

# WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR 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 Leusdon Memorial Hall on **THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026 at 7.30pm**

Suzanna Hughes  
Clerk to the Parish Council

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## 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 5 March 2026

### 5. REPORTS

To receive the following reports:

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

### 6. PROJECTS & ESTATES

*(Cllrs Raynor, Edwards & Fitzpatrick)*

- (a) **Parish Field**
  - (i) Ash trees in adjacent land - update
  - (ii) Report and update
- (b) **Tree survey**  
To receive the report and take action, if required

### 7. PLANNING/LOCAL LIAISON

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

- (a) **New planning applications/appeals**
  - (i) [0074/26 – Higher Tor Farm, Poundsgate](#)  
Structural repair to historic timber fireplace lintel to stabilise existing historic crack
- (b) **Planning Decisions/Withdrawals**
  - (i) [26/0016 - Works to Trees in conservation area at the Kiosk, Widecombe In The Moor](#)  
T1 Sycamore - 5m crown lift T2 Sycamore -5m crown lift T3 Mixed stand of hedge trees which requires crown lifting

To note that DNPA has no objection to this works being carried out

- (c) **Beating of the Bounds**  
Update from Working Group (Cllrs Guest & Partridge)

## 8. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

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

(a) **Cash Book & Parish Field**

Members to note income & expenditure

(b) **Payments**

To approve the following payments:

- Clerk's salary & disbursements - £295.77 (April)
- JKE Web Design Ltd - £405.60
- G Partridge - Tree survey - £tbc
- Church House - hire of hall (2025-26) - £108

(c) **Dartmoor Search & Rescue**

To discuss how, if at all, the Parish Council could support Dartmoor Search & Rescue towards the cost of funding a drone

(d) **New website**

Update

(e) **Annual Parish Meeting - 21 May 2026**

To confirm format and arrangements

## 9. HIGHWAYS

(a) Road Warden Scheme – update

***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)*

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

(a) Letter from a resident about traffic speed in the parish

(b) To receive notes of thanks from those groups awarded a small grant

## 11. 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*

(a) To note that the bus service (271) from Newton Abbot to Widecombe and back which, in the past has operated on a Saturday (May – September), will also be operating on a Thursday giving more opportunities for residents and visitors to get around.

## 12. NEXT MEETING

To confirm that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 7 May 2026 in Leusdon Memorial Hall