MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER AT 6.30PM
IN THE DURLING HALL

100/26 To Record those **Present** and list any **Apologies**
Those present, Cllrs S Parish – Chairman, K Gipson, N Fursdon, S Instance & G Worthy: also present was 1 member of the public and the Proper Officer (PO)

Apologies from Cllr Hespe – KCC, E Martin & J Hollingsbee – FHDC

101/26 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.
There were none recorded

102/26 To Agree the Minutes of the following meetings
a) The 14th August 2026 – having been previously circulated these were agreed and signed as a true record.

103/26 Open Session for members of the Public
A question was raised about the Lees and if there was a formal programme for routine maintenance, the PO replies there was not, however this had been on the list to produce. It was felt that this would prove useful to local residents.

104/26 To hear reports from;
a) Cllr Hollingsbee – District Councillor

b) Cllr Martin – District Councillor

c) Cllr Hespe – KCC Cllr

No verbal updates or comments made, the reports were read out by Cllr Instance, who highlighted various items in each report

105/26 Finance
a) To Agree/ratify payments as listed

Name	Reason	Gross Amount	Payment details
S Instance	Reimbursement Materials for n/board	£76.50	Bacs 02/09/2026 57496902
Flotek	Inv. 260800503613 Coms	£184.00	DD 25/08/2026
	Inv. 260800503612 IT services	£104.93	DD 25/08/2026
L Hedley	Inv. A27756769567 Reimbursement PPE	£109.99	Bacs 14/09/2026 57835245
ITEMS	BELOW NOT	PREVIOUSLY	LISTED
Edf	Inv. K1-E206CC-0015 Electric New Office	£25.16	DD 16/05/2026
	Inv. 0017 01 – 30 June Electric New Office	£26.80	Dd 16/07/2026

These as shown above were agreed

b) To note quote for hedge cutting
The PO had been waiting for a quote, it had not arrived and this will be chased.

106/26 Planning
To note the circular regarding the exhibition at Smeeth hall regarding the Solar Farm on 15th September.

107/26 Highways
a) To consider and agree any items on the Highway improvement plan.
This was deferred to the Finance & GP Committee, for further debate

108/26 Correspondence and Updates
a) NHP update
See the appendix at the end of these Minutes

b) New Office
Cllr Parish reported that things were moving forward.

c) Enforcement Issues
Although there had been a reply regarding an email sent querying a possible enforcement issue, there was no definitive answer. Further information will be requested.

109/26 Matters of General Interest
(This is for Cllrs to raise items for the next agenda, to update on something they have seen or heard about; it is not for items that require a decision.
There were none

110/26 To confirm the date of 13th October for the next meeting and Close
The date was noted, there being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45