

Minutes of the Tedburn St Mary Parish Council Meeting held at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 6th October, 2025.

Present: Cllrs L. Taylor, S. Rodda, K. Wilson, H. Trump, L. Cole, C. Stacey and Teignbridge District Council (TDC) Cllr A. Swain (part). One member of the public present. Attending: J. Clark. Clerk.

- 1. Open Forum.** A member of the public raised issues relating to item 11 and advised the council that the recent road closures had rerouted some bus services and during this time resulted in a bus driver insisting an 83-year-old woman had to leave the bus and walk home from Cheriton Bishop to Tedburn St Mary.

They also said single decker buses replaced double decker buses and this resulted in overcrowding causing passengers to stand while other services were cancelled. Particularly affected were students studying in Exeter who were unable to attend schools and colleges.

There is also evidence that the buses often run late and that the bus app gives incorrect information.

During the road closures and consequent re-routing, there were passengers that made the journey to Exeter but were unable to return. The complainant has already written to the bus company.

Following a discussion the council the council agreed to write a letter listing their grave concerns about the bus service as outlined above. The letter to be sent to Mel Stride MP, Secretary of State for Transport, TDC Cllrs Keeling and Swain and the local press. The subject also to be raised at the meeting with TDC Councillors to be held on 9th October.

Cllr Taylor is going to ask Cllr Dixon to create a way of capturing the instances where the bus service is unreliable as she publishes road closures on the village website. **CLLR TAYLOR AND CLERK TO ACTION. CLLR STACEY TO CONTACT THE PRESS ONCE THE LETTER IS DRAFTED.**

Open Forum closed at 1955

- 2. Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** Cllrs Putt, Moody, Woodley and Dixon. Approved.
- 3. Declarations of interest.** None.
- 4. Reports from Devon County and Teignbridge District Councillors.** Cllr Keeling's report received and shared. Noted.
- 5. Planning Applications. 25/01364/FUL. Springfield Holiday Park , Tedburn St Mary - Proposed extension of existing holiday park to accommodate 17 additional static holiday caravans including access and parking.**

The council was recently informed, via a registered letter sent to the clerk by a parishioner, that the percolation test relating to this site is not valid because it was granted on 11th September and yet it looked like work was carried out on the site on 16th September, 2025.

The council also understand there is a history of sewage problems associated with this site.

For these reasons the parish council objects to the application and asks that the planning authority ensure that these issues are strictly addressed during the planning process.

Following this discussion the council resolved to object to the application for the reasons given above.
CLERK TO ACTION

- 6. Planning Decision**
25/01122/HOU Little Fairwood Cottage, Tedburn St Mary. New porch and two storey rear extension (resubmission of 25/00318/HOU). Granted by Teignbridge District Council.
- 7. To consider the council's response to item vii of the 2024-2025 internal audit advising the council to consider the clerk's salary to go up a scale to SCP 14.** Following a discussion the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to put the clerk onto the SCP 14 scale with effect 1st April, 2025 and

thereinafter the pay scale to go up by one scale on 1st April each year until pay scale ceiling is reached.
CLERK TO ACTION

8. **To consider the budget summary provided by the clerk at the September meeting and discuss the 2025-2026 precept request with a view to confirming the amount at the November or December meeting, including the request for financial support towards Pathfinder Community Garden.** The council was provided with an updated half year financial summary including figures for the bank reconciliation. The bank reconciliation was approved unanimously by a show of hands. The council to consider the budget with a view to finalising precept by December latest. Clerk to send copy of latest summary to those councillors not present. **CLERK TO ACTION.**
9. **To consider the council's response to item vi of the 2024-2025 internal audit advising the council should adopt the General Power of Competence provided two-thirds of the councillors were elected in 2023.** Having checked the criteria the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to apply for General Power of Competence.
10. **To consider and agree the council's priorities for the second half of the 2025-2026 financial for publication on website as part of the council's publication scheme and to outline 2026-2027 for agreement in November/December 2025 and publish on the website.** The clerk to summarise activities for the current financial year. The councillors to consider priorities for next year when considering the budget and precept for 2026-2027. **CLERK TO ACTION**
11. **To consider the council's response to a letter recently sent to the bus company that serves the village regarding parishioners unfulfilled journeys during recent road closures. A similar letter was also sent to the parish council explaining that an 83-year-old woman was told she could either walk from Pathfinder or Cheriton as the service could not access its normal route. Issues relating to this item were previously discussed during Open Forum.** Following the discussion during the Open Forum, the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to write a letter outlining its concerns about the bus services as recorded in item 1.
12. **Review of action points from previous meetings.** **CLERK TO UPDATE LIST ACCORDINGLY**
13. **Reports from parish councillors and clerk.** Nothing to report.
14. **Payments for approval.** The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the payments.

| Date | Supplier | Description | Amount | VAT | Total |
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| 6.10.25. | Jane Clark | Clerk's salary, home office, phone | £758.32 | No | £758.32 |
| 6.10.25. | HMRC | Clerk's PAYE and Employer's N.I. | £311.60 | No | £311.60 |
| 6.10.25. | DCC Pension Fund | Clerk's Pension | £232.14 | No | £232.14 |
| 6.10.25. | David Yelland | Village maintenance | £605.00 | No | £605.00 |
| 6.10.25. | VisionICT | Annual website hosting fee and support | £190.75 | £38.15 | £228.90 |
| 6.10.25. | Society of Local Council Clerks | Annual membership fee | £190.00 | No | £190.00 |
| 6.10.25. | Jane Clark | Clerk's travel expenses for half year April-October 107 miles and office expenses for paper and ink 2 x 13.49 | £65.73 | No | £65.73 |
| 6.10.25. | Google | Email and website hosting | £165.00 | No | £165.00 |
| 6.10.25. | J. Dixon reimbursement | Village website domain? | £28.80 | No | £28.80 |
| 6.10.25. | Curry's | Computer support service monthly fee | £9.79 | No | £9.79 |

Date of next meeting Monday 3 November at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 7.30 pm