

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Church Rooms

Those present were noted as Cllrs A Hargraves (Chair), O Baker, A Ford, P Hodge and L Tully. Also present were L Roslyn (Parish Clerk).

144⁽²⁵⁾ Public Forum Session

No matters raised.

145⁽²⁵⁾ Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Jackson (standing) and B Gudzelak (unwell).

146⁽²⁵⁾ Declarations of any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests from members regarding matters on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were received from members regarding matters on the agenda.

147⁽²⁵⁾ Minutes for Approval

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (PCM) held on 16 December 2025 and they were duly signed by the Chair.

148⁽²⁵⁾ Finance

- a) It was **resolved to note** the approval of expenditure authorised by the Clerk and Chair in accordance with section 4.1 of the Financial Regulations for repairs to the water supply at the cemetery, however Cllr P Hodge advised no costs had been incurred in the repair so the item will be removed from the budget.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the January Monthly Accounts and Budget Statement and new invoices totalling £790.85 were authorised for online payment.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the Budget (v2.0) for 2026-2027 and the Precept was set at £16,079.30.

149⁽²⁵⁾ Governance – Policies and Procedures

- a) **IT and Email Policy (v1.0)** – It was **resolved to approve** the adoption of the new IT and Email Policy (v1.0).
- b) **Community Grant Policy (v1.1)** - It was **resolved to approve** the adoption of the new Community Grant Policy and Application Form (v1.1).

150⁽²⁵⁾ Planning/Enforcement

No planning matters were raised.

151⁽²⁵⁾ Working Group Updates

a) Croscombe Flood Group (CFG)

- i) Cllr P Hodge's update report was noted.
- ii) Cllr P Hodge reported on his draft responses to Somerset Council's Section 19 Investigation of the January 2024 flood event and asked Councillors to submit any further comments.

b) Orchard Working Group (OWG)

Cllr L Tully reported on the Wassail event and had nothing further to report.

c) **Play Area Group (PAWG)** – no update report was received from Cllr B Gudzelak.

152⁽²⁵⁾ Cemetery Field – Stock Proof Fencing

Cllr A Hargraves reported on his discussions with local landowners about replacing their fencing along the boundaries of the South Field. The Clerk advised that the rental agreement requires the licensee to ensure that the field is kept “*reasonably stock-proof during the period of the licence*” and Cllr L Tully **agreed** to talk to the current licensee about installing electric fencing whilst his sheep are in the field.

153⁽²⁵⁾ Village Hall

Cllr A Ford had nothing to report from the recent Village Hall meeting.

154⁽²⁵⁾ Somerset Council Report

Cllr M Lovell’s report was noted and Cllr A Hargraves advised that ML had agreed to look into the status of Somerset Council’s repairs to the wall on the edge of the village, significantly damaged by the 2024 flood and for the past two years been replaced by a plastic fence.

155⁽²⁵⁾ Clerk’s Report

The Clerk’s report was noted and forms part of these minutes. Cllr A Hargraves advised that a resident had enquired as to why there was less material being published in the minutes, on the notice board and on the website – the Clerk advised that this was on her action plan. In the meantime she would produce notices for the boards advising who to contact for information from the Parish Council.

156⁽²⁵⁾ Date and Venue of Parish Council Meetings

The date of the next PCM was **noted** as Tuesday 3 February 2026 in the Church Rooms.

Meeting ended at 20:39.

Approved by the Chair of the meeting Date.....