

**Minutes of the Tedburn St Mary Parish Council meeting held at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall on Monday,
7th September, 2026 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Cllr L. Taylor, Cllr L Cole, Cllr C Stacey, Cllr H. Trump, Cllr J. Dixon, Cllr T. Woodley, Cllr S. Rodda, Teignbridge District Councillor (TDC) Cllr A. Swain (part). Eight members of the public present. J. Clark, parish clerk.

- 1. Open Forum** – A member of the public asked to whom they should direct any issues regarding footpaths in the village, the Chair responded that the first point of contact is the parish clerk, details on the parish council website www.tedburnstmaryparishcouncil.gov.uk.

A member of the public asked if the parish council will be seeking support for the possible closure of the Fingle Glen/A30 junction turning going west, following the recent traffic accident at this site. The Chair responded that the parish council had previously approached Highways England. At the time, the council was told that Highways England were considering this but it was not a priority as they were already committed to a similar request in Launceston where multiple accidents had already occurred.

Cllr Cole was leading on this and she added that during her discussions with Highways England she was told there had been no fatalities at the junction by Tedburn. Members of the public wished to register their concern about the danger this right-hand turn presents and discussed the recent accident at this spot. Chair said the council will contact Highways England again if a closure is being considered and to ask for the speed camera to be moved closer to the junction to try to effect slower speeds along this stretch of road.

CLERK TO ACTION

Cllr Woodley made the point that traffic has increased by 30% since 2008. There was a general agreement among both the council and members of the public that the junction is dangerous. There was a recent accident at this junction and the parish council to raise this at the same time. It was also agreed that the noise from the road is also increasing. One member of the public said that he had experienced a problem when a bus was turning right at the junction, as the larger vehicle extended beyond the junction and affected other vehicles. A member of the public is keen to raise a petition and will keep the council updated as to progress.

The applicants associated with the planning application on the agenda explained their need to amend the original planning which has already been approved by TDC.

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- 2. Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** Cllr Wilson. Cllr Putt. Approved
- 3. Declarations of interest.** Cllr L Taylor for item 4. Cllr Trump for item 11.
- 4. Planning. 26/01250/FUL Hember Barn , Tedburn St Mary.** Proposed change of use of existing barn to a self-build dwellinghouse including a proposed extension, plant room, double garage/workshop. Cllr Taylor stood down and handed over to Cllr Trump to lead. The council supported the application by a show of hands, 6 for and one abstention due to declaration of interest.
- 5. Planning Decisions.** None received at time of meeting.
- 6. Reports from Devon County and Teignbridge District Councillors.** TDC Cllr Swain's report. Received and noted. Cllr Swain updated the council on the very recent announcement that the Local Government Review has been halted and it is likely elections will be held next year according to the current boundaries.

He also said there have been widespread delays for waste bin clearance. This is being addressed with further funding and by increasing staff. However, some delays will continue until the gap in service level is closed fully.

Cllr Swain reported that a new funding stream for play parks is available. He shared the information in his September report and the councillors were copied in to this for information. Clerk to put it on the October agenda for further discussion. **CLERK TO ACTION**

7. **To approve the minutes of the August 2026 parish council meeting as a true record.** The council voted 6 To 1 (due to absence) by a show of hands to approve the minutes as a true record.
8. **To approve request to place bunting in the village, in accordance with required health and safety around installation.** No longer required, event cancelled.
9. **To finalise arrangements for installation of secure storage unit.** Deferred to next meeting. **CLERK TO ACTION**
10. **Update on issues relating to St Mary's Car Park.** Cllr Woodley reported that most of the permanently parked cards have been removed. At the time of the meeting there were there was one permanently parked untaxed car and Cllr Woodley to continue to work to resolve this situation.
11. **To consider parish council's response to concerns raised by parishioners regarding the number of vehicles in Westwater Hill lay by.** Following a discussion, the council agreed it has concerns, as follows:-

Environmental impact regards human waste disposal

General waste disposal

That entry was gained by moving the 'Lego' bricks and picking the lock

It appears to be set up as a permanent settlement

Detrimental impact on neighbouring properties and residents because previous experience is that noisy generators are used during the colder weather

During a previous occupation, the BT access chamber was used for human waste

The clerk to write to South West Water, BT, Environment Agency, Highways, DCC Planning raising the councils concerns. **CLERK TO ACTION**

