



**DENNY LODGE
PARISH COUNCIL**

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next meeting of Denny Lodge Parish Council will be held on **Monday, 2nd November 2026** at 7pm in Beaulieu Abbey Church Hall.

Members of the public and press are warmly invited to attend the meeting. During the public session of the meeting, and at the Chairman's invitation, members of the public and press may speak once on any agenda item. Speeches shall not exceed three minutes, and the public session shall not normally exceed 15 minutes.

I. Milsom

Clerk to Denny Lodge Parish Council

AGENDA

				Indicative timings
PROCEDURAL ITEMS				
1.0	54/26	Apologies To receive apologies from Councillors		7.00
2.0	55/26	Declarations of interests Councillors are asked to declare any interests in relation to any item on the agenda.		7.00
3.0	56/26	Public observations/questions on agenda items To suspend the business of the Council to allow members of the public/press to make observations or put questions to the Council about items on the agenda.		7.05
4.0	57/26	Reports and Correspondence – All for information only		7.05
		I. To receive report from the Hampshire County Councillor for Denny Lodge		
		II. To receive report from the New Forest District Councillor for Denny Lodge		
		III. To receive reports from external meetings		
		IV. To receive clerk's report/correspondence list		
5.0	58/26	Minutes To confirm and sign the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2026.		7.25
6.0	59/26	Matters arising From the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2026, not included in the agenda or in reports.		7.30
		- Peter Hebard invitation. - New Forest District Council (NFDC) Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy. - Boundary with Totton & Ealing Town Council.		

- New Forest National Park Draft Plan Submission consultation.
- Public Spaces Protection Order.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

7.0	60/26	To agree precept budget for the year 2027-2028	7.45
8.0	61/26	To discuss the creation of a fire resilience plan (To be informed by 'lessons learned' feedback from New Forest Consultative Panel, and to include a revived DLPC WhatsApp group).	7.55

STANDING ITEMS

9.0	62/26	Finance	8.10
		• To agree bank reconciliation at 28 October 2026 • To authorise the payments listed below	
		Starboard Systems £14.40 (Account system License) October 2026	
		Lloyds Bank charge £4.25 September 2026	
10.0	63/26	Planning To discuss planning applications notified by NFDC/NFNPA	8.20
11.0	64/26	Policies and procedures Council is asked to adopt the Constitution attached as appendix 1 to this agenda.	8.25
12.0	65/26	Workplan To discuss and update as necessary.	8.30
13.0	66/26	Agenda items for the next meeting	8.40
14.0	67/26	To note meeting dates for 2027 Monday 11 January 2027 Monday 1 March Monday 10 May Monday 5 July Monday 6 September Monday 1 November	8.40

APPENDIX 1**DENNY LODGE PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

The Parish Council is the body corporate which represents the first tier of Local Government for the Parish of Denny Lodge, Hampshire.

Originally established by the Local Government Act 1894 the Council's powers and duties have been increased by many subsequent Acts of Parliament and are now governed and regulated by the Local Government Act 1972 and the Localism Act 2011.

DLPC operates within a framework of regulations and policies, ranging from finance regulations and standing orders, through to equal opportunity and safeguarding policies.

Consisting of seven unpaid parish councillors democratically elected by the registered voters who reside within the parish, elections take place every four years in the month of May. All Councillors must have their main residence either within the boundary of the Parish of Denny Lodge, or within a distance of three miles of the parish boundary.

A minimum of three Councillors need to be present to hold a meeting and to form a quorum. Voting on decisions is by a show of hands, or a written ballot if requested. A majority vote by Councillors is required to pass a motion put before the council always providing that at least three Councillors are in agreement with the motion.

Parish Council meetings are held every other month throughout the year (Apart from the month of December). The time and venue of these meetings are publicly advertised in advance. Members of the public and the press may attend meetings to observe and listen to the proceedings. A period of fifteen minutes during each full meeting of the Council will be set aside to allow parishioners to ask questions about issues on the agenda. Thereafter, members of the public will not participate in the Council's proceedings unless invited to do so by the Chairman. Records of business conducted at parish council meetings will be available to members of the public in the form of minutes of meetings, which are published on DLPC's website.

The Freedom of Information Act (FIA) 2000 was enacted to provide the public with a general right of access to recorded information held by public authorities. DLPC operates a freedom of information policy in compliance with the FIA 2000.

The Council may set up committees to deal with specific matters that require either more extensive consideration of a matter or more dedicated on-going support of an established local facility/amenity. At least one nominated councillor must be a member of such committees but all other members may be persons from the local community who have a relevant interest in the activities of the committee. Regular reports on the progress and activities of such committees must be given at full meetings of the Council.

The purpose of DLPC is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance the amenities within the village and to help the people of Denny Lodge parish improve their quality of life by working in partnership with New Forest District Council and Hampshire County Council.

DLPC will exercise its powers and duties in accordance with the law without favour or prejudice and utilise its funding to achieve the greatest good for the community. The main source of funding comes from levying a precept on the Council Tax paid by residents.

DLPC Councillors agree to follow the parish councils' code of conduct, which is overseen by New Forest District Council.

The Council's financial and administrative affairs are managed by the parish clerk, who is also the responsible finance officer and a part-time employee of the Council. All expenditure requires the agreement of all members of DLPC. The Annual accounts and the statement of governance are subject to an internal audit by an independent auditor.