

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH 2026** at **7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

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

PUBLIC FIFTEEN MINUTE OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present. However the report provided by DCC Cllr Cathy Connor (emailed to all councillors) was noted

26/03/01

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Lenehan (the Chair) Cllr S Wood – (Cllr Peters gave apologies for the February meeting)

26/03/02

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 4TH FEBRUARY 2026 AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of 4th February 2026 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Vice -Chair

Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Bos

26/03/03

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none

26/03/04

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

Item 13 (Allotments Works Quote) would be discussed in Confidential Session

26/03/05

FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III

i. Approval of accounts for the period 1st – 28th February 2026

NAME OF ACCOUNT	BALANCE
Community (Current)	£426.38
Business Premium (Reserve)	£10985.48

ii. Approval of the March 2026 Payment Schedule

NUMBER	CHEQUE NUMBER/BACS	PAYEE	DETAILS	COST	VAT	TOTAL
1	Bacs	HMRC	Income Tax Feb/March	£85.00		£85.00
2	Bacs	Employee	Salary Feb/March	£340.10		£340.10
3	Bacs	Mrs C McIntyre	Repayment of cost of A4 and A5 envelopes	£6.98	£1.40	£8.38

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4	Bacs	Mrs C McIntyre	Annual Homework Allowance - £312 plus annual travel costs - £115.20	£427.20		£427.20
			TOTALS	£859.28	£1.40	£860.68

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

Cllr Bos raised the question of transferring the Council's monies from the Barclays interest account to another provider which gave a higher rate of interest. He was advised that any new account would need to meet local council financial requirements

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Items i-iii
Proposed by Cllr Hirt and seconded by Cllr Walker

26/03/06

CORRESPONDENCE: (if not listed under this item, it will be dealt with under other relevant specific agenda items)

a.Items of Correspondence

EDDC – Public Consultation on local government reorganisation runs until 26th March and an online briefing also took place on 3rd March 2026

b.Items of late Correspondence

Email from Pat Rice re archiving of parish documents confirming that he and another parishioner would be willing to scan in the parish documents which could then be deposited at the Devon Heritage Centre. Mr Rice was of the opinion that it was unlikely the task would incur the Council in any expenditure.

26/03/07

TELEPHONE BOX

Consideration of costs of:- i. disconnecting the electricity supply and

The Clerk advised that she was still waiting to receive a quote from the National Grid (the Local Distribution Network Operator (DNO)). The electricity supply (usually a cut-out fuse unit at the base of the box) must be removed by the DNO for the area. In Dec 2023 the quote for this work was £2000 (inclusive of Vat) and that was the reason the Council had not wished to progress the matter further at that time

ii. ground works and to make a decision accordingly

At last month's meeting a plan was made to progress works required on the area of land on which the telephone box was sited. However in view of the SWW works proposed for June in the vicinity, it was **AGREED** that the Council's proposed works be delayed as SWW's works may correct the issues on the site. Cllr Peters agreed that he would be willing to carry out pipe work should the Council require the same to be undertaken. Two road closure orders from DCC had been received recently in respect of the aforementioned works (on the road to Harris Farm from 23rd to 25th June and from 30th June to 2nd July) for metering reactive renewals and relocation. However it was understood that the address of one of the orders where the works were to take place was incorrect. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would clarify with DCC

26/03/08

LASHBROOK AND NEWTOWN NOTICEBOARDS UPDATE

Consents have been received from landowners re the replacement of noticeboards at Newtown and Lashbrook by the Council, for the continued use of their properties on which to affix the noticeboards. Currently no quotes for a replacement noticeboard at Lashbrook had been obtained as one contractor did not have sufficient time available and the other contractor was unwell but it was hoped when he was better that he would be able to provide a quote. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact DCC's Public Paths Department to see if a new replacement public path sign could be erected at Newtown

26/03/09

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

i.ED Polding Highway Officer re Rosemary Lane has advised:- 'I would be happy to have a look at the lane and see if any patching would be possible to improve it'. The Clerk also logged the matter on DCC's interactive map at the request of Ed Polding

