

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 2026** at **7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

PRESENT: - Cllr G Hawkins (**Chair**), Cllr Walker (**Vice-Chair**), Cllrs D Hirt, R Bos, J Murphy, S Wood and A Peters

PUBLIC FIFTEEN MINUTE OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

26/10/01

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk (Mrs C J McIntyre) and DCC Cllr Connor* (*Cllr Connor's apologies arrived whilst the Clerk was away*)

26/10/02

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 2ND SEPTEMBER 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 2nd September 2026 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Chair

Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Bos

26/10/03

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations to declare

26/10/04

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

It was **AGREED** that Item 16 be discussed in Confidential session

26/10/05

FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III

i. Approval of accounts for the period 1st – 18th September 2026 - The accounts had been emailed to councillors and were approved. *Proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by the Chair*

NAME OF ACCOUNT	BALANCE
Current (Unity)	£2,584.67
Savings (Barclays and Unity)	£10, 193.25

ii. Approval of the October 2026 Payment Schedule. It was noted that there were no payments to approve

iii. Transfer of funds to be agreed (if any). It was noted that there were no funds to transfer

26/10/06

CORRESPONDENCE:

a.Items of Correspondence

EDDC – Details of LGR workshop – No one from the Council attended

b.Items of late Correspondence

There were none

26/10/07

THE MOOR – UPDATE ON TREE TRIMMING WORK AND ANY OTHER MATTERS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE

The Clerk had contacted Woodlando to confirm acceptance of the quote and to ask them when they would carry out the work. She had not heard from them further so had contacted them again by phone and left a

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message but had still not heard from them. She would continue to chase up

There were no updates received re the Parish Hall and Voneus relating to the proposed broadband connection

26/10/08

TRAINING COURSES - -- TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE

1.EDDC Planning Forum – 5th November 6pm at Blackdown House, Honiton

The Chair and Cllr Peters indicated that they would like to attend this. The Clerk to confirm with EDDC

2. DALC course for new councillor – 24th November at 6.30pm at Exeter Court Hotel

Cllr Murphy advised that she would be unable to attend the course as the date was unsuitable

3. Devon & Cornwall Police Security & Safety Awareness Connect Event On-Line – 15th October

No councillor wished to participate in the event

4. EDDC Local Government Review Meeting - 6th October at 6.00pm at Blackdown House, Honiton

No one from the Council attended

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CHRISTMAS TREE – TO CONSIDER QUOTE RECEIVED FROM SUPPLIER AND THE OFFER OF A TREE FROM A PARISHIONER AND TO MAKE A DECISION ACCORDINGLY

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hirt and Andy May speak to the parishioner who had offered a free Christmas tree last year to see if the offer still stood and if so the Council to accept the same.

Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by Cllr Wood.

However if the offer of the tree was no longer available then it was **RESOLVED** that the quote for a Christmas tree supplied by Connetts Farm in the sum of £150 plus Vat be accepted. . *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

26/10/10

DEFIBRILLATORS - TO CONSIDER INCURRING FURTHER EXPENDITURE FOR REPLACEMENT CASE COVER AND NOTING THE LIFE EXPECTANCY PERIODS FOR DEFIBRILLATORS AND SPARES

It was **AGREED** not to progress the purchase of a replacement case cover for the defibrillator at Newtown. The recent purchase of new batteries and pads for both defibrillators should now extend the life expectancy of the defibs even though they were both ten years old. It was further **AGREED** that the Clerk enquire of County Councillor Cathy Connor whether her Locality budget would cover the cost of replacement defibrillators `as and when` they were required.

26/10/11

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW UPDATE

All councillors had received the update regarding recent developments in respect of the LGR dated 11th September from the CEO at EDDC which was noted.

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SOLAR FARMS UPDATE INCLUDING HORTON SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The Clerk had received information from Chloe Hood of Aura Power regarding various issues at the Horton Solar Farm site which information had been relayed to councillors. However some of the information provided by Chloe was disputed ie that escorts were at a safe and practical distance from the delivery vehicles (as on occasions they were immediately in front of the delivery vehicles). It was noted that a further meeting to discuss the Community Benefit Fund was being arranged for the 3rd November.

26/10/13

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

1. No further sandbags were required from EDDC
2. Water leaks had been noted around the Parish

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3. Another accident had occurred at the junction of Bittery Cross. It was suggested that the 'Give Way' sign be replaced with a 'Stop' sign
4. Ed Polding – DCC Highways Officer would be providing a quote shortly for the signage required at the top of Highridge stating 'unsuitable for large vehicles' etc. However he had advised that the Council would have to pay for the signs as DCC no longer funded this expenditure. The Council was of the view that it did not have the finances available to do so.
5. The Clerk sent a chasing email to Rachel Wall Housing Officer at EDDC re 4 Hillside asking what the various options were, that EDDC was considering for the property. Despite the Clerk's chasing email, no response had been received
6. The Clerk had contacted ED Polding – DCC Highways Officer re the vegetation growing out the wall near Orchard Close and the post leaning at an angle. It was noted that the vegetation had now been removed and the leaning post re-sited.

26/10/14

PLANNING MATTERS

Go Kart Track at Escot Park - Devon County Pursuits - Planning Consent -21/2045/FUL

An exchange of emails had been forwarded to councillors regarding the above mentioned planning consent. A parishioner had been in contact with EDDC's Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the lack of screening which should have been planted out last month in accordance with the conditions of the consent. The Enforcement Officer was noted as being on site today.

26/10/15

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

There were none

The Confidential part of the meeting commenced

26/10/16

ALLOTMENT – UPDATE AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION

A confidential report and plan had been emailed to councillors.

The Council **RESOLVED** the following:-

1. The Clerk to write to two plot holders to ask them to adhere to the terms of their tenancy agreements and to tidy/cultivate their plots.
2. The Clerk to ask Matt Kingdon to trim all the overgrown areas and to cover in black plastic the vacant plots at the end of the year once those allotment holders who had given notice, had actually vacated their plots.
3. In view of the lack of interest in the allotments (and potentially by the end of this year only 2.5 plots would be occupied out of 5), the Clerk to place a notice in the next edition of the Calendar advising that unless the allotments were fully and properly utilised the Council would have to review the situation and determine a course of action.

Proposed by the Vice-Chair and seconded by the Chair

The public part of the meeting resumed

26/10/17

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

There were none to review

26/10/18

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (TO INCLUDE DEFIBS; REMINDER OF NEXT DROP-IN) OR FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

1. The Clerk had received one completed grant application form to date but there was still almost a month to go for applications to be received. She would send a reminder and would also post a notice again on Talaton Talk (notices are already on the noticeboards). Grant applications would

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be considered at the November meeting. Knit and Natter would not be applying for a grant this year

2. The Clerk had downloaded the historical parish records onto another memory stick so the PC had a spare stick as well as the records being held on the computer hard drive. A memory stick had temporarily been loaned to a parishioner (who had signed a declaration) and who had now returned the stick via Cllr Bos who would ensure this was returned to the Clerk.
3. The Clerk had received information from Jonathan Perry regarding the towing area at Beautiful Days in response to concerns expressed by councillors at last month's meeting. The information had been forwarded to councillors and noted.
4. The Chair reported that the Newtown defib was working satisfactorily
5. The next Drop-In would be on Saturday 31st October at 10.30am at the Parish Hall

26/10/19

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

4th November

26/10/21

CLOSE OF MEETING

20.15pm

SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR	
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