

DUNSFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

Unit 3, The Orchard
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Minutes

Minutes of the Commons Committee of the Parish Council held on Monday, 23rd March 2026 at 8.30pm in the Nugent Room, Winn Hall, Dunsfold.

Cllrs Present:

Cllr Roy Enticknap (Chairman)
Cllr Susannah Cooke
Cllr Tigi Singhateh

Cllr Philip Travis (Vice Chairman)
Cllr David Griffiths

Friends of Dunsfold Common: 1
Public: 1

67 Public Participation

It was noted that Cllr Waterson was present as a member of the public.

68 Apologies

Apologies were noted and accepted from Mrs Enticknap, Friends of Dunsfold Common

69 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point of the meeting.

60 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Griffiths seconded by Cllr Singhateh and agreed by all present that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19th January were a true and correct record.

71 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman referred to the removal of the Surrey Hills signage from the Common. He understood that it had been removed for repair, but was then found to be in a very poor condition. Surrey Hills is apparently offering replacement signage, or perhaps a seat.

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Surrey Hills and ask to be consulted on replacement signage on Council managed land.

72 Dunsfold Common Ponds Regeneration Project

Grants

The application for £5,000 for a CiL strategic infrastructure grant, was not successful. However, at the last SLCC Branch meeting, it seems that no council was successful in getting such a grant.

The application for £10,000 via Surrey County Councillor Cllr Deanus. More information has been requested, which the Clerk is in the process of supplying.

Councillors NOTED this information

Fish removal

The Clerk is chasing the Centre for Environment Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) for the additional licence required for the removal of fish from the School Pond. Councillors will recall that this pond was found to be in very poor state in the survey, and the presence of the fish has increased turbidity, and reduced the cover of vegetation. Carp in particular churn up the sediment, to the detriment of aquatic flora and fauna. The survey advises that their removal is essential to protect any great crested new population.

Discussions have taken place with the Environment Agency with regard to the fish removal as licences had to be obtained. The EA is satisfied with the reasons for removal.

Once the licence has been received, the contractor will advise the Clerk of the date he intends to be on site.

Councillors NOTED this information.

It was agreed that the Clerk would put the Surrey Wildlife Trust Survey on the website for public information.

Sigma Pond Surveys

A contractor employed by Sigma Homes, the developer for the Coombebury Cottage site for 53 homes, has asked permission to carry out environmental surveys on two ponds.

One pond is on Dunsfold Common Rd, to the north of Coombebury Cottage, and is not on Common land. The Council cannot "give permission" for this survey, as it is not its land.

The other "pond" is the wet area to the north of School Pond so is not a designated pond as per our pond survey. However, this area has been identified as a potential pond, if works can be carried out.

Councillors agreed to the request to survey the woodland area north of the School Pond, and noted the survey to the pond outside Council management on Dunsfold Common Rd.

The Clerk was asked to remind the contractor that the swans are currently nesting on the Swan Pond and should not be disturbed, neither should there be any interference with the DART nets.

73 Commons Management

Tree Survey

The tree survey is under way; this necessitates several visits to the village. Urgent works to a tree off Dunsfold Common Rd were identified, and actioned within two days.

Councillors NOTED this information

74 Items for Information

There were no items for information

75 Items for Future Agendas

There were no suggestions.

76 Date of the next Meeting

Monday, 18th May 2026 at 8.30pm in the Nugent Room, Winn Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chair of the Commons Committee Dated.....