

Minutes of the Tedburn St Mary Parish Council Meeting held at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 2nd February, 2026.

Present: Chair Cllr L. Taylor, Vice Chair Cllr J. Putt, Cllrs K. Wilson, H. Trump, C. Stacey, S. Rodda, L. Cole P. Moody and J Dixon and Devon County Council (DCC) and Teignbridge District Councillor (TDC) Cllr Keeling, TDC Cllr A. Swain (part) and 9 members of the public present. **Attending:** J. Clark. Clerk.

- 1. Open Forum** - Concern about the lorries tipping soil at Halstow and the frequency of the journeys was raised. The Chair explained that the landfill is part of a previously approved planning application for an agricultural building.

It was also pointed out that lorries are parking the bridge over the A30 going to Holcombe Burnell and clearing dirt and excess which seems unacceptable and there is a further concern for the safety of the bridge due to the weight. Concern was also raised about the lack of care shown by some of the drivers when driving through the village.

DCC and TDC Cllr Keeling responded explaining that the application is not specifically for a landfill site but the need to create a level site for a new agricultural building. He explained that he was aware of the situation and understood the concerns raised but that as the operation is legal and permissions granted, it is not possible to cease the operation. Two members of the public expressed their concern about the safety of pedestrians regardless and could the speed limit be reduced to 20 mph? Cllr Keeling responded that he would look into this option but pointed out that this would increase the time the operation will take.

Applications for new buildings or changes do not always make it clear that a landfill is required as the planning application focuses on the buildings rather than the landfill. The parish council is aware of this and in another recent application pointed this out to TDC planning team who, following this, re-worded the application placing the landfill to the fore of the application in order to raise awareness of the implications of the proposed development.

The water leak in the village was raised by The Chair and she reported that she has an online meeting with South West Water this month and will report back to the council.

A question was raised as to whether the bus service will be affected by the SWW work in the centre of the village. There was no further information available at the time of the meeting. A member of the public reported that the recent road closure affected the school bus route to QE in Crediton with some pupils arriving up to one hour later than usual.

Cllr Putt asked TDC Cllr Keeling about the DDC online 'Report a Problem' page and why a gully he reported a month ago has now been taken off the page and yet no work has been done. Cllr Keeling responded saying there are 30 crews a day filling potholes. With regard to gullies Cllr Keeling reported that a new policy is now seeking to repair a number of potholes at a time. Before this new initiative, when one pothole was reported the team only dealt with that particular pothole; now the teams are assessing the situation with the capacity to repair those that need doing rather than only the one that had been reported. This policy was put into effect two months ago.

There were also complaints that temporary pothole repairs are not adequate. Cllr Keeling responded that this is acceptable operationally as the repairs are not meant to be long term solutions that potholes should be reassessed at a later stage when there is less pressure on the operational teams which normally occurs as the weather improves.

A Councillor asked DCC and TDC Cllr Keeling when overgrown hedges area problem on the roads does DCC contact the landowners involved? If not, they felt that it sets a precedent for landowners not to trim hedges on roadways. Cllr Keeling asked for a letter to be sent to him outlining the main concerns.

CLLR PUTT TO ACTION

Open Forum closed at 2010.

2. **Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** Cllr Woodley. Approved.
3. **Declarations of interest.** None
4. **Reports from Devon County and Teignbridge District Councillors.** Cllr Keeling's report had been shared and noted by the council. He has a lead role in the provision of Social Care explaining that it accounts for 80% of the total budget, to include Special Educational Needs. Work is being done to maximise the efficiency of the services in this sector as well as seeking to make some cost savings in order to address the financial deficit. There is also a review of libraries in the area. The local government review continues and by 2028 should be in place and it is thought that neither Teignbridge nor Exeter councils will be in existence and replaced by one unitary authority.

TDC Cllr Swain reported that he had raised the planning application pertaining to Fingle Glen which included another potential landfill. The application has now been amended to reflect his comments.

5. **Planning Applications. 26/00017. Red Lion Inn, Tedburn St Mary. Extension and alterations to existing public house and associated works.** TDC Cllr Swain reported that he has been in touch with the developer to suggest that consideration of a footpath would be of benefit to the village and the developer had responded saying they would take it into consideration although it is unlikely to be possible as all the space is required to carry out the business as planned. Following a discussion the parish council resolved to support the application. Vote 7 for and 1 abstention.
6. **To approve the minutes of the December and January meetings as a true record.** No January meeting took place due to bad weather. The December minutes were approved Vote 7 for and 1 abstention due to absence.
7. **To agree the parish council's priorities for the financial year 2026-2027.** (Deferred from previous meetings). The council discussed and agreed to prioritise three projects in addition to its ongoing responsibilities for the financial year 2026-2027:-
 - To consider the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.
 - To try to address ongoing issues in the village with South West Water, including infrastructure.
 - To consider if the parish council can improve the effectiveness of ditches and gullies in the village.

The council voted to make these their priorities for the coming year unanimously by a show of hands.

These issues would be addressed in addition to the parish council's ongoing responsibilities:- maintaining and when possible enhancing the Millennium Orchard and Playground, providing the village with a cemetery and its upkeep, monitoring accessibility of footpaths, ensuring grit bins are filled, maintenance and repair of The Little Chapel, Highways liaison, keeping the village tidy and safe with the support of a regular contractor.