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- ii. DCC would send a team to assess the surface of the highway near Larkbeare Cottages
- iii. All the various potholes in Talaton had been reported again and DCC was in the process of either assessing them or would be repairing them shortly
- iv. The blocked drains reported to DCC had been passed to the DCC contractor but there was a large backlog of requests
- v. The grit bin on the left hand side of the garages to Rydon Cottages had been reported to DCC as it required topping up – DCC were sending out a team to carry out an assessment
- vi. Cllr Bos reported that the road surface outside his property was deteriorating and required urgent attention
- vii. The road surface beyond Woodman`s Orchard required attention

26/03/10

PLANNING MATTERS

i. To consider the amended plans relating to planning application -25/2182/FUL

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Will and Robynne Leigh-Firbank
 Property: Larkbeare Dairy Farmhouse Talaton
 Proposal: Proposed agricultural calf isolation building with office
 The Council **RESOLVED** that its previous comments (previously submitted) remain
Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Peters

ii. To advise of new planning application 26/0209/FUL which was too late for inclusion on the agenda-

Applicant: Mr and Mrs R & C Kirby
 Property: Talewater Hill Farm, Talewater Talaton EX5 2RR
 Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of farm building using Class Q permission 24/2518/PDQ as fallback position

The applicants would be willing to meet with members of the Council on Saturday 7th March at 10.00am on site re the application. The Vice-Chair; Cllrs Peters and Walker would be able to attend. Following the site meeting, comments would need to be submitted to the Clerk under the PC`s Policy re delegated authority.

iii. Clarification of a statement (requested by EDDC`s Planning Officer) made by the applicant (re planning application:- 25/2097/OUT - Talaton 4 dwellings Lees Meadow) concerning the regularity of public transport in Talaton

The request and full information regarding public transport in Talaton, supplied by the Chair/Clerk, had been submitted to EDDC`s Planning Officer. This was noted by the Council

26/03/11

TO REPORT ON ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS (INCLUDING PLANNING)

There were none

26/03/12

TRAINING – THE CLERK TO REPORT ON TRAINING RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN AND THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE COST OF AI TRAINING FOR THE CLERK AND TO MAKE A DECISION ACCORDINGLY

- i. The Clerk advised the Council of the relevant information re the free Assertion 10 course she had participated in today and the implications for the Council
- ii. The Council **RESOLVED** to pay for the Clerk to attend a AI training course organised by DALC at a cost of £42 *_Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

26/03/13

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

- i. The Clerk advised that the S106 monies of £3367 had now been paid to the Council by EDDC re the fence costs.
- ii. The Vice-Chair and Cllr Peters would check the fence on Saturday 7th March re the issues concerning rabbits. They would report back to the Clerk

THE COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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iii. Matt Kingdon had reduced his quote to reflect the fact that one half plot did not need to be rotavated (just covered in plastic sheeting only) and the rotavation of two other half plots was not required thus reducing his quote further. It was **RESOLVED** to accept Mr Kingdon's revised quote. *Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Peters*

PUBLIC SESSION WAS THEN RESUMED

The Clerk reported that one of the allotment holders was considering relinquishing his half plot

26/03/14

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – TO CONSIDER ANY EXISTING POLICIES THAT REQUIRE REVIEW

It was **RESOLVED** that the following policies be amended in accordance with the Clerk's amendments:-

- i. Vexatious Complaints Policy
- ii. Communications Policy
- iii. Volunteering Policy
- iv. The Acceptance of Gifts of Property

Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by the Vice-Chair

26/03/15

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (TO INCLUDE DEFIBS) OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The Vice-Chair had checked the Newtown defib and it was in working order. She would check the Community Shop defib if the Chair was not available to do so

26/03/16

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

There were none

26/03/17

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1st April 2026

26/03/18

CLOSE OF MEETING

8.10pm

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR	
DATE OF SIGNATURE	

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