12. **To consider response to complaints about overflowing dog waste bin located at the Recreation Field.** Two extra collections for the last week of August and first week of September have been arranged by the clerk as it is possible there is more use during the school summer holidays. The clerk to monitor the situation and if there is an ongoing issue then the clerk to place a notice reminding people that general waste bins can also be used for dog waste and that there is another dog waste bin at the entrance of the drive of the recreation field. **CLERK TO ACTION**
13. **Review list of grit bins that need repair and/or refill for clerk to forward to DCC Highways.** Cllr Dixon to forward list to clerk in order to inform Highways. **CLLR DIXON AND CLERK TO ACTION**
14. **To discuss if the parish council wishes to pursue request to close right hand turn at Fingle Glen A30 junction.** Following a discussion, the council agreed unanimously by a show of hands to contact Highways England again regarding the possibility of closing this junction. A petition to gauge support is being organised by member of the public. Clerk to meet with Cllr Cole to begin the process with particular reference to previous correspondence and the recent accident which resulted in injury and the closure of the A30 in the area for 8 hours in both directions. **CLERK AND CLLR COLE TO ACTION**
15. **To review issues raised regarding parking of cars in centre of the village, to include St Mary's car park and cars on Huishlane End near junction with North Park Road.** The council is to continue to liaise with the garage to try to improve the situation. The long-term parking of cars in St Mary's car park is associated with the parking in the centre of the village but this has improved over recent weeks (see item 10).
16. **To review parish council response to high number of SWW repairs and lack of notification for residents.** The parish council encouraged members of the public to deal directly with SWW. The parish council is not going to take further action at this time.

17. To review management of hedge at bottom of School Lane. Clerk to show the hedge on right hand side outside Number 22 to Highways Officer with regard to who is responsible for keeping it trimmed and the top of the hedge outside number 26. **CLERK TO ACTION**

18. Review of receipts and expenditure against budget for council approval. The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the bank reconciliation report to 31st August 2026 and it was signed by the Chair. Reserves to be reviewed at the October meeting. **CLERK TO ACTION**

19. To receive and approve the monthly bank reconciliation. The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the receipts and expenditure against budget report and it was signed by the Chair.

20. Review of action points from previous meetings.

- a. **Clerk to check with Highways Officers about replacement of wig-wag warning signs for school.** Still waiting to hear from Highways Officer, will chase again.
- b. **Update on councillors recording and reporting sites of abandoned road closure/warning signs using What 3 Words.** Clerk to ask Highways Officer to remove signs left at top of Goldscross Lane on main road and signs left opposite the shop and the tree cutting sign close to Lilly Brook Bridge.
- c. **CLERK TO ACTION**
- d. **Access onto Millennium Orchard via garden gate.** Clerk has met with a representative of Teign Housing. The matter is in hand but the clerk was told it is being hindered as unable to access the process currently. Following a discussion the council agreed unanimously by a show of hands to carry out the work itself. Clerk to tell Teign Housing that the parish council will restore the fence to its former state. Clerk to get parish council contractor to carry out the work. **CLERK TO ACTION**
- e. **Request for speed survey.** Clerk inquired re commissioning a speed survey but Highways currently refused this request unless funded by parish.
- f. **Work on Little Chapel will now commence and complete during October.**

21. Correspondence. Clerk to reply to Hastoe homes re house at Oldridge View. **CLERK TO ACTION**

22. Reports from parish councillors and clerk. None

23. Payments for approval. The council resolved to approve the payments unanimously by a show of hands as shown below. This varies from the amounts shown on the agenda as there was a query with regard to the DALC payment. This is now for one delegate only. Another payment deferred to October.

	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
7.9.26.	Jane Clark	Salary	£793.49	No	£793.49
7.9.26.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE % NI	£275.75	No	£275.75
7.9.26.	DCC Pension Fund	Clerk's pension	£235.53	No	£235.53
7.9.26.	David Yelland	Village maintenance contract	£605.00	No	£605.00
7.9.26.	TSM Village Hall	Hall Hire	£18.00	No	£18.00
7.9.26.	Google	Email and website	£129.80	No	£129.80
7.9.26.	J. Dixon	Village website hosting	£28.80	No	£28.80
7.9.26.	Curry's	Computer support	£9.49	No	£9.49
7.9.26.	DM Payroll	Payroll services	£117.00	£23.40	£140.40
7.9.26.	DALC	One delegate at AGM	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
7.9.26.	Fry & Son	Materials for repair of play equipment and benches at Millennium Orchard	£40.03	£8.01	£48.04
7.9.26.	Jane Clark	Office expenses April – August inc.	£84.50	No	£84.50
7.9.26.	Green-trees	For crown lift of secondary branches to about 7m where overhanging fence and garden at Millennium Orchard	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
7.9.26.	Toby's Sheds	Security Shed	£1,815.84	£363.16	£2,179.00
7.9.26.	PKF Littlejohn	2025-2026 External Audit	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00

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