

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 4th JUNE 2025** at **7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

PRESENT: - Cllrs G Hawkins (**Vice-Chair**) K Walker, S Wood, A Peters, R Bos; D Hirt; and the Clerk (Mrs C McIntyre)

25/06/01

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair (Cllr Lenehan) and EDDC Cllr Jefferies.

25/06/02

PUBLIC FIFTEEN MINUTE OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present

25/06/03

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 14TH MAY 2025 AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE VICE-CHAIR AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of 14TH May 2025 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Vice-Chair

Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Wood

25/06/04

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Peters declared an interest re Item 14 -Rydon Farm

25/06/05

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

No items were required to be discussed in Confidential Session

25/06/06

FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III

i.Approval of accounts for the period 1st – 30th May 2025

NAME OF ACCOUNT/PETTY CASH	BALANCE
Community (Current)	£1544.50
Business Premium (Reserve)	£12476.48

ii. Approval of the June 2025 Payment Schedule

NUMBER	CHEQUE NUMBER/BACS	PAYEE	DETAILS	COST	VAT	TOTAL
1	Bacs	HMRC	Income Tax	£82.20		£82.20
2	Bacs	Employee	Salary May/June	£329.64		£329.64
3	Bacs	Tara Painting & Decorating	Labour and materials for repainting the telephone boxes and the 4 parish benches	£820.00		£820.00

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4	Bacs	ATH Gardens & Landscapes	Maintenance of grass verges	£157.50		£157.50
5	Bacs	Mrs C McIntyre	Repayment of costs of John Lewis voucher for internal auditor; prit stick; plastic laminating pouches; small screw driver for notice board	£85.82		£85.82
			TOTALS	£1,475.16	£0.00	£1,475.16

iii. Proposed Transfer of funds (£1000) from the Business Premium to the Community Account

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Items i-iii

Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Bos

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CORRESPONDENCE

a. The following correspondence was noted by the Council

Confirmation from Nigel Ralph Internal Auditor re him agreeing to carry out the audit for 25/26

EDDC broadband survey – responses required by 6th June. The Clerk had not received any responses re the survey from parishioners to her request on Talaton Talk. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would submit the following responses on behalf of the Council to EDDC:-

- i. *Not all properties have access to fibre broadband; the alternatives to fibre are expensive; Voneus appears to be the main provider in Talaton; Talaton does not have full 4G coverage to all networks*
- ii. *The provision of grants to enable better infrastructure; the Government to cap the amount companies can charge individuals; open competition required for rural areas*
- iii. *Broadband has recently been cut off to various properties in Talaton including Talaton Parish Hall resulting in hirers not having access to wifi in the hall and contactless payments no longer being made*

b. The following item of late correspondence was noted by the Council

There was none

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VILLAGE GREEN (THE MOOR) – UPDATE RE VONEUS BROADBAND WAYLEAVE AGREEMENT AND THE COUNCIL'S INSURER'S REQUIREMENTS RE THE INSTALLATION OF A ROPE SWING AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (AS REQUIRED)

A wayleave agreement had now been received from the Council's solicitors which had been e-mailed to all councillors for consideration. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Council enter into the agreement with Voneus. The Vice-Chair and Cllr Walker agreed to be the signatories to the document on behalf of the Council. The Clerk advised that the document would not be completed until the Council's solicitors had received the compensation monies on the Council's behalf. *Proposed by the Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Hirt*

The Council's insurers had advised that the provision of a rope swing would require the equipment to be of industry standard & signed off in the same way as playground equipment with regular inspections. A risk assessment would be required and the swing would need to be installed to relevant h&s provisions plus there would be ongoing maintenance. Additional insurance playground liability would be needed which would incur additional premium costs. There was much discussion by the Council who **RESOLVED** that because of the potential health and safety risks and insurers requirements; reluctantly they were of the view, not to progress the installation of the swing *Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Wood*

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ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND TO AGREE ANY ACTIONS INCLUDING THE CARRYING OUT OF THE ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk had carried out a recent check of the allotments and had found that half of the plots were not in a good state of cultivation resulting in these tenants being in breach of their allotment agreements. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to the allotment holders sympathetically to ascertain if there were any issues that had resulted in the plots being left in this condition. She would report back at the next meeting. The Clerk had noted on her inspection that the water container still contained water for the use of the plot holders but it was difficult to gauge how much was left. Cllr Walker agreed to carry out a Risk Assessment of the allotments

25/06/10

TO CARRY OUT AN INSPECTION OF THE COUNCIL'S ASSETS AND TO REPORT ANY REPAIRS REQUIRED, AT THE NEXT MEETING

The Vice-Chair and Cllr Walker agreed to check the Council's assets

25/06/11

TELEPHONE BOX – SURPLUS PAINT UPDATE

The Clerk advised that the left over gloss paint and undercoat had now been sold onto a parish council. The Chair had advised the Clerk by e-mail that the decorator had made an excellent job of the repainting of the telephone box and the four parish benches.

