

**Minutes of the Tedburn St Mary Parish Council meeting held at Pathfinder Village Hall on Tuesday,
6th October, 2026 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Chair Cllr L. Taylor, Cllr C Stacey, Cllr H. Trump, Cllr J. Dixon, Cllr T. Woodley, Cllr S. Rodda, Cllr K. Wilson. Three members of the public present. **Attending** J. Clark, parish clerk.

- 1. Open Forum.** A member of the public raised their concern about the safety of the A30 westbound turning at Fingle Glen. Further to this they went on to say they would prefer that the junction is closed completely in both directions thus ridding the area of the problem. The Chair responded saying the parish council has written to Highways England requesting a meeting to discuss options. This is the second time the parish council has approached Highways England about this issue and were previously told to approach Highways England again once work in Cornwall on a similar junction was complete and the parish council is now following up this offer.
- 2. Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** Cllr L. Cole, Cllr J. Putt. Approved.
- 3. Declarations of interest.** None
- 4. Planning.** None
- 5. Planning Decisions.** 26/01168/FUL. Red Lion Inn, Tedburn St Mary. Extension and alterations to existing public house and associated works. Granted by TDC.
- 6. Reports from Devon County and Teignbridge District Councillors.** None.
- 7. To approve the minutes of the September 2026 parish council meeting as a true record.** The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the September minutes as a true record.
- 8. To finalise arrangements for installation of secure storage unit. (Deferred from September meeting due to Cllrs Wilson and Putt's absence).** Volunteers and councillors kindly removed the existing shed. Cllr Taylor reported she has been in touch with the suppliers to finalise the specification of the new unit. The unit is due to be installed in October following the completion of groundworks. Some more concrete blocks are required and these will be purchased in time for work to begin.
- 9. To discuss and consider if the parish council is to apply for funding from the recent funding streams outlined in a report from Teignbridge District Council (TDC) Cllr Swain. Agenda item requested in item 6 of the September meeting.** Councillors to look at the options outlined in the report and identify any opportunities and this to be an agenda item at the next meeting. **COUNCILLORS AND CLERK TO ACTION**
The Chair suspended Standing Orders to take a comment from a member of the public at 1950. A concern was raised that the gate at the Recreation Field has a gap too large to stop dogs entering the play the play area from the field. Cllr Woodley responded as he is the representative on the Recreation Association. Cllr Woodley reported that the Recreation Committee is currently considering its position with regard to dogs using the area.
Standing Orders reinstated at 1954
- 10. To consider the parish council response to the consultation regarding the changes to the original application pertaining to the Lower Hare landfill.** Cllr Trump reported that that changes in the application increase the number of journeys considerably, in the region of 60%. Following a discussion the parish council resolved to the object strongly on the grounds of increased traffic and wear and tear on the roads. **CLERK TO ACTION**
- 11. To consider the parish council's presence on the Welfare Committee following Cllr Moody's resignation.** Cllr Woodley volunteered to take over from Cllr Moody and will contact the committee direct. **CLLR WOODLEY TO ACTION**
- 12. To update council on response to letter about environmental concerns of occupation of Westwater Hill layby.** The Travellers' Liaison Officer responded to the recent correspondence from the council and this was shared by the clerk to all councillors. Following a discussion, the parish council is going to request a meeting with the Travellers' Liaison Officer. **CLERK TO ACTION (Cllrs Woodley and Stacey to lead)**
- 13. Update from Recreation Association about black bin in recreation field and impact on dog bin waste.** Cllr Woodley to contact the Recreation Association regards supply and emptying of waste bin at the field as the dog waste bin has over capacity since the removal of the larger black bin. **CLLR WOODLEY TO ACTION**
- 14. Update on issues relating to St Mary's Car Park.** Cllr Woodley reported there is one car remaining and he is in the process of finding more about the background and will report back. **CLLR WOODLEY TO ACTION**

- 15. Update about request to revisit closure of Fingle Glen A30 junction.** The clerk reported that acknowledgements of receipt of the letter requesting a site visit by a representative of Highways England had been received. The clerk to chase the request by phone and report back to The Chair.
CLERK TO ACTION
- 16. 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 Four Oaks Road.** The situation is much improved and chair to thank those involved. **CLLR TAYLOR TO ACTION**
- 17. To review parish council reserves ahead of the pending budget round.** The parish council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to close the Neighbourhood Plan reserve as a plan was no longer being considered. Similarly the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to close the Woodlands Bus Stop reserve as the amount is inadequate. The allocated reserves will now be recorded in general reserves.
CLERK TO ACTION
- 18. To review IT costs and consider impact on budget – Cllr Dixon.** Cllr Dixon presented a report outlining five options, including the current provider, offering similar services at less cost. Following a discussion the council resolved to change the IT provider in line with Cllr Dixon's recommendations. Cllr Dixon to organise the transition as soon as possible. **CLLR DIXON TO ACTION**
- 19. To identify grit bins that need replacing and/or refilling.** Cllr Dixon sent a list and clerk to forward to DCC. Clerk to report the broken bin at Pike's Hill. Cllr Trump will continue to monitor Southill. Cllr Rodda School Lane and Cleave Close, Cllr Stacey Southway and North Park Road. Cllr Dixon the bin close to 13 School Lane. Cllr Woodley Church Hill, Thornwood and Combe Valley, Cllr Taylor will monitor the two bins on the C50, (one near North Park Road and the other near the access to Church Hill) and the one at the top of Six Mile Hill. Cllr Putt Higher Brook and Dragon Fly Cottage and the bin opposite Home View and the one by Lower Uppacott. Clerk to place on the January agenda for a review of the impact of winter on the bins.
CLERK TO ACTION
- 20. Review of receipts and expenditure against budget for council approval.** The council received and approved the expenditure against budget report unanimously by a show of hands.
- 21. To receive and approve the monthly bank reconciliation.** The council received and approved the bank reconciliation unanimously by a show of hands.
- 22. Review of action points from previous meetings.**
- a. **Clerk to check with Highways Officers about replacement of wig-wag warning signs for school.**
The clerk wrote to DCC and to the Highways Officer. Both replied that replacing the signs has been approved but neither department could confirm a date for installation. Item closed.
- 23. Correspondence.** Nothing further.
- 24. Reports from parish councillors and clerk.** The clerk reported that the budget round would begin in November and an item will be placed on the agenda. Deadline for setting Precept is January 2027. Cllr Rodda submitted the Millennium Orchard safety report. **CLERK TO ACTION**
- 25. Payments for approval.** The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the payments as follows. (NB changed payment to DCC Pension due to overpayment as that published on agenda).

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total
6.10.26.	Jane Clark	Salary, to include backdated pay from 1 st April for 3.3% local government pay award	£942.86	No	£942.86
6.10.26.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE % NI	£342.79	No	£342.79
6.10.26.	DCC Pension Fund	Clerk's pension	£204.59	No	£204.59
6.10.26.	David Yelland	Village maintenance contract	£605.00	No	£605.00
6.10.26.	TSM Village Hall	Hall Hire	£18.00	No	£18.00
6.10.26.	Google	Emails and websites	£129.80	No	£129.80
6.10.26.	J. Dixon	Village website hosting	£28.80	No	£28.80
6.10.26.	Curry's	Computer support	£9.49	No	£9.49
6.10.26.	VisionICT	Website hosting for village website annual fee	£190.75	£38.15	£228.90
6.10.26.	DALC	Attendance Cllr Taylor at DALC AGM	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
6.10.26.	Jane Clark	143 x 0.55 p per mile for six months' travel mileage expenses	£78.65	No	£78.65
6.10.26.	Jane Clark	Reimburse ink contract	£13.49	No	£13.49