

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on - 13th January 2026 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Stephen Kimsey (SK) (Chair), Dot Hayward (DH), Marc Vyvyan-Jones (MVJ), Mary Abel (MA), Chris Chanter (CC) and Francis Nicholson (FN).

No	Discussion	Action
1	Apologies - Sarah Payne (SPa), Louise Cook (LC), Steve Powles (SPo) and Stephen Pugsley (SPu).	
2	Declarations of Interest - none declared	
3	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate representation of the discussion of the 9th December meeting and signed off.	
4	<p>Matters Arising Dunster roadworks for 3 months are causing major traffic issues. The gritting lorries are coming through Huish Champflower but not putting down grit, do they still think the road is closed? Councillors Francis Nicholson (FN) and Stephen Pugsley (SPu) to chase up at the LCN meeting on Thursday. Queries were raised around the repairs to Washbattle Bridge, all repairs are constantly being reprioritised by the County Council and the highest most urgent repairs in the county get completed, so it is uncertain when this repair will be done.</p> <p>Denise to be asked to the next Parish Council meeting to see what support the church needs and can the parish council help.</p> <p>Barbed wire on the Cleeve, DH to send a reminder letter to the owners of Potato Villa</p> <p>Hedges overhanging the road 2 areas have been identified, one at the end of West Coombe lane and one at the top of the Cleeve. DH and MVJ are to send letters to the owners</p>	<p>FN/ SPu</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>DH/ MVJ</p>
5	<p>Somerset Council Updates:- In addition to the above The Boundary Commission has completed its consultation and results are awaited Huish Champflower grit bins were checked and were full. MA raised the issue of blocked drains, reported and no action, the runoff has eroded the driveway. MA to keep reporting and FN to chase. LCN's are still being reviewed, they have been very useful here, but have not worked in other areas.</p>	MA/ FN
6	<p>Highways</p> <p>Finger post repairs DH to chase up again. Roadsigns SK to chase Kali from Highways on who supplies their signs Timberscombe has someone who supplies their signs, CC to ask who their supplier is. It was agreed that we would have Green advisory speed limit signs, posts would be attached to the 3 planters for the signs to go on. Planters are just about to be</p>	<p>DH SK CC</p>

	refurbished so this is an opportune time to do this. A few reminder signs to go onto the existing posts in the village. In addition a Stop sign to be fitted to a tree at the bottom of the Cleeve. Line markings in the village will be refreshed by the County Council later in the year.	
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>We currently have one account with Nat West the balance is £9,704.27. There have been no payments since the last meeting.</p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed that the precept should remain unchanged this year.</p> <p>Charitable donations were agreed to be made to:-</p> <p>Exmoor Search and Rescue of £100 British Heart Foundation £100 RNLI £250.</p> <p>DH to organise the payments DH to open a second investment account</p>	DH DH
8	<p>Planning</p> <p>The woodland development on the Cleeve is still a cause for concern, The Planning Dept have responded to CPRE's complaint but no reply to local residents who complained. So far no action from Planning. There is a lot of waste on the site.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>Grant requested by the village hall to put in a self closing gate by the swings to reduce the walk along the road. Initial estimates are in the region of £350.</p> <p>Repairs are urgently needed to the Cricket hut doors as these are dangerous</p> <p>Also funding a toaster as this was important when the hall was used as an emergency base.</p> <p>DH to get a letter from the Village Hall requesting a grant for these pieces of work.</p> <p>Somerset Wildlife Trust there is some fly tipping here DH to notify the wildlife trust.</p>	DH DH
10	Date of Next meeting:- Tuesday 10th March	