25/06/12

UPDATE ON MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS RE A GENERIC EMAIL ACCOUNT HOSTED ON AN AUTHORITY OWNED DOMAIN

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should obtain quotes for a general email account hosted on an authority owned domain, as DALC had advised it was now a mandatory requirement as per the 2025 Practitioner's Guide. This change would apply to the 2025/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return where it would form part of the new Assertion 10 in the Council's Annual Governance Statement

25/06/13

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE REVIEWED – IF ANY

There were none due for review this month

25/06/14

PLANNING MATTERS (IF ANY)

A new planning application had arrived after the agenda had been published.

25/0951/LBC - Mr R Hale, Larkbeare House – Re-slate both main gable roofs; raise lead flat roof and replace existing rooflight with a smaller rooflight to allow for raising the flat roof

The Clerk had spoken to the applicant regarding a site visit. However the applicant was of the view that as this was a listed building consent application (and that he was replacing the roof with the same materials) that there wasn't anything additional he could show councillors to that which was already on EDDC's planning website. After some discussion it was **AGREED** that a site visit was unnecessary and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should submit the following comment to EDDC;- *'The Council is happy with the proposed works subject to listed building consent being granted'*

25/06/15

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

25/0962/PDR Mr O Boles - Rydon Farm, Talaton, Exeter EX5 2RP

Change of use of agricultural building to joinery workshop and associated workshop storage (no retail use)

The delegated decision was:

'Talaton Parish Council supports the application for change of use. Currently the building is used for storage, and the changes to allow use as a workshop are sympathetic to the structure. The work includes sound mitigation which will reduce any impact on neighbours'.

The decision was noted

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

EDDC Matters

i. Hillside – The Clerk asked for an update from EDDC re Hillside property.

On 30th May Sharon Buscombe EDDC's Estate Manager advised:- *'The property is currently with our voids team. The repairs and garden clearance will then be undertaken and once this process is completed the property will then be relet to a new incoming tenant'.*

ii. The Clerk noted that the abandoned blue car parked in the Hillside car park now had a notice on it asking the owner to get in touch with EDDC about the car. It also stated that if the owner failed to do this within 14 days of the notice, then it would be removed. However the notice didn't have a date on it!

DCC Highways Updates:

Potholes

i. Rosemary Lane- DCC's contractor would further investigate and/or effect a repair

ii. Road near entrance to Ivy Cottages – The pothole had been repaired

iii. Road from Talaton Cross to Beacon Cross - DCC's contractor would further investigate and/or effect a repair

iv. Road from Talaton Farm Cross to Fairmile Inn, Fairmile – DCC was unable to locate the problem

Other DCC Matters

i. Weeds growing in the base of the raised footpath near the Talaton Inn had been removed

ii. A road closure sign had now been removed from the end of Orchard Hill

iii. The chevron sign near the railway bridge (on the side as you drive into Talaton) needed to be reported to DCC again. The Clerk thought it had been securely tied to the other chevron sign but Cllr Walker advised that that was not the case.

iv. The Clerk couldn't locate the skid signs by Ivy Cottage which required removal (the matter was raised at the May PC meeting). The Vice-Chair confirmed that they had been removed

Other Maintenance Matters

i. Network Rail advised with regards to the small oak tree growing out the railway bridge:-

'Our structural engineers would like to thank you for raising your concerns. At present there is no immediate work required but on next examination, if any actions are required this will be arranged'.

It was noted that ivy and some small saplings were growing on the other railway bridge. The Clerk to report this to Network Rail

ii. The hedge by Orchard Close bungalows was becoming so overgrown that persons with mobility aids, pushchairs etc were struggling to walk on the pavement

iii. Outside the property 'Bankside' the stopcock had sunk which would result in issues if it needed to be turned off

iv. At the end of Blackpit Lane (near Rydon Farm) the road surface had worn away

v. The white lines at Bittery Cross required repainting urgently. The matter had been reported on previous occasions by the Clerk but DCC had still not dealt with the issue

25/06/17

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

The Vice-Chair reported that she had checked the Newtown defibrillator and it was in good order. She would check the defibrillator at the Community Shop shortly.

25/06/18

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

There were none

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd July 2025.

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CLOSE OF MEETING

20.21

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR	
DATE OF SIGNATURE	

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