

# Dutton Parish Council

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**Annual report**

**May 2026**

The work of the Parish Council has continued steadily throughout the year, with Councillors not only attending regular Council meetings but also representing the Parish at various external organisation meetings. Their ongoing commitment ensures that the interests of the community are consistently voiced and considered at a wider level.

There have been no significant planning applications submitted during the year. Last year permission was granted for the installation of a new noticeboard adjacent to the bus shelter at the north end of Gallows Lane. Thanks are extended to Councillor Myers and her son for their efforts in successfully erecting the noticeboard, which will serve as a valuable communication point for residents.

Financially, the Council has maintained a cautious approach, with no major expenditure incurred. The same precept as the previous year was requested, ensuring continuity and stability in budgeting. The majority of routine expenditure has been directed towards maintaining the Parish website, which remains an important source of information for residents. In addition, the Council made a donation to the Little Green Bus in support of local transport provision.

During the year, Ribble Valley Borough Council produced its new settlement plan. Dutton was not specifically mentioned due to the absence of a significant housing cluster within the Parish. The Borough Council has also sought views on proposed Local Government Reorganisation, which may ultimately result in its abolition.

Finally, the Council assisted a resident in reporting a footpath requiring clearance. Initial difficulties with the online reporting system were resolved by correctly categorising the issue as a “pavement,” enabling the matter to be successfully submitted and addressed.