

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on - 10th March 2026 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Stephen Kimsey (SK) (Chair), Dot Hayward (DH), Mary Abel (MA), Francis Nicholson (FN) Sarah Payne (SPa), Louise Cook (LC), Steve Powles (SPo) and Stephen Pugsley (SPu).

No	Discussion	Action
1	Chris Chanter and Marc Vyvan-Jones	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> - none declared	
3	<b>The Minutes</b> were agreed as an accurate representation of the discussion of the 13th January. SK proposed they were accepted and MA seconded, they were then signed off.	
4	<b>Matters Arising:</b> The hedges overhanging the roads have now been cut. Barbed wire on the Cleeve letter still to be sent DH Washbattle Bridge repairs are on a wait list to be done, Scotts Hill bridge is also a problem The Boundary Commission have finalised their report and we now come under "Brendon Hills and the Coast", hopefully the 2 areas serving Exmoor can get together in one LCN as this has been working extremely well.	DH
5	<b>Somerset Council Updates:</b> The budget for Somerset Council has been set and at this time there are no extra burdens on the parishes Hopefully there will be extra funding from the Rivers Trust to help with gully clearing The grit bin meeting for Highway Wardens will now be held in June, we need to ensure grit is checked before then. DH for next agenda	DH
6	<b>Highways:</b> Finger post repairs will eventually get done but there is a backlog for this specialist work. Roadsigns SK has asked Kali from Highways where these can be sourced from, a reminder to be sent The Three planters in the village to be refurbished shortly, they will have an additional post at the back where the speed limit signs can go. The Stop sign at the bottom of the Cleeve DH to talk to Kate Brown about this, LC to send details of the accidents that have happened at this junction	SK  DH/LC
7	<b>The Church:</b> Denise Broom and Julie Powles came so we could explore together what we could help them with. There are only 2 community assets in the village: the Hall and the Church. After discussion with the Church PCC they requested help with repairing the organ. The Organ restorer has quoted £1752 including VAT plus electrical checks. It is a nineteenth century organ and will take 3 weeks to repair. Plus the usual help with grass and hedge cutting. The parish council needs to check how much grant funding they can give in a year, DH to explore and then feedback by email to the parish councillors. DH to feedback to Denise and Julie	DH DH
8	<b>Finance:</b>	

	<p>We currently have £9704.07, no payments since the last meeting.  A lot of issues with online banking to revert to cheque payments for the present time.  Payments to be made:-  Exmoor search and Rescue £100  British Heart Foundation £100  RNLI £250  Air Ambulance £250  Clerks wages for 6 months approx £955 plus Tax- SK to work out the figures.  Doors to be fitted in the village Hall Cricket club tomorrow, invoice likely to be approximately £250  Investment account to be opened  Check Insurance payment no invoices received  Pay Village Hall for rent for 2 meetings</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>SK</p>
9	<p><b>Planning:</b>  Councillor Stephen Pugsley is continuing to chase Planning Enforcement about the woodland development on the Cleeve where a house is being built.</p>	SPu
10	<p><b>AOB</b>  Litter Picking Event: SK to contact Somerset Council in Wellington as they have some equipment that we can have to help with this. The council will then collect on the following Monday. Need to advertise DH and offer tea/ coffee and cake for the volunteers. Event to be held on Sunday 26th April 2-4 pm.  Hydrant drain cover on Tanners Hill keeps flipping up, Dot to report this.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>DH/All</p> <p>DH</p>
11	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  Tuesday 12th May 2026  To include both Annual meetings and the regular parish meeting</p>	