



## Dalwood Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3 November 2025 at 19:30 hrs Dalwood Village Hall (Ref: 25/26.5)

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

**In attendance:** Ian Walker (Clerk & RFO), C/Cllr Cathy Connor (part)

**Members of the public:** Five members of the public were present.

	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Public Forum</b></p> <p>Members of the public raised the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. C/Cllr Connor provided a brief outline on matters that had been discussed recently at Devon C C. She also indicated that she still had funds to make small Community Grants available.</li> <li>b. A question was raised about the state of repair of 2 Danes Hill and whether enquiries could be made of the Council as to its status. [A subsequent discussion with EDDC has confirmed that the property is void and that it is being dealt with appropriately.]</li> <li>c. Questions were again raised about the speed at which Parish Council minutes appeared on the web site. Reassurance was given that they are published as soon as they are available.</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>None</p>	
3	<p><b>Declarations of interest in agenda items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tony Benger in respect of item 8 in the agenda (planning applications).</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It was noted that the position of Clerk at Stockland Parish Council appears to be vacant as they are currently seeking a new appointee.</li> <li>b. Permission had been given to Mrs Sharland to undertake trimming work on the oak tree opposite her house (Tree ref: T025). She has now done so.</li> <li>c. It was noted that the CPR/defibrillator training session from South Western Ambulance Service would have to be deferred until the New Year due to maternity leave and the recruitment of a suitable replacement.</li> <li>d. A bill from Cllr Perry for the removal of stones from the river had now been received (and paid).</li> </ul>	

	<p>e. It was noted that a flower trough and contents for the base of the War Memorial had recently been sourced by Mr &amp; Mrs Herbert. They had since been reimbursed for the cost and the PC expressed their gratitude.</p> <p>f. It was noted that TCVCLT were about to obtain the loan of a thermal imaging camera to assist parishioners in attempting to optimise the heating of their properties. It was agreed that the Parish Council would try to get the camera insured on the PC insurance for the loan period, provided it could be done at minimal cost.</p>	Clerk
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6	<p><b>Finance and administration</b></p> <p>a. The attached schedule of four payments totalling £330.50 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 (25.??). It was noted that several further, more recent, payments would be formally reported to the next meeting.</p> <p>b. The attached summary of receipts and payments to 13 October 2025 showing a balance in hand at Lloyds Bank community account at that date of £2,234 and at Redwood Bank deposit account of £15,620 was noted and approved (25.??).</p> <p>c. It was noted that £3,000 had recently been transferred to the Redwood Bank deposit account.</p> <p>d. The attached Lloyds Bank statement and reconciliation and the Redwood Bank statement, both as at 13 October 2025 were noted and approved (25.??/??).</p> <p>e. 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>f. It was noted that the confirmation from Devon CC on the stop notice for the right of way over the Corry Brook ford was still outstanding.</p> <p>g. 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>h. A letter had been sent to Richard Foord MP concerning the provision of a village-wide broadband service. A response was still awaited.</p> <p>i. A discussion took place about the benefit of raising an interest in the Tuckers Arms as a Community Interest Property with EDDC, possibly in order to achieve a six-month moratorium on any future sale. Bearing in mind the importance of the property, as outlined in the Dalwood Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that this should be done.</p> <p>j. It was agreed that a draft of the budget for 2025/26, and the associated precept, should be prepared for the next PC meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	<p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <p>a. <b>Register of Council Owned Trees</b> – it was noted that the full register of such trees had now been prepared by G Trott and that a small number of trees would require routine maintenance over the next two-year period. It was also noted that there were no matters that required urgent attention. Cllr Bengier 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 and a letter had now been written to Richard Foord MP for assistance (with a copy to Cllr C Connor).</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>Clerk</p>

8	<p><b>Planning matters</b></p> <p>a. It was noted that one planning matters had very recently been received and distributed to councillors. The matter was 25/2121/FUL concerning a change of use at Dalwood Hill Nursery from agricultural to commercial use of part of the property and the provision of additional, covered storage bays. Cllr Bengel declared an interest in the application which the remaining councillors approved unanimously.</p>	
9	<p><b>Highway matters</b></p> <p>a. A further communication had been received from EDDC concerning various long-standing issues concerning them removal of hedges and trees. It was noted that EDDC was in the process of taking enforcement action.</p> <p>b. A suitable supplier had now been found to replace missing finger-board signs at various locations around the village. It was noted that further signs would also be required and would also be obtained (at PC expense).</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>GP</b></p>
10	<p><b>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</b></p> <p>a. It was noted that Owain Morgan was attending to the gatepost missing from the footpath at Baggeton Farm.</p> <p>b. It was also noted that repairs to the village footpath system appear to have fallen behind in recent months. It was agreed that possible solutions would be discussed in due course.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
11	<p><b>Water quality monitoring survey</b></p> <p>a. Cllr Wyatt reported that water quality measurements for phosphates around the village were still satisfactory. It was noted that training of other people could be obtained via Devon CC which may enable the quantity of measurements to be increased.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p>
12	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>a. It was agreed that the PC should purchase a memorial wreath for the forthcoming Memorial Day service.</p> <p>b. It was agreed that the PC should prepare an entry for the annual church Christmas Tree display.</p> <p>c. Following a spate of nuisance bonfires in recent months, it was agreed that a suitable information bulletin would be place on the PC web site (and also on Dalwood Daily) and that parishioners would be asked to note (and photographically record, if possible) any future incidents and to inform the Clerk for a possible report to EDDC.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>KL</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
13	<p><b>Meetings for the year</b></p> <p>a. It was noted that Parish Council meetings for the remainder of 2025/26 would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 5 January 2026 (2025/26 budget consideration)</li> <li>ii. 2 March 2026</li> </ul>	
14	<p>The meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.</p>	

**Approved**

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**Chair**

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