



Dorin Park PTA Meeting - AGM

Thursday 2 July 2026

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – online on Teams

Present

Lesley Body, Amanda Hartley, Karen Nash, Sarah Adam, Gillian Driscoll, Nicole Luijnenburg, Claire McKelvey, Becky Hanna, Maxine Nevitt, Yvonne Winstanley.

Apologies

Jane Rowlinson, Sharon Marsh, Jay Hartley, Bridget Aldridge, Lisa Robertshaw, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton.

Items to be minuted

*Sharon Marsh has left the PTA. Lesley will pick up the full collection tub from Sharon's local fruit & veg tub and will swop it with an empty one.

*Amanda mentioned she had a phone call from John at Market Carpets in Ellesmere Port saying he would like to support the school. Amanda will go and see him in the summer to discuss this further.

*Karen mentioned that she didn't think it was a good idea to give all the staff green and orange tokens instead of actual cash. Next time it should be officially agreed with the PTA so that we can vote on it beforehand.

*Amanda mentioned that a later time would be more appropriate for a fair, so that more parents can join with their children. But our hands are tight really with staff availability etc.

Actions from previous meeting

Action – for everyone to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.

AGM – Chair Report

See attachment.

Everybody was happy for everyone to stay in the same positions: Lesley (chair), Maxine (school liaison), Amanda (vice chair), Karen (treasurer), Becky (publicity officer), Nicole (secretary).

Summer fair feedback us:

Maxine mentioned that more face paint and more outdoor games would be good for next time.

Amanda mentioned that she thought the Owl Man was a success and a great addition to the fair.

A big thank you to Lesley for organising most of it!

Summer fair feedback from parents:

*'It was great, everyone did a fab job! The kids always have fun. They really loved having the Owl Man there. Our two loved it and preferred that it was quieter to be honest, but we went a bit later for the second half as it can get a bit busy at the start. They do miss the one at the park next to the pavilion though.'

*'It all seemed great from our point of view. Our daughter had everything she wanted, a lucky dip, nail/face painting and some food. Short and sharp suits her well. She also enjoyed seeing the owls!'

*And the last one just said it was great!

*Someone mentioned to ask to put more drinks in the fridge, especially on hot days it's good to have cold drinks.

Treasurer Report

See attachment.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easyfundraising
- Clothes 4 Sammy
- Our quarterly raffles

Action – Amanda will check with Sarah if there is space at reception to put a box from 'Jack collection for clothes' to put bric a brac.in for them to collect (they give about 20 pence a kilo).

AOB

*With regards to the activity trips PGL offers Sarah mentioned it was too expensive and more directed to mainstream children. Alternatively Sarah is looking into Tattenhall outdoor learning sessions for the autumn.

*Action – Gillian will get in touch with Paint Republic about a charity event.

*Sarah mentioned that after training by the police we can't use pictures of the pupils' faces on our social media anymore.

*Sarah has approved enrichments boxes in the classrooms (a bit like Starlight Boxes, <https://www.starlight.org.uk/how-we-help/health-play-services/starlight-boxes>).

Action – Sarah will check at the beginning of term with the class teachers what they would like to spend the £50 on. Karen mentioned to ask to give them a deadline so that the wish lists can be sent to us sooner rather than later.

*Gillian has had a conversation with some classes regarding wish lists as some staff didn't seem to know about them. Action – could wish lists processes please be shared with staff.

*Gillian also asked if we could have a coffee machine so that drinks can be offered to parents during EHCP review meetings. Karen asked Sarah if we are allowed a coffee machine in that room. Action – Sarah to look into it.

*Singing Hands is booked for 11 March 2026 (price is about £1200). Action – Sarah to let the PTA know what our process is to progress the booking so that we can let Singing Hands know.

Action – Gillian to notify Singing Hands of the correct email addresses.

*Action – Steph Williams will arrange dates etc with Chester Zoo to visit us and to send us the invoice. We have already voted in the group to agree this.

*Action – mentioned to get our Christmas party date in early in September. Nicole is happy to help organising it.

*Amanda mentioned that Jay asked for a Gringe outfit, makes a bit of a change for the kids ☺.

Next PTA Meeting

The date for our next meeting is still to be confirmed

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attached: Chair report July 2026, School Year's Spend Graph 25-26, Treasurer's written report 2026, Year end 2025-2026 report.