

# TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025** at **7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

**PRESENT:** - P Lenehan (**Chair**), G Hawkins (**Vice-Chair**) K Walker, A Peters, R Bos, S Wood and the Clerk – Mrs C McIntyre

## **PUBLIC FIFTEEN-MINUTE OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present

25/02/01

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr D Hirt and EDDC Cllr R Jefferies. Cllr Jefferies had provided a report which had been circulated to all councillors

25/02/02

## **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE SAME BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Chair *Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

25/02/03

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

See Item 18ii - 'Other planning matters'

25/02/04

## **IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were none

25/02/05

## **FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III**

i. Approval of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 including Petty Cash

NAME OF ACCOUNT/PETTY CASH	BALANCE
Community (Current)	£892.47
Business Premium (Reserve)	£12,115.18
Petty Cash	£ 1.42

ii. Approval of the February 2025 Payment Schedule

NUM BER	CHEQU E NUMBE R/BACS	PAYEE	DETAILS	COST	VAT	TOTAL
1	Bacs	HMRC	Income Tax Jan/Feb	£82.80		£82.80
2	Bacs	Employee	Salary Jan/Feb	£329.64		£329.64
3	Bacs	Talatton Parish Hall	Hall hire - Oct - Dec 24	£80.00		£80.00
4	DD	Land Registry	Copy of Deed	£7.00		£7.00
5	Bacs	Calendar	Grant 24/25	£500.00		£500.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£999.44</b>		<b>£999.44</b>

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iii. Transfer of funds to be agreed (if any) - £500

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Items i – iii *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Walker*

25/02/06

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

##### **a.Items of Correspondence**

EDDC – Notification of Clyst St Mary & Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation Period (up to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025)

EDDC – BT Digital Voice Events and mobile phone not spots

EDDC – Invite for councillors to join a webinar on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm regarding the new Local Plan for East Devon. If any councillor wished to attend, they were asked to contact the Clerk

##### **b.Items of late Correspondence**

DCC Road Closure- Lane past Langford Court, Langford 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February. The road closure had been extended for a further two days (up to 7<sup>th</sup> Feb)

25/02/07

#### **TO CONFIRM DROP IN DATES FOR 25/26 (26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL; 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY; 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AND 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2026)**

It was **AGREED** that the Drop-Ins should take place on the proposed dates

25/02/08

#### **VE DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 – UPDATE**

The Talaton Inn was supportive of a 'Pie and Mash' night as part of the celebrations. The pub would open early for children and there would be other food available for them, as well as vegetarian options. The Council would be happy to support the event and the Chair would be willing to publicise it

25/02/09

#### **GRANTS**

##### **i. Consideration of Grant request from the Calendar**

Information had been circulated to all councillors regarding the late grant request for £500. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to make a grant payment to the Calendar of £500. *Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Bos*

##### **ii. Update on repayment of previous grant (not used by recipient)**

The Clerk had received an assurance from the recipient, that the grant of £100 would be repaid shortly

25/02/10

#### **REQUEST FROM PARISHIONER TO MARK A SPECIAL EVENT IN THE PARISH - UPDATE**

The Council confirmed that it would progress its original plan as agreed at the January meeting (to purchase a gift for the parishioner concerned). The parishioner may also be organising an event to mark the occasion

25/02/11

#### **VILLAGE GREEN (THE MOOR) – UPDATE RE VONEUS BROADBAND AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (AS REQUIRED)**

There was no progress to report other than the Council's solicitor was waiting to hear from Voneus regarding the legal agreement

25/02/12

#### **INSURANCE MATTERS – VERGE CUTTING AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS (ERECTING AND DECORATING TREE -RISK ASSESSMENT) –**

##### **i.Verge Cutting**

The Clerk had written to the parishioner (who had been maintaining one of the parish verges) thanking him for his hard work but also asking him to stop (as the Council paid a contractor to do the work who had the necessary public liability insurance). The parishioner understood the reasons he had been asked to stop and had therefore agreed to discontinue with the maintenance work

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## **ii.Christmas events**

It was understood that the Chair was progressing the matter with the volunteer who had concerns about the Risk Assessment. The Chair would report back shortly

25/02/13

### **S106 FUNDING – TO CONSIDER FURTHER, THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER PIPE AT THE ALLOTMENTS AND TO MAKE DECISION AS APPROPRIATE**

The Clerk advised that an engineer from SWW who had attended a site meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January had confirmed that the water chamber in the strip of land (‘the Strip’) at the edge of the track at the allotments was a private chamber and was outside of the remit of SWW (this was also confirmed in writing by SWW following the meeting). The Strip was not registered at the Land Registry. The engineer had also advised that the expense of connecting a water supply to a SWW water main was likely to be in the region of several thousand pounds which was not affordable to the Council. The allotments (which were registered at the Land Registry) were being transferred to a new owner (‘the New Owner’) together with other areas of unregistered land (which it was believed, included the Strip). The new owner was happy to dig a pipe in and connect to the water supply chamber, free of charge. He also advised that he and the Council would need to decide where best, to site the tap if the work was to go ahead. The Clerk had approached the Council’s solicitor who had confirmed that a deed of easement was required to protect both the Council’s and the new owner’s interests. The Clerk had also approached EDDC who had confirmed that S106 monies should cover any costs incurred in the connection of the water costs and also both parties legal costs. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the water connection be progressed once the Strip was registered at the Land Registry into the name of the new owner which would give the Council certainty as to land ownership. In the meantime allotment holders had the use of the water containers on Plot 6. It was noted that the Council was most appreciative and grateful for the offer by the new owner to provide a water supply free of charge *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Walker*

25/02/14

### **HORTON AND PAYTHERDEN SOLAR FARMS – UPDATES AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR A MEETING**

#### **i.Horton**

A parishioner had requested a meeting in response to Chloe Hood’s (Aurapower) offer to attend a meeting later on in the year when she had a more confirmed construction plan. It was **AGREED** that a meeting should take place but it should be a public meeting and not included within a council meeting. Arrangements to be made when further information was received from Chloe.

#### **ii.Paytherden**

In response to the Clerk’s request for a funding update, Paytherden had advised that they were waiting to hear from Bluefield who were putting things in place to build the project (which would take some time). They would be contacting relevant stakeholders and prospective beneficiaries of the project in due course

25/02/15

### **GRIT BIN REQUIRED IN VICINITY OF ORCHARD CLOSE – UPDATE –**

Ed Polding DCC Highways Officer advised that it was DCC policy that grit bins were not placed along the primary salted network and therefore a bin could not be placed at Orchard Close. The bin would have to be placed at the roadside so that it could be filled. He suggested that DCC could arrange for the grit bin near Bluebell Cottage to be moved to the verge opposite the footpath near to the telephone box and bench. The Clerk in the meantime had contacted EDDC to see whether any of the S106 funds could be used for the purchase of an additional grit bin but was advised that this would not meet the criteria for funding. She had also contacted DCC Cllr Chubb to ask if Locality funding could be used for an additional grit bin but Cllr Chubb indicated that he was unsure whether the Fund would be available next year. After much debate it was **RESOLVED** to ask DCC to relocate the grit bin to the location suggested, subject to there being no cost to the Council *Proposed by the Vice Chair and seconded by Cllr Wood*

25/02/16

### **DCC LOCALITY FUND APPLICATION- UPDATE**

The Council had been successful with its application to DCC and £500 had now been received towards the costs of the maintenance work of the telephone box and benches. The decorator advised that he would carry out the work to these items when the weather improved

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25/02/17

## **REPORT FROM CLERK OF DALC ON-LINE MEETING RE DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ENGLISH DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER**

The Clerk advised that at the moment there was little information as to what the district councils were considering with regards to the White Paper other than the following:- EDDC did not support the delay of local elections and the creation of one unitary authority. DCC supported the delay of local elections. However it was reported today that local elections will now take place. Concerns were expressed that reserves of the district councils may be swallowed up for big infrastructure projects (not necessarily in East Devon but elsewhere in the county); it was likely more services would be undertaken by parish/town councils eventually, however there was no information at this stage as to whether any changes were planned for parish councils; merger of small parishes was mentioned but again no firm information; it was likely parishioners would become more reliant on parish councils dealing with their queries rather than them attempting to contact and deal with a large unitary council. It was agreed that parish councils in rural communities played a significant role in their communities so their retention was important. The Clerk had produced a statement which had been circulated to all councillors to submit to DALC in order to raise the profile of the Council in relation to Devolution. The Statement in its current format was **AGREED** subject to the Chair giving it a final appraisal prior to the Clerk submitting it to DALC

25/02/18

### **PLANNING MATTERS:-**

#### **i.Planning application 21/2045/FUL - Change of use from agricultural land to outdoor leisure pursuits and associated operational development - Land North Of The Shrubbery, Escot Park Ottery St Mary - Devon Country Pursuits Ltd – Update**

Andy Wood – Director of Place EDDC advised:-` the Council is currently seeking the agreement of the applicant/their agent to an extension of time to determine the application `.

#### **ii. Any other planning matters**

- a. Parklands Farm - Two planning application had been received by the Clerk just before tonight's meeting in respect of a livestock gathering area at Parklands Farm. The applicant was Cllr Peters. Cllr Peters declared an interest and took no part in any discussions in view of this. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk e-mail both applications to councillors (not the applicant). It would then be decided whether a site meeting was required and if so the Chair would arrange. Both applications would be dealt with under delegated authority and the Council's comments would be submitted to the Clerk in due course for her to relay to EDDC
- b. Lashbrook Farm (concrete lined slurry lagoon) - Planning had been granted for the lagoon some years ago. It was queried whether there were any planning conditions for screening. The Clerk would investigate and report back

25/02/19

### **PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND AN UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)**

The matters relating to the water run off and debris on the road near Escot had been reported to Ed Polding DCC Highways Officer with photographic evidence but the Clerk had not received a response to her e-mails. In addition, the Clerk had reported to Ed the blocked drain near the telephone box (following on from the Chair reporting this) and again she had not received a response. The Clerk to chase up both matters

Cllr Hirt had very kindly checked the drains in and around Talaton and had provided the Clerk with a map of locations showing the drains which were blocked (and which she had forwarded onto Ed). Ed expressed his thanks to Cllr Hirt and advised that he had added all the blocked drains to the list for jetting with the DCC contractor. He also advised that the drains which were on a primary salting network, would take priority over the others; thus the blocked drains outside Beech House and Orchard Close may be jetted first and the others at a later date.

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25/02/20

**TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING PLANNING)**

**Re: Planning 24/2611/VAR - Larkbeare Lodge Talaton Exeter EX5 2RY Mr P Colmon**  
**Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (schedule of materials) of planning permission**  
**22/2758/FUL (proposed construction of 1 no. dwelling (use class C3); demolition of building and**  
**associated works) to allow changes in design to include the roof, fenestration and external**  
**materials**

The delegated decision of the PC was:- `Our comments to the original application still stand and following a site visit on 17 Jan 2025 we support this revised application which makes significant improvements to the external design, and retains more of the shape and appearance of the current agricultural building. The use of the sympathetic materials chosen will enhance the appearance of the conversion, and will fit in well with the surrounding buildings on the site`.

25/02/21

**ITEMS (INCLUDING DEFIBRILLATORS) FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

Both Defibrillators had been checked, A Drop-In had taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Three members of the public had attended. Matters raised included:- potholes Rosemary Lane; overgrowth/brambles etc at Hillside; fly tipping; the Calendar grant

25/02/22

**MATTERS OF URGENCY: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION**

The Clerk advised that nominations of either a councillor or member of staff, for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party, needed to be submitted to DALC by Friday 14 February. The Council **AGREED** to nominate the Clerk who appreciated the gesture and accepted accordingly

25/02/23

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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**CLOSE OF MEETING**

20.38

<b>SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR</b>	
<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>	

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