

MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30 PM

In attendance: Cllrs: Anthony Bond (C), Sarah Clark, Chris Mawer, Paul Phillips, Tim Parnell
District Cllr Yehudi Levine.

1.Apologies for Absence: County Cllr Iain Chubb, District Cllr Colin Brown, Cllr Stewart Boyce.

2.Disclosure of Interests: There were none.

3. To agree and sign minutes of the last meeting held on 31st October 2004 - 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. – Cllr Levine reported that the White Paper on English Devolution had been published and that this proposed the abolition of two tier councils of which EDDC is one and the proposal is that they be joined by North Devon, Mid Devon Teignbridge and Exeter City Councils to form one. This will mean that EDDC will be abolished in 2027. Further details to follow after consultation.

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

6. To receive an update on the Village Hall: The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with Mr & Mrs Sawyer and The Clerk, The Chair and Cllr Phillips regarding the right of way for access to the back of the hall and the potential disabled car parking. Their opinion was that this agreement was left too late and that there is a potential for de-valuation of their property. The Chair tried to explain that there was originally a parking space behind but this was dismissed. They agreed that access could be used to allow delivery of materials for the renovation but were not happy about allowing further access on a regular basis. They would go away and consult with an estate agent to get further insight of the potential de-valuation.

7. To update council on financial transactions for this meeting and set precept for 2025/26.

The Clerk ran through payments for this meeting and bank balances as follows:

Current a/c Bank Balance as at 31 st October 2024	£5638.61
Receipt – Locality Budget for heating in village hall	£ 800.00
Payments out since last meeting	
Mr M Cooper – Village Hall Expenses	£ 325.00
Vector 7 – Website domain	£ 36.00
Clerk – Wages	£ 208.00
SWW – Village Hall	£ 23.96
EDF – Village Hall	£ 112.83
ICO	£ 35.00
Community First – Insurance	£ 472.30

W of E – Fire Extinguishers	£ 43.20
Clerk – Wages	£ 208.00
Total receipts	£ 800.00
Total payments	£1464.29

Balance as at 31st December 2024 **£4974.32**

The Precept was discussed and it was decided to drop it by a small percentage for this year. There is a small surplus in the bank account and as the rest of the council tax will be increasing the Parish Council decided to drop it to £4900.00 down from £5500.00 from the previous year. This was proposed by Cllr Mawer and seconded by Cllr Phillips. All in favour.

9. Date of the next meeting – 20th March 2025

10. Any other business: Cllr Clark wished to thank the Bond Family at Otter Valley Kitchen for allowing the village to hold their Christmas Bingo there which raised £160 for the hall funds.

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

Signed Dated: