SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Committee Meeting
held at the Methodist Hall at 7 pm
Tuesday 24 February 2026

Committee: Cllr Danielle Westlake (DWest), Cllr Chris Clarance (CC), Cllr Andy Burnham (AB), Cllr Jo Cumbley (JC), Cllr Claire Stoyle (CS) & Cllr Lucy Bufton (LB)

Also attending: Nickie Hamblin (Clerk) Heather Horner, Devon County Councillor (HH)

1. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:** for absence received prior to the meeting these are to be noted. **Cllr Burnham; Cllr Horner.**

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** acknowledgement of any such interests received for any part of the agenda or any request for dispensation made prior to the meeting to the Clerk. **CC Clarance declared an interest in Part 2 (legally privileged item).**

3. **RATIFICATION OF MINUTES** of Full Council meeting on 27 January 2026. **Approved: - Propose**r: CS **Seconder**: RP.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –** Members of the public to raise questions or make comment regarding any other activity, new or ongoing within the community. ***(5 minutes per person/question).***

1st Resident

The resident referred to the storm damage to the beach and the fact that the sailing club boats had to be moved further down from where they were previously as that part of the beach had disappeared. There were a lot of rocks on the beach which made carrying boats down to the waterside difficult as they could not be rolled down but had to be carried. The resident wanted clarification as to when the Council would be dealing with the loss of sand and the beaches current state. It was suggested that larger rocks be put at the bottom of the Marine Parade steps to form a breakwater which would protect that part of the beach. RP informed the meeting that until the Point on the Teignmouth side had been dealt with it would not be cost effective or practical to do anything at this stage as it would be ineffective. However, DW stated that there was a plan for the Council to do a tidy up of the beach in March removing a lot of the larger debris that had been deposited on the beach that no-one would want to see re-deposited in the beach. The logistics and dates would be discussed later in the meeting under the relevant agenda item.

2nd Resident

The resident informed the meeting that he was attending on behalf of the Friends of River Teign who wanted the council to know the members of the group would be very happy to help with any beach clear up that will take place. He also said that Castle Inn Rowers had also expressed an interest in helping in the clearance to which the Council expressed its thanks to those two groups.

He noted that there was an item on the agenda for approving beach signs and informed the Council that these signs may change again. DW explained that the Council would be discussing the signs as had been sent through and would do so at another meeting should they change.

Ther resident updated the Council with regard to the proposed new 20mph limits in the village and explained that we had been sent a preliminary plan showing what signage and changes would be necessary. However the consultant was struggling to get a quote for costs of carrying out the proposals as he is unable to find a contract willing to do it. The resident however will keep chasing.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** See separate Agenda.

6. **CLERK'S REPORT:** Details will be available on website after the meeting.

7. **FINANCE:**
   7.1 To agree Monthly Statement of Accounts for January (payments & receipts) – **Agreed unanimously**
   7.2 To agree payments to approve invoices and future payments - **Agreed unanimously.**

8. **TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON TORQUAY ROAD**. To discuss and agree next steps following the 2nd anniversary of the lights being installed.

   DW reported that there were a collection of parish councillors the County Councillor and district councillors with a couple of bystanders and a birthday cake to mark this 2-year anniversary. The press attended and photos were posted on Spotted Shaldon which the Council hopes will put added pressure on the County Council to resolve this matter. However, the DCC officers did not turn up or even acknowledge the invite to join the celebration. **It was agreed** that the Council would write to Donna Manson the Chief Executive of Devon County Council, copy in HH, to ask what is going to be done about this. Articles and photos would also appear in the Devon Advertiser and hopefully other local media outlets.

9. **STATE OF SHALDON BEACH** – To discuss and plan a timetable to remedy the state of the beach after the storms.

   It was agreed to carry out a beach tidy up the week of 9 March, date to be agreed with Councillors after the meeting. Clerk to speak to Peter French to see if he can help and to ask him what size skip would be required. The aim of the tidy up is to collect all the manmade objects and put in the skip.

   With regard to the dinghy spaces that have been lost, which total 9, **it was agreed** that they could double up with the sailing dinghies further down the beach until this could be resolved. If the dinghy is on the beach boat owners would still be expected to pay for that space. With regard to the beach has been lost this was discussed above but it was agreed that the Clerk speak to Coastal team about what could be done and the cost of potentially using the baskets with stones in. The Beach Management Plan goes as far as the clipper so Clerk to speak to Graeme Smith at Coastal to see if this is covered..

