

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DUTTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Dutton Hall on Monday 23rd February 2026

Present: Councillors E Parker (Madam Chairman), A Dugdale, J Hargreaves, P McGovern, J Myers and A H Penny
Clerk Mrs C Penny.

2602.1. No Apologies for Absence all Councillors present

2602.2. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2026 were confirmed by the meeting and signed by Madam Chairman

2602.3. There were no Matters arising from the Minutes

2602.4. Planning Applications. No new planning applications

2602.5. Reports from other organisations

- a) **Parish Council Liaison:** Cllr Hargreaves reported. A lot of the meeting had been on Local Government Reorganisation. RVBC prefers the 4 unitary option linking with with Lancaster and Preston. The decision will be made by the Government. Elections for Shadow Councils expected in May 2027 with new authorities coming in April '28. As RVBC is vanishing it has money to spend before that happens:- The Ribblesdale Pool is being modernised and repaired, the Castle Keep is having work done on it. Food waste bins are going to be provided.
- b) **Knowle Green Village Hall.** Need new Volunteers, the same people are running everything and in danger of closing if new helpers cannot be found. Have finished Film Night for this reason and also because of cost of the licence to show films.

2602.6. Finance

No financial activity since the last meeting

2602.7 Correspondence

- a) **Local Government Re-organisation**
- b) **by email Ribble Valley Local Plan – Publication of 2025 Call for Sites Submissions**
- c). **LCC** have a group of about 50 staff volunteers to do community work if required.

2602.8. To consider any other matters brought to the meeting

No other matters were brought to the meeting

2602.9 Date & Time of next Meeting arranged for **Monday 20th April at 7.00pm at Dutton Hall, Gallows Lane PR3 3XX**