

PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of **PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL** held in
Whitchurch Community Hall on **Wednesday 15th January** at **7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr R Phillips (Chair of the Council), Cllr E Cole, Cllr. A. Davies, Cllr. R. Pearson-Bunt and Cllr. Sturmer, Cllr. S. Ware, Cllr. I Walton.

In Attendance: Caroline Metcalf, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

266/25. Apologies for absence

None.

267/25. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

268/25. Public Question Time

The member of the public present brought to the Council's attention details of the South Hams Motor Club Primrose Rally which took place during the night of 11/12 January 2025 in the Parish. After discussions and review of video footage shown of the event, all members agreed to report to the Police, the Parish objection to the high speed of the vehicles and hand brake turns taken on the roads and their concern regarding the dangers for livestock and pedestrians. Brentor Parish Council has also reported the incident to the Police.

269/25. Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th November 2024 and the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th January 2025

It was AGREED by all to formally adopt the Council meeting minutes held on 27th November.

It was AGREED by all, except Cllr. Phillips who abstained, to formally adopt the Planning Committee minutes, held on 7th January 2025.

270/25. Receive reports from the County and Borough Councillors

The Borough and County Councillor were not present at the meeting.

271/25. Previous matters arising from the minutes not listed as separate items on this agenda:

- a) **Update on signposts** – The reported down signposts are still not repaired or correct. Cllr. Cole to forward photos and information to the Clerk to follow up with Devon Highways.
- b) **Update on Boundary Stones/Engravement on Ward Bridge** – Cllr. Sturmer had contacted Devon Highways regarding engraving initials on Ward Bridge. Their reply 'The County Council would not be happy with alterations to the bridge without the Agreement of the National Park's Building Conservation Officer and also of the County Archaeologist.' It was also suggested that a piece of granite engraved with the initials set just above road level thus acting as a rubbing stone. This will be in keeping and ensure the original fabric of the structure remains altered. After discussions, the Clerk was asked to write to both the Conservation Officer and Archaeologist to obtain permission. The Clerk confirmed the Council had now received £350 grants from both the Borough and County Councillor for this project.
- c) **Update on Internet Banking** – still in progress.
- d) **Snow Warden** – After discussions, it was agreed that the Clerk be named as the Snow Warden.
- e) **Tiny Wilds School** – There was no further information at this time.

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- f) **Drake's Café nomination for Community Asset** – The community asset nomination form has been submitted to West Devon Borough Council. Awaiting an update.

272/25. Approve Council's Internal Control Statement

All agreed to approve.

273/25. Discuss and consider purchasing a Mobile Salt Spreader

A grant submitted to the Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund to fund the spreader had been turned down. After discussions, it was agreed the item was not required.

274/25. Planning Matters to consider

There were no planning matters to consider.

Cllr. Sturmer raised concerns regarding the Council not being notified of a recent planning application, which is not the first time and proposed sending a letter to the Head of Dartmoor Planning Department, copying in Cllr. P. Sanders, highlighting that the Council were disappointed with the service and that they could not service the community correctly, if they weren't informed of planning applications to consider. All agreed. The Clerk to action.

275/25. Confirm appointment of Internal Auditor

All agreed to appoint Penny Clapham the internal auditor for 2024-25.

276/25. Review 3rd quarter budget monitoring sheet and bank reconciliation

After review, all agreed to approve the report and bank reconciliation.

277/25. Sampford Spiney defibrillator

Cllr. Sturmer stated an application to install a defibrillator at Sampford Spiney Church had been turned down. After discussions, it was agreed that the Council would be happy to work with the Church to obtain a defibrillator and help submit a new application but would first need to know why the application was rejected.

278/245. VE Day – 8th May 2025

After discussions, Cllr. Davies will approach the owner of Pew Tor, to ask whether they would allow a VE event to take place on their land.

279/25. Approve the following Invoices for Payment:

- Clerk's December 2024 monthly salary, plus £3 for Land Registry Deeds - £201.40
- HMRC ending 5 January 2025 - £43
- Clerk's January 2025 monthly salary – £198.40
- HMRC ending 5 February 2025 – £43.20
- E. Pascoe's & Son - Boundary stones & Ward Bridge engravement - £354
- Donation to TASS - £100
- Donation to CAB - £50
- Donation to St. Andrew's, Church, Whitchurch - £150
- Whitchurch Community Hall - £64

Cllr. Walton enquired regarding the land registry fee.

All payments were approved.

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280/245. Agenda items for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.30pm at Whitchurch Community Hall.

1. Sampford Spiney defibrillator.
2. VE Day – 8th May 2025
3. Government's White Paper and Code of Conduct.

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Council

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