



Dalwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 2 March 2026 at 19:30 hrs
Dalwood Village Hall (Ref: 25/26.7)

Councillors: Kathy Laing (Chair), Peter Lawrence, Graham Perry, Christine Wyatt

In attendance: Ian Walker (Clerk & RFO)

Members of the public: Seven members of the public were present and Cllr Cathy Connor

	Item	Action
1	<p>Public Forum Members of the public raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A long discussion took place concerning the current state of the roads around the parish but particularly focussing on the roads around Hawley Bottom/Larkshayes Farm. It was agreed that evidence would be provided to the Clerk to enable him to write again to EDDC planning department concerning field drainage which appeared to be a significant contributing factor to the deterioration of the roads in that area. b. Cllr Connor presented her report on DCC activity for March 2026. 	Clerk
2	<p>Apologies for absence Cllrs Tim Hodges, Tony Benger and Ben Trott</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest in agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None 	
4	<p>Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. It was noted that the CPR/defibrillator training session from South Western Ambulance Service was held in the Village Hall on 19 January 2026. It was well attended and the Clerk had agreed to get the present defibrillator onto the appropriate register. b. The loan of the thermal imaging camera by TCVCLT went ahead as planned in December/January and it was agreed to ask TCVCLT to present the results at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on 1 June 2026. 	Clerk Clerk

6	<p>Finance and administration</p> <p>a. The attached schedule of nine payments totalling £943.11 and made since the last meeting (either being pre-authorised as regular payments or authorised by way of the WhatsApp group) was noted and approved (26.12).</p> <p>b. The attached summary of receipts and payments to 23 February 2026 showing a balance in hand in the Lloyds Bank community account at that date of £562.42 and at Redwood Bank deposit account of £14,798.05 was noted and approved (26.13).</p> <p>c. The attached Lloyds Bank statement and reconciliation and the Redwood Bank statement, both as at 23 February 2026 were noted and approved (26.14/15).</p> <p>d. It was agreed that the following payments should be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DP & MG White – ditch clearance £168.00 ii. I Walker – stationery supplies. £34.32 <p>e. It as agreed to make an annual donation to The Blackdown Hills Parish Network of £50.</p> <p>f. The Clerk presented a brief paper on the setting up of a new <i>gov.uk</i> parish council web site and it was agreed that the Clerk should proceed with instructions to Hugo Fox at a cost of £200 (plus VAT) and a monthly cost of £20 (plus VAT).</p> <p>g. Correspondence had recently been received from Devon CC concerning the proposed Village Green and it was noted that the matter was still proceeding, albeit somewhat slowly.</p> <p>h. It was noted that the application to EDDC for the listing of the Tuckers Arms as a Community Interest Property was underway, although a recent delay had occurred pending the return of the owners from holiday.</p> <p>i. The correspondence from Devon & Cornwall Police was noted. There were no volunteers to attend the quarterly Councillor Advocate Scheme meetings but it was agreed that the Axminister Neighbourhood Policing team should be asked to present to the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>a. Register of Council Owned Trees – Cllr Benger agreed to update the register with historical acquisition data – <i>carried forward</i>.</p> <p>b. Bus shelter project – no further correspondence had been received from Taylor Wilkinson. It was agreed that the matter should still be pursued and it was also agreed that an offer of £400 for the two, now redundant, timber bus shelters from Mary Benger should be accepted.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>a. 26/0223/FUL – Hebers House – the parish council has no objections.</p>	
9	<p>Highway matters</p> <p>a. It was agreed that no further finger post signs were required at this time.</p> <p>b. See 1 a above.</p> <p>c. Notwithstanding an apparent delay in many areas of road maintenance/pothole repairs, residents were encouraged to continue to report problems on the local authority web site whenever they are seen.</p>	

10	<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</p> <p>a. It was noted that the significant damage to footpath 16 adjacent to the river had been reported to EDDC and that repairs were in hand (<i>since completed on 11 March 2026</i>)</p> <p>b. It was also noted that repairs to the village footpath system in general appear to have fallen behind in recent months. It was agreed that possible solutions would be discussed in due course. It was agreed that Cllr Laing would discuss matters in general with the present P3 representative and that the Clerk would also discuss matters with the County Council.</p>	OM/KL/ Clerk
11	<p>Water quality monitoring survey</p> <p>a. It was reported that test results had recently been completed and that they were "Good".</p>	
12	<p>Any other business</p> <p>a. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made of the Environment Agency concerning the timber flood defences that had been erected in the river adjacent to Hutchins Barton.</p> <p>b. It was agreed that enquiries should be made of the local council about the road warden/lengthsman scheme to see if it could be implemented in Dalwood.</p> <p>c. It was agreed that consideration should be given to a donation for a new edition of the paper footpath map of the village for distribution to visitors.</p>	Clerk Clerk
13	<p>Meetings for the year</p> <p>a. It was noted that Parish Council meetings for 2026/27 would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 6 May 2026 - <i>Annul Parish Council Meeting</i> ii. 3 June 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting iii. 6 July 2026 iv. 7 September 2026 v. 2 November 2026 vi. 4 January 2027 vii. 8 March 2027 	
14	The meeting closed at 21:10 hrs.	

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Chair

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