or 7th May. Clerk to book village hall for one of those dates and advice councillors.
- b. Nutcroft swings. Cllr Groves and Clerk have added bird spikes to the swing frame (and will mastic them on a dry day) and have cleaned the swings.

Action: Clerk to reply to resident.

- c. Pennyfather Close/ Hawkins Hall Lane car maintenance.

Action: Clerk to advise resident to contact Clarion Housing, and if appropriate Highways and the Police.

Meeting closed at 8:12pm.

Chair: Sara Miller _____

Date ___/___/___