8. **To review and agree the regulations governing the sale of plots at the cemetery.** The new regulations as submitted by the clerk were approved by the council unanimously by a show of hands. The clerk to place the charges for consideration onto the March agenda. **CLERK TO ACTION.**
9. **Quarterly review of receipts and expenditure against budget for council approval.** The council approved the receipts and expenditure for January 2026 unanimously by a show of hands.
10. **To receive and approve the monthly bank reconciliation.** Carried forward as no statements available.
11. **Council to approve donation to Devon Mobility as included in 2025-2026 budget of £100.** The council approved the donation unanimously by a show of hands. **CLERK TO ACTION**
12. **To reviewing the situation regards lorries and road conditions following recent complaints.** The points during the public discussion were noted and will be raised by the Chair with the co-ordinator for the project. **CHAIR TO ACTION**

13. In response to a recent request and several complaints about the number of South West Water repairs in the village to consider a request from a parishioner to invite a representative from SWW to attend a parish council meeting to address parishioners' concerns. The council resolved unanimously to contact Mel Stride and SWW Chief Exec Keith Haslett to attend a parish council meeting. **CHAIR TO ACTION.**

14. Review of action points from previous meetings:-

a. **Emergency Plan update Cllr Wilson. Plan shared with council awaiting to be sent to TDC.**

Complete.

b. **Results of traffic speed survey on Six Mile Hill. Clerk.** The traffic survey requested by the parish council and organised by Highways in response to concern about speeding traffic on Six Mile Hill on the approach to the village is now complete. The survey was carried out using electronic speed recording over a period of 7 days. Results shown here as shared with council.

8157 – Six Mile Hill, Tedburn St Mary.

Direction	7-day average daily traffic flow	85 th percentile speed (mph)	Mean speed (mph)
Eastbound	485	33.8	28.7
Westbound	464	31.0	25.3
Both directions	949	32.7	27

8160 – Six Mile Hill, Tedburn St Mary.

Direction	7-day average daily traffic flow	85 th percentile speed (mph)	Mean speed (mph)
Eastbound	487	28.9	22.7
Westbound	416	26.9	20.4
Both directions	903	28.1	21.6

c. **Update on replacement of wig-wag warning signs for school.** These have yet to be replaced. Clerk has requested an update from Highways.

d. **Following responses to the letter about bus services does the council wish to take further action?** Chair to reiterate the point to Mel Stride.

CHAIR TO ACTION.

15. **Correspondence.** Request for volunteer group to be set up to grit pavements during periods of icy conditions. Following a discussion the council agreed that setting up a group of volunteers was not appropriate and that the grit bins are for the use of everyone to grit slippery sections of the pavements and roads when required.

Teignbridge District Council has written to all parish councils in its area asking for information regarding the use of pesticides. The Parish Council has discussed this subject in the past and the two contractors working in the parish, both in the village and the green spaces, such as the cemetery and the Millennium Orchard, do not use any chemicals on green spaces and only spot use on kerbsides. Clerk to respond to TDC. **CLERK TO ACTION**

The clerk received a decision notice for planning application 25/02081

36 School Lane Tedburn St Mary Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 24/00609/HOU (two storey rear extension and associated landscaping) to re-position extension, reduce size of extension, remove chimney and replace with flue and alterations to windows. Granted by TDC.

16. Reports from parish

councillors and clerk. None

17. **Payments for approval – January and February 2026 (January meeting cancelled due to icy road conditions).** Please note the ICO payments is £47 and not £52 as published because payment subject to £5 discount for direct debit payment. The council approved the payments unanimously by a show of hands.

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
5.1.26.	Jane Clark	Clerk's salary, home office, phone and pay award back pay 1 st April	£793.49	No	£793.49
5.1.26.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and Employer's N.I.	£275.75	No	£275.75
5.1.26.	ICO	Data protection fee (direct debit)	£47.00	No	£47.00
5.1.26.	DCC Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension	£266.47	No	£266.47
5.1.26.	David Yelland	Village maintenance	£605.00	No	£605.00
5.1.26.	TSM Village Hall	Hall hire	£18.00	No	£18.00
5.1.26.	Jane Clark	Reimburse Instant Ink payment	£13.49	No	£13.49
5.1.26.	Google	Email and website hosting	£129.80	No	£129.80
5.1.26.	J. Dixon reimbursement	Village website domain	£28.80	No	£28.80
5.1.26.	Curry's	Computer support service monthly fee	£9.49	No	£9.49
5.1.26.	Information Commissioner's Office	GDPR ICO Annual Fee (Direct Debit)	£52.00	No	£52.00
5.1.26.	Tedburn Times	To printing of village magazine	£400.00	No	£400.00
5.1.26.	Devon Mobility	Donation	£100.00	No	£100.00
5.1.26.	Parish Online	Annual subscription	£132.00	No	£132.00

February The parish council approved the payments unanimously by a show of hands.

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
2.2.26.	Jane Clark	Clerk's salary, home office, phone	£793.49	No	£793.49
2.2.26.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and Employer's N.I.	£275.75	No	£275.75
2.2.26.	DCC Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension	£266.47	No	£266.47
2.2.26.	David Yelland	Village maintenance	£605.00	No	£605.00
2.2.26.	TSM Village Hall	Hall hire	£18.00	No	£18.00
2.2.26.	Jane Clark	Reimburse Instant Ink payment	£13.49	No	£13.49
2.2.26.	Google	Email and website hosting	£129.80	No	£129.80
2.2.26.	J. Dixon reimbursement	Village website domain	£28.80	No	£28.80
2.2.26.	Devon Communities Together	Annual Subscription	£50.00	No	£50.00

Date of next meeting is Monday, 2nd March at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 7.30