

MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM

In attendance: Cllrs: Anthony Bond (C), Sarah Clark, Stewart Boyce, Chris Mawer, Tim Parnell, Paul Phillips, District Councillors Colin Brown and Yehudi Levine.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Stewart Boyce.

2. Disclosure of Interests: There were none.

3. To agree and sign minutes of the last meeting held on 8th January 2026 - 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 Brown reported that the Precept has been set and the Council Tax for EDDC will increase by 2.99% and DCC will increase by 4.99%. It has been reported that Devon is the worse place for Potholes. There is no further update on the Local Government Review as the consultation is still on going. Cllr Levine had nothing more to report.

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

6. Clerk to update Councillors on .gov website and emails: The new email address is up and running (clerk@monktonparishcouncil.gov.uk) and the website is set up and ready to go. The Clerk explained that it was taking a long time to get the domain name transferred over as the email address is set up with another company than the website. The Clerk was not aware that there would be a problem with this. Hopefully it will all be set up in time for the audit.

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. The better weather should help get some more of the jobs completed and the new roof is due on 1st May.

8. To raise issues concerning litter and fly-tipping in the Parish. It had been raised by parishioners that there seems to be a lot of rubbish and fly-tipping taking place in the layby Honiton side of the Tovehayne turning. The Clerk said that normally any fly-tipping could be reported to Streetscene which is a department in EDDC which would collect and dispose of it but as it is on the main A303/A30 she wasn't sure if this was a Highways England issue. An email would be sent to Jonny Hill the Highways representative.

9. Review Planning Application:

25/2340/FUL – Mr M. Patch, Barnfield Farm, Monkton -Part retrospective application for the retention of hardstanding. Proposed erection of roofing over livestock yard. **Permission granted**

25/0785/FUL – Mr Hurford, Farleigh, Old Chard Road, Monkton – Construction of agricultural building. – **Permission granted.**

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

Balance as at 31st December 2025	£ 6572.53
Payments:	
Community First – Insurance	£ 496.85
British Gas – Electric	£ 38.07
D.C.T – Subscription	£ 24.00
Mrs S Maynard – Clerk’s Wages	£ 211.64
Bank Charges	£ 4.25
British Gas	£ 121.03
Total payments	£ 895.84
Bank balance as at 28th February 2026	£ 5,676.69
Balance in savings account as of 28th February 2026	£ 3,481.82

The Clerk mentioned that as of 1st April 2026 the minimum wage would be increased to £12.71 per hour and therefore her wages would need to be increased to cover this. All in favour. The Clerk reported that she would ask Trudie Jenkins-Avery to carry out the internal audit for the Council. All in favour.

11. Date of the next meeting – 14th May 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting.

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: