

# **Dunchideock Parish Council**

Minutes of Dunchideock Meetings Held at the Village Hall on 11th May 2026 at 19:30

**Present:** Councillors Dudley Swain (DSw) (Chairman), Trevor Baker (TB), Derren Summers (DSu), Edward Ellis (EE) and 2 members of the public.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

Members of the public thanked the Parish Council for helping to fund the Village Hall heating installation. An excellent update was presented on the situation of the Haldon Belvedere by a trustee of the Devon Historic Build Trust who now manage the estate. They might be looking for financial support in due course for maintenance work such as painting.

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

### **304 Election of Chairman**

DSw was proposed but he declined because he was concerned that being banned from the village WhatsApp was a clear message that the village do not want him involved. However, after an extensive discussion, he agreed to continue for another year with unanimous Councillor support.

### **305 Election of Vice-Chairman**

DSw proposed TB, seconded by DSu as Vice Chairman, which was unanimously supported.

### **306 Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on 12 May 2025 were agreed and signed off.

This meeting ended at 19:53

## **Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

### **307 Apologies for absence - David Barclay-Watt**

### **308 Declarations of Interest - None**

### **309 Public Discussion**

The possibility of a local pothole repair team arrangement was raised and this will be followed up by the Parish Council.

### **310 Minutes**

Minutes of the PC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed and signed off.

### **311 County and District Councillor's Reports – Neither apologies nor reports had been received.**

### **312 Financial Report**

DBW provided information regarding the overall situation of 2025/26. The Chairman reported the current balance is £17,014.39. Reclaim of VAT from 2025/26 needs to be progressed.

### **313 AGAR and Internal Audit**

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the 2025/26 is under preparation. SILC (Specialist In Local Councils) have been appointed as Internal Auditors and will be progressing the audit.

### **314 Items of Expenditure**

The subscription to DALC for 2025/26 of £115.16 was approved.

### **315 PC Documents Updates**

The Chairman updated the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Internal Control Policy, Risk Assessment Policy and Publication Scheme. All were approved.

### **316 Village Name Signs**

Devon Highways has responded to our request for replacement signs by saying no faults were found.

However, Chairman has following up on this decision and now awaits response.

**317 Notice Boards**

Installation has been delayed by weather and other circumstances but is now anticipated in the next two weeks.

**318 Planning Application**

The Application the 26/00380/FUL for Treetops was discussed and it was agreed the Parish Council responds to Teignbridge DC that it has no comments.

**319 Parish Clerk & RFO**

Three applicants had responded and these will be discussed in Part 2 of this meeting. The post has been updated on the DALC website.

**320 Casual Vacancies** - Co-options advertised on the notice board. There have been no responses.

**321 Public Discussion**

The were no further comments.

**322 Date of Meeting**

Date of next meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Part 2 Meeting**

**323 Date of Meeting**

The Clerk/RFO applications were discussed and it was agreed that none would be progressed.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:32*

Signed .....

Dated .....

