

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL 2025** at **7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

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

PUBLIC FIFTEEN-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present

25/04/01

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 5TH MARCH 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 5th March 2025 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Chair. *Proposed by the Vice Chair and seconded by Cllr Bos*

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DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none

25/04/03

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

25/04/04

FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III

i. Approval of accounts for the period 1st – 28th March 2025 including Petty Cash

NAME OF ACCOUNT/PETTY CASH	BALANCE
Community (Current)	£642.79
Business Premium (Reserve)	£10659.73
Petty Cash	£ 0

ii. Approval of the April 2025 Payment Schedule

NUMBER	CHEQUE NUMBER/ BACS	PAYEE	DETAILS	COST	VAT	TOTAL
1	Bacs	HMRC	Income Tax March/April - £82.40 less overpayment of income tax £1.20 = £81.20	£81.20		£81.20
2	Bacs	Employee	Salary March/April	£329.44		£329.44
3	Bacs	Employee	Repayment of postage stamps and jotter pad	£11.30		£11.30
4	Bacs	ATH Gardens & Landscapes	Maintenance of grass verges	£157.50		£157.50
5	Bacs	Talatton Parish Hall	Hall Hire - Jan 25 - March 25	£80.00		£80.00
			TOTALS	£659.44		£659.44

iii. Transfer of funds to be agreed (if any) - £1000

iv. Notice from PK Littlejohn re audit

v. Notification of interest rate cut from Barclays Bank wef 13th May reduced from 1.35% to 1.25%

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Items i – iii *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair*. Items iv and v were noted

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:-

a.Items of Correspondence

DCC – Special Event TTO – Temporary Closure of FP4 Talaton – 23rd March 2025

EDDC – Notification of Neighbourhood Plan for Clyst Hydon having been adopted

b.Items of late Correspondence

EDDC – Devolution – notes from EDDC Briefing – Interim Plan Submission

EDDC – Notification of Election for DCC on 1st May

EDDC - Notification of Licensing Application - Escot Park - Beautiful Days - Escot Park, – 13/08/25 to 18/08/25 Only

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

There was no progress to report. The Clerk would chase up the solicitors

25/04/07

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL (IF APPROPRIATE) OF THE PROPOSED ACCEPTING GIFTS OF PROPERTY POLICY

The draft policy had been emailed to councillors for consideration. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the same

Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Peters

25/04/08

UPDATE ON SPECIAL EVENT AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (IF APPROPRIATE)

It was understood that an Afternoon Tea would be held on 25th April in the Parish Hall for the parishioner who would be celebrating his 100th birthday. The Chair would make a presentation to the recipient and present him with a voucher up to the amount as resolved at the January PC meeting

25/04/09

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL)

The arrangements were agreed and were to include the Clerk requesting a microphone for the meeting; to try and establish numbers attending for catering purposes; councillors bringing `nibbles`; speakers being picked at random on the night and speaking for a maximum of three minutes; speakers being requested to submit reports before or at the meeting. It was requested that the Clerk enquire as to whether the Toddler Group was a separate group that hired the church premises and if so to ask whether a representative would consider attending the meeting and submitting a report. It was noted that the Garden and Produce Association had now changed its name to the Talaton Garden Club

25/04/10

GRIT BIN – UPDATE

An e-mail of explanation had been received from Ed Polding DCC's Highways Officer as to why the trench could not be filled in and that the removal and re-siting of the grit bin could only be actioned once the bin was emptied. After much discussion the Council **AGREED** the following courses of action:-

a. The grit bin to remain in its present location but the surplus soil underneath to be removed which would then reduce the height of the grit bin when it was out back in situ. As the grit bin had been emptied previously by DCC (in order for it to be moved to its present location) the Council was of the view that DCC could empty the bin again and temporarily remove it, (in order to remove the surplus soil) and then refill it when it was back in situ

b. From a health and safety aspect the Council considered it was necessary to fill in the trench as someone had already fallen into it. It was **AGREED** that a pipe could be placed in the trench to aid the flow of water and the pipe covered over

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PLANNING MATTERS

It was reported that 60 saplings on the hedge line had been planted at Lashbrook Farm

Cllr Peters had been granted consent for his two planning applications

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

There were none

25/04/13

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

a. The Clerk had reported the two issues at Hillside – overgrown hedge/trees and abandoned vehicle, to Heads of Departments at EDDC but no action had been taken. She had now enlisted the help of EDDC Cllr Richard Jefferies who was following both matters up but so far he had not heard anything further. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact EDDC's CEO about this matter

b. Some of the potholes had been repaired according to DCC. There were others however that required attention. There was a serious pothole along the Dulford Road which it was believed was outside of the parish. The Chair would provide the Clerk with further information about the pothole

c. ED Polding had advised that Escot's Land Agent - Savills were in discussions with the tenant about the debris runoff from the Escot estate which was causing obstructions on the highway. They were proposing a change in farming practices to prevent this from happening. Ed was hopeful that progress was being made.

d. The sign for the defib at Newtown was worn and required replacement and was also now obscured by a noticeboard. It was **RESOLVED** that a replacement sign be purchased

e. The telegraph pole in the village which was now leaning at an angle had been inspected by the utility company but was found not to be causing any concerns

f. Water was coming up in the road near the Larkbeare junction

g. A vehicle which was parked on the public highway was believed to be untaxed and with no MOT. Cllr Peters would speak to the vehicle owner

h. Cllr Hirt advised that some of the drains in the village had been cleared by DCC but there were other drains that were still not draining properly

i. A parishioner had provided an update re the water on the road etc. around Sunny View and Railway Cottages. The parishioner had made contact with Ed Polding who had advised him that unfortunately he didn't think there was a drain under the road to the other side, and that there should be a ditch continuing down the south side of the road and then onto the track. Mr Polding would write to the land owners on either side as it was their responsibility to dig/maintain the ditches. However the drainage from the track onwards wasn't their responsibility as it was serviced by Network Rail, who had now disowned liability for it. Therefore it was possible that the problem would not be fully resolved.

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ITEMS (INCLUDING DEFIBRILLATORS AND THE NEXT DROP-IN MEETING) FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

i. Both defibrillators had been checked and had been found to be in good order

ii. The next Drop-In Meeting was scheduled for 26th April at 10.30am in the Parish Hall

25/04/015

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

There were none

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd April 2025 and the Parish Council Meeting on 7th May 2025

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CLOSE OF MEETING

20.20

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

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