



## Dalwood Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 5 January 2026 at 19:30 hrs Dalwood Village Hall (Ref: 25/26.6)

**Councillors:** Kathy Laing (Chair), Tim Hodges, Tony Benger, Graham Perry, Ben Trott, Christine Wyatt

**In attendance:** Ian Walker (Clerk & RFO)

**Members of the public:** No members of the public were present.

	Item	Action
1	<b>Public Forum</b> Members of the public raised the following issues: a. None	
2	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr Peter Lawrence	
3	<b>Declarations of interest</b> in agenda items a. None	
4	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.	
5	<b>Matters arising</b> a. Cllr Tony Benger requested that approval for the pruning of trees falling under the responsibility of the parish council should only be given with full parish council approval in future. b. It was noted that the CPR/defibrillator training session from South Western Ambulance Service was being held in the Village Hall at 3:00pm on 19 January 2026. c. The Clerk was requested to ascertain whether the use of the loaned thermal imaging camera by TCVCLT went ahead as planned in December and, if it did, to ascertain the results, and to ascertain whether or not insurance cover was still required for the proposed loan later in January 2026.	Clerk

6	<p><b>Finance and administration</b></p> <p>a. The attached schedule of 18 payments totalling £1977.89 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 (26.4).</p> <p>b. The attached summary of receipts and payments to 17 December 2025 showing a balance in hand in the Lloyds Bank community account at that date of £1,255.77 and at Redwood Bank deposit account of £14,710.33 was noted and approved (26.5).</p> <p>c. It was noted that £1,000 had recently been transferred from the Redwood Bank deposit account and that a VAT refund of £249.76 had also been received.</p> <p>d. The attached Lloyds Bank statement and reconciliation and the Redwood Bank statement, both as at 17 December 2025 were noted and approved (26.6/7).</p> <p>e. The proposed budget was discussed and amended and approval was given to a budget showing total income of £8,450 and total expenditure of £8,315 (26.8).</p> <p>f. Unanimous approval was given to the setting of a precept for 2026/27 of £7,950 being an increase of 3.2% on the current year.</p> <p>g. The setting up of a new <i>gov.uk</i> web site was still being reviewed and it was agreed that further advice should be sought from HugoFox about the setting up of a new compliant web site.</p> <p>h. No further advice had been received from Devon CC concerning the proposed Village Green and it was agreed that this would be followed up.</p> <p>i. It was noted that an application had been made to EDDC for the listing of the Tuckers Arms as a Community Interest Property. It was agreed that the Clerk should be reimbursed for £50.36 being the cost of the associated Land Registry search.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
7	<p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <p>a. <b>Register of Council Owned Trees</b> – Cllr Benger agreed to update the register with historical acquisition data.</p> <p>b. <b>Bus shelter project</b> – no further correspondence had been received from Taylor Wilkinson. It was agreed that the matter should still be pursued.</p>	TB Clerk
8	<p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <p>a. None</p>	
9	<p><b>Highway matters</b></p> <p>a. No further communication had been received from EDDC concerning various long-standing issues around the removal of hedges and trees. It agreed that the Clerk should attempt to get an update from EDDC.</p> <p>b. Thanks were given to Cllr Perry for sourcing and obtaining two replacement finger board signs and approval was given for the payment of £132.00 to Bluebird Graphics for their supply. Further requirements were noted and approval given for their replacement also.</p> <p>c. It was agreed that a report should be made to the Highways Department concerning an apparent degradation of the road surface at the junction at the bottom of Dalwood Lane/Danes Hill.</p>	Clerk GP Clerk
10	<p><b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b></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.</p> <p>b. It was noted that the repairs to the footpath gate at Baggeton Farm were still outstanding but that repairs had been undertaken on footpath 13 to a very high standard.</p> <p>c. 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.</p>	OM All

11	<b>Water quality monitoring survey</b> a. Carried forward	CW
12	<b>Any other business</b> 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 Mowbars Hayes.	Clerk
13	<b>Meetings for the year</b> a. It was noted that Parish Council meetings for 2026/27 would be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 2 March 2026</li> <li>ii. 6 May 2026 - <i>Annul Parish Council Meeting</i></li> <li>iii. 3 June 2026 – <b>Annual Parish Meeting</b></li> <li>iv. 6 July 2026</li> <li>v. 7 September 2026</li> <li>vi. 2 November 2026</li> <li>vii. 4 January 2027</li> <li>viii. 8 March 2027</li> </ul>	
14	The meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.	

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Chair

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