

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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To: Councillors Y Elliott (Chair), J Bibby, D Edwards, A Fitzpatrick, T Guest, M Jonas, C Partridge, S Raynor & J Welby

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** in Church House, Widecombe on **THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.30pm**

Suzanna Hughes

Clerk to the Parish Council

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members to be reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.

3. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public are invited to address the Council

4. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2026

6. REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

- (a) County Councillor
- (b) District Councillors
- (c) DNPA Representatives
- (d) Police
- (e) Delegate Reports

7. PROJECTS & ESTATES

(Cllrs Raynor, Edwards & Fitzpatrick)

(a) Parish Field

Report and update

(b) **TDC Assets Review**

To receive information from TDC and to arrange a date for a further meeting

(c) **Defibrillator**

Cllr Edwards to report on the interruption of electricity impacting the defibrillator

(d) **North Hall Manor/Glebe Farm – location of archaeological artefacts**

To receive correspondence from parishioners requesting the Parish Council's support to try and locate the archaeological artefacts removed following the DNPA-led and DNPA-funded archaeology dig

8. PLANNING/LOCAL LIAISON

(Cllrs Bibby, Partridge, Guest & Welby)

- **New planning applications/appeals**

None

- **Planning Decisions/Withdrawals**

None

- **Beating of the Bounds**

Update from Working Group (Cllrs Guest & Partridge)

9. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

(Cllrs Bibby, Partridge, Guest & Welby)

- **Cash Book & Parish Field**

Members to note income & expenditure

(b) **Payments**

To approve the following payments:

- Clerk's salary & disbursements – £295.77 (Feb)
- Leusdon Memorial Hall – hire (5 meetings in 2026) – £67.50

(c) **Small Grants Scheme**

To consider applications for a small grant and agree allocation of funding

- **Digital and Data Compliance – Assertion 10 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return**
- To adopt an IT policy which incorporates a 'Bring Your Own Device' policy
- To adopt a Data Protection Policy which incorporates a Data Retention Schedule
- To receive and note the data audit
- Update on new website

10. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Road Warden Scheme – update
- (b) Cleaning of road edges within the village centre – resident’s correspondence
- (c) To report any other highways matters

Potholes and other highways maintenance issues can be reported direct to DCC:

Online: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Telephone: 0345 155 1004

Email: customer@devon.gov.uk

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Members to be informed of all relevant correspondence not otherwise dealt with on the agenda:

- (a) Local Leaders’ Event – 26 February at 6pm (*Microsoft Teams*)

12. MEMBERS’ ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR GENERAL DISCUSSION, FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

Members are reminded that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognise that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future

13. NEXT MEETING

To confirm that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 5 March 2026 in Church House, Widecombe