   It was agreed to put on the Agenda again next month. TDC have a meeting on 10 March when it will discuss the Beach Management Plan. It is a public meeting and begins at 10 am in Forde House. It was suggested that the Clerk put in a question to the meeting as to whether gabion baskets could be used.

10. **BOATS BEING STORED ON THE HIGHWAY**. To discuss agree what action can be taken by the council to ensure the boats are removed from the Highway. One by Sunny Patch stopping cars from parking there also a dinghy on the green that has been there for a good few weeks on a launching trolley that has a flat tyre. Neither are classed as vehicle and should not be on the highway. DW explained that if a note is put a note on the boats to ask them to be removed and nothing is done the boats can be reported as 'fly tipping' and thus reported to TDC who will remove them from the highway**. It was agreed** that if councillor saw the residents whose boats they belonged to they would be spoken to. In the meantime the Clerk would draft a notice to be put on the boats to be approved by the Council next month.

11. **SINGALONG SHALDON** – To discuss and decide a proposal regarding insurance put forward by Singalong Shaldon. **– It was agreed** that the Council is not able to grant their request to add them to the Council insurance policy. Clerk to inform Singalong Shaldon of this decision.

12. **PLAYPARK** – Further to the Playpark Committee meeting on 9 February to decide whether to enter into a maintenance contract with the equipment provider at the end of the 1-year anniversary of the opening of the playpark. **It was agreed** to enter into the maintenance agreement with the contractor as it would be more cost effective than paying for repairs or maintenance separately as labour charges are £65.00 per hour. The equipment is under warranty (various terms depending on the equipment) but the maintenance and labour would not be hence the above request.

13. **MEMORIAL BENCH THE GREEN –** The rotten bench has been removed and the plaque returned to the family. TDC have been dealing with this but as it is on the Green it is now the responsibility of the Parish Council. The individual who originally paid for the bench has asked for costs of replacement, which the Clerk is waiting to receive, but has asked that if he does not replace it will that space remain empty? Council to discuss and decide if the individual does not replace will it offer to others on the TDC waiting list as at present SPC does not have a list. It was agreed it was up to the Parish Council to manage this process and the bench cost and maintenance costs to be paid by the individual who had requested a new bench be placed there. **It was agreed** the Clerk would chase TDC again and if no information forthcoming to source the bench and inform the individual of the cost of the bench and maintenance cost for 20 years.

14. **SHALDON BRIDGE 200 YEAR CELEBRATION.** To discuss and decide if the anniversary will be celebrated and if so how. CC explained that three quarters of bridge is in the parish of shaldon proposal that it presents a photo opportunity or perhaps a blessing of the bridge. It was the longest bridge in England. **It was agreed** to put on the agenda for nearer the time.

15. **BEACH SIGNS –** Clerk seeks approval to inform EA that the proposed revised signs are acceptable to use on Shaldon beaches when the water is not suitable for swimming – **Agreed unanimously**.

16. **UPDATES: The following updates in these areas are now available on the website, unless otherwise stated below, together with the minutes and will not be gone through at the meeting.**

    - Harbour Commission/Consultative Group – Cllr Stoyle.
    - Botanical Gardens – Cllr Westlake – No update.
    - Playpark – Cllr Cumbley – See minutes of 09.02.26.
    - Bonfire & Fireworks Event– Cllr Burnham – No update.
    - Green Spaces in Village – Cllr Westlake – No update.
    - 20 mph limit for village – Cllr Westlake – No update.

17. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**. Did not attend the meeting so no report.

18. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**. Available on website after meeting.

19. **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –** 24 March 2026.

PART 2

1. Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt/confidential information.

2. **Transfer of Assets by Teignbridge District Council** – Update from the Working Group to Councillors. Council was updated a meeting to be held with TDC in March**.**

3. **Legally Privileged Information.** To discuss and decide on matters regarding the claim against the Parish Council and subsequent correspondence received. **The Council agreed** a strategy for moving forward with the claim.

Approved & Signed …… Dated ……
Danielle Westlake
Chairperson