

MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

In attendance: Cllrs: Anthony Bond (C), Sarah Clark, Stewart Boyce, Chris Mawer, Tim Parnell. PCSO Darren England and Sargent Jenny Palmer.

1. Apologies for Absence: District Cllr Colin Brown, Yehudi Levine

2. Disclosure of Interests: There were none.

3. To agree and sign minutes of the last meeting held on 13th November 2025 - 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. – There no verbal reports from either District or County Councillors. The Clerk said that if any written reports were received they would be forwarded to Councillors.

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

6. Clerk to update Councillors on .gov website and emails: The Clerk has applied for a new.gov.uk email address and is waiting for this to be set up by a company called Parish Online and this seems to be taking a long time to be authorised. This is free of charge for the Clerk's email but if at a later date Parish Councillors wish to have a separate email for Council business there will be a small charge. The 30 day free trial for the website has started and a domain name will have to be applied for and payment of £9.99 per month to be set up.

7. To receive an update on the Village Hall: Cllr Clark gave an update saying that lots of jobs had been done since the last meeting and the toilets are nearly finished. Lots of painting needs doing but there has been great support from the community.

8. Review Planning Application:

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

9. To update Council on financial status and approve payments made (a) to set the budget for the next financial year.

Balance as at 30th October 2025	£ 8,402.04
Payments:	
Jewson	£ 74.57
British Gas – Electric	£ 42.69
Sarah Clark – Building sundries	£ 1,170.66
South West Water	£ 62.81
I.C.O – Subscription	£ 47.00
Bank Charges	£ 8.50
Clerk's wages x 2 months	£ 423.28
Total payments	£ 1,829.53
Bank balance as at 31st December 2025	£ 6572.53

Balance in savings account as of 31st December 2025 **£3,481.82**

(a) The Council discussed the Precept for the coming financial year and it was proposed to keep it the same as last year at £4,900.00. This was seconded and all in favour. This amount is slightly less than the budget but as there is still some funds in the savings account and the Clerk explained the way the Precept works and the how it impacts people with a Band D on the Council tax it was felt that it would be sufficient to freeze the amount.

10. To welcome PCSO Darren England with the local police report: The Chairman welcomed PCSO Darren England to the meeting and Darren introduced Sargent Jenny Palmer who happened to be on duty with Darren and therefore attended the meeting. A good discussion was had with the Council and Police and topics such as rural crime, highways issues and speed limits within the village were discussed. Darren agreed that the speed camera could be set up at some point as this was something that hasn't been carried out for a long time. The Chairman said that there are always accidents happening along this stretch of road and speed can be the issue. Darren would get this set up. The Chairman also shared experiences of rural crime and how this wasn't taken seriously with Devon and Cornwall Police and it appears that this has been happening regularly. Sargent Palmer said that this would be looked into and taken further as a complaint. Darren said that he hoped to be able to attend a number of meetings in the future to give updates. The Chairman thanked them both for attending and hoped to see them again.

11. Date of the next meeting – 12th March 2026

12. Any other business – It was noted that the salt bins were either empty or low on grit and the Clerk said that she would report these in case of another cold snap.

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

Signed Dated: