

MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE MONKTON VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY 17TH JULY 2025 AT 7.30 PM

In attendance: Cllrs: Anthony Bond (C), Sarah Clark, Chris Mawer, Stewart Boyce, Paul Phillips, Tim Parnell District Councillor Colin Brown

1. Apologies for Absence: District Cllr Yehudi Levine

2. Disclosure of Interests: Cllr Tim Parnell for planning in agenda Item 7 – Little Thatch

3. To agree and sign minutes of the last meeting held on 15th May 2025 (AGM) - These had been circulated and agreed by Councillors and signed as a true and correct record.

4. To receive reports from County and District Councillors. – The Chairman firstly announced that Iain Chubb would no longer be attending our meetings as he was not voted in for the Devon County Council elections held at the beginning of May which was a great shame and he will be missed at our meetings. The Clerk said that she had emailed him on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him for his help and support over the last seven years of his term. She also said that she had emailed the new Councillor Cathy Conner to invite to her to this meeting but hoped that she would be able to attend next time. Cllr Brown said that there had hardly been any meetings within East Devon but he was waiting for a full council meeting next Monday so should have something to report at the next meeting.

5. Parishioner's Questions (Open Session): There were none.

6. To receive an update on the Village Hall: Full steam ahead with the renovation and the builders are already in and have started taking down the old toilets and stripping the area for the new kitchen. The builders have said that it should take them six weeks to carry out this work and the Clerk reminded the council of the financial implications which will need to be kept an eye on. Cllr Clark said that she is doing all of the sourcing of the materials with the help of the other parishioners and councillors present, and has approached Jewson's and they have been very helpful with costings. The Chairman thanked Cllr Clark and the team for all of their time and work that is being put into getting this off the ground.

7. Review Planning Application:

25/0433/FUL – Mr A Bond, Aplins Farm, Monkton – Roofing over existing livestock yard. – *Permission granted*

25/0785/FUL – Mr Hurford, Farleigh, Old Chard Road, Monkton – Construction of agricultural building – Council support

25/1246/LBC & FUL – Mr T. Parnell, Little Thatch, Monkton - Demolish existing garage, construction of new single storey garage; extension of annexe into former garage including addition of new door bay, revised patio and steps. – Council support.

8. To update Council on financial status and circulate end of financial year correspondence.

The Clerk ran through payments for this meeting and explained that from now on a detailed account of payments for the village hall repairs would be kept and can be seen on asking but for minuting purposes a grand total will be given:

Current account balance as at 30/04/25		£5205.62
Payments – May:	British Gas – Electric	£ 43.68
	Clerk’s Wages	£ 208.00
June:	D.A.L.C – Membership	£ 116.19
	T. Jenkins – Audit	£ 155.00
	MTD – PAYE	£ 216.00
	SWW – Hall water	£ 33.73
	British Gas – Electric	£ 174.49
	Bank service charge (2 mths)	£ 8.50
	Clerk’s Wages	£ 208.00
Balance as at 30 th June 2025		£4042.03

The Clerk reported that there was balance of £23,469.44 in the savings account and she suggested that a figure should be transferred to the current account to cover the on-going expenses for the hall. Cllr Boyce proposed that £20,000.00 should be transferred. This was seconded by Cllr Mawer. All in favour.

9. To update on the Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that she had contacted the British Heart Foundation who were running a grant funded operation to provide free defibs to communities that qualified through the criteria set. The Clerk had lodged an application and was waiting for a reply.

10. Date of the next meeting – 25th September 2025

11. Any other business – Cllr Phillips raised the issue of the man-hole cover that was loose on the pavement. The Clerk said that she had emailed Jonny Hill from Highways regarding the clearing of the pump of which she had had no reply but would also ask him about the manhole as well.

- As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Signed Dated: