

## **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 8 JANUARY 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 6 November 2025

#### **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**
  - (i) Report

- (ii) Grazing Licence 2026 – to agree tendering process
- (b) **Tree Survey**  
To receive and consider a quote for a tree survey
- (c) **Parking area/tree in front of Church House**  
To explore ownership

## **8. PLANNING/LOCAL LIAISON**

*(Cllrs Bibby, Partridge, Guest & Welby)*

- **New planning applications/appeals**

None

- **Planning Decisions/Withdrawals**
- 0361/25 – Shop on the Green, Widecombe

Extension of a residential dwelling through the change of use of part commercial ground floor (Class E) to residential use (C3)

To note that DNPA has granted conditional consent

- 0350/25 & 0351/25 – Higher Tor Farm, Poundsgate, Newton Abbot

Refurbishment of the cottage including replacement windows, external doors, porch, rainwater goods and chimney flue. PV slates on roof. New underfloor heating and floor finishes throughout.

To note that DNPA has granted conditional consent

## **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 (Jan)
- 20i (reimbursed to clerk) – new domain name – £30
- JKE Web Design – 25% upfront cost of website design and development – £134.40
- M Brown – Replacement tree and tree ties – £46.98

### **(c) Budget 2026-27**

To receive and consider draft budget proposals for 2026/26

## **10. HIGHWAYS**

(a) Road Warden Scheme – update

(b) Other highways matters:

(i) To note the relocation of a salt bin for the hill at Lower Blackaton

***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](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk)*

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Widecombe Trail Running event on 28 February

## **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 February 2026 in Church House, Widecombe