SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at the Methodist Hall at 7 pm Tuesday 28 April 2026

Present: Councillors Danielle Westlake (Chair), Chris Clarance, Jo Cumbley, Claire Stoyle, Lucy Bufton, Richard Perks, Parish Clerks, 2 members of the public, Councillor Heather Horner (DCC)

26/001 APOLOGIES: None

26/002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Councillor C Clarance declared an interest in agenda items 10 and 11

26/003 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 March 2026 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.

26/004 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION A member of the public expressed concern about 7/8 boats in poor condition on the beach opposite St. Peter's Church as well as junk accumulating. The Council confirmed that they had already written to Councillor Horner. Councillor Westlake explained how to report as fly tipping and offered to try this. Councillor Horner reported that DCC had confirmed that it was not their responsibility but TDC.

Councillor Clarance asked about the risk assessment for the beach clean on the 7/8 February. It is planned to start at the Clipper end. A Facebook post will go out advertising the event. Councillor Westlake offered to provide some refreshments.

Councillor Cumbley reported that the butcher's shop is closing and urged parishioners to use the shops or lose them. It was agreed to add an article on Facebook.

26/005 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

- 26/00585/CAN | Tree1 and Tree 2 (Holm Oak) - Thin the canopy by 30 % and Prune to raise the crown 4m from ground level | Oakside Ringmore Road Shaldon

No objections to this application however we would like consideration to be given to the situation on the flood plain and the impact on flooding. It is suggested that the work is completed after the nesting season

- 26/00317/HOU | Demolition of existing garage and store and construction of a two storey side extension including Juliet balcony on side elevation (revised scheme) | 13 Laurel Lane Shaldon

No objections to this application but the Parish Council would like the bathroom window to have obscure glass in perpetuity to protect no 14 Laurel Lane

Appeal Decision – Permission Refused

- 25/01427/HOU | Replacement and extension of attic storey, new rear terrace and various improvements | Sandpiper 22 Horse Lane Shaldon

Decisions – Approved

- 26/00492/CLDP | Erection of outbuilding | Seymour Lodge Larks Close Shaldon
- 26/00260/CAN | Christmas tree - fell | Elmbank Topcliff Road Shaldon
- 26/00091/HOU | Single storey front lounge extension and extension and alterations to the rear of the property | Coverdale Coombe Road Shaldon

Decisions – Refused

- 26/00412/PIP | Application for Permission in Principle for demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of the site to provide up to 6 residential apartments (Use Class C3) | The Lodge Coast View Holiday Park Torquay Road Shaldon

26/006 CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerks report had been circulated and was noted.
Councillor Horner confirmed that the road works on Torquay Road will take place in September however there are no further details. It was agreed to add to Facebook.

26/007 FINANCE:

7.1 It was resolved to agree & approve the Monthly Statement of Accounts for March (payments & receipts).
7.2 The internal audit report had been circulated and reviewed and everything was found to be in order. It was resolved to accept the report.
7.3 The AGAR had been circulated and Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by Councillor Westlake.
7.3.1 The Accounting Statement was approved by Councillors and signed by Councillor Westlake.
7.4 To agree payments to approve invoices and future payments. Approved
7.5 It was resolved to add L Storey Parish Clerk as a signatory /online internet user to the HSBC bank mandate.

26/008 GRANTS. It was resolved to welcome grant applications for discussion at the May meeting. Clerk to post a notice on Facebook.

26/009 DINGHY SPACES. It was resolved that if spaces become available on the main part of the beach the Council will offer these to those who have lost their spaces at the end of beach by the steps at Marine Parade. There are currently 9 spaces lost which are being 'double parked' within the sailing club boats. It was agreed to draw names out of a hat.

26/010 RECEIPT LETTER TO BOAT OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED ALL DOCUMENTATION. It was resolved to send the draft letter, that had been circulated, to the boat owners.

26/011 BEACH OPPOSITE ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Despite several reminders both to TDC and DCC to clean up the beach it has still not been actioned. Councillor Horner confirmed it was TDC

26/012 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME. It was resolved to adopt the ICO model publication scheme.

26/013 HEALTH & SAFETY GENERAL POLICY. It was resolved to adopt the policy that had been circulated.
For specific events separate policies, risk assessments and processes are drafted specific to the needs of each event.

26/014 UPDATES None

26/015 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. Councillor Horner had sent in the following report to provide parish councils with a brief summary of how my locality budget has been used over the past year to support communities across my electoral division.
During the 2025–26 period, I have focused my locality funding on projects that deliver clear, practical benefits to residents, particularly those that strengthen community facilities, support wellbeing, and help maintain essential local infrastructure.
A key area of spend has been community halls and centres, where funding has supported improvements to shared facilities that are widely used by local groups and residents. This has included contributions towards the replacement of worn carpets, helping to improve accessibility, safety and comfort, and ensuring these venues remain fit for purpose over the long term.
I have also used the locality budget to support health and wellbeing initiatives, with a particular focus on older residents and those at risk of isolation. Funding was provided to Kerswella Care, which works across Kingskerswell

and Ipplepen to deliver a range of services including transport to medical appointments, memory cafés, befriending, digital support and social activities. These services provide valuable support to many residents and help reduce loneliness within our communities.
In addition, locality funding was approved to support the maintenance of community defibrillators, specifically contributing towards the replacement of essential batteries and pads. This ensures that lifesaving equipment remains operational and available when it is most needed.
Throughout the year, I have worked closely with parish councils and local groups, encouraging applications and discussing potential projects. I am keen that the locality budget continues to be used for initiatives that demonstrate strong community benefit and good value for money.
From mid-May 2026, my new locality budget allocation will be £10,000. This funding will again be available to support community groups, voluntary organisations and local projects across the division.
Parish councils and community organisations are very welcome to contact me to discuss ideas or potential applications. This is particularly important this year as I do not know whether the locality budget funding will continue under LGR.

26/016 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. Following a large cliff fall on the Ness Headland the Ness Wood looks likely to be closed to walkers for a 6 month period whilst Teignbridge investigate/ assess the situation and make sure all walking paths are safe.This cliff fall has not helped the future of floodlighting of the Ness Headland either as the support cable and indeed the electrical cable too, for one of the two pylons on the beach looks now in a precarious position at the top of the cliff, where there is a small juntion box which was already outside the fence and now looks as if it might fall at any time soon down the cliff. However, the master cabinet in the woods is set well back into the wood, so hopefully I just hope we might somehow we able to get just 3 spot lights working again on the one shore bank of lights situated infront of the Ness Lawn.But this bank of just 3 lights has to be serviced by building a scaffold tower on the beach, when the tide is out, to reach it. I am hoping that some further lights could be added to that bank of 3,especially as it looks likely the two banks of lights on the rocks below face an uncertain future and I will be talking with the contractors on this issue to see what solution can be achieved. Meanwhile I also wanted to hear from the Environment Agency, who were due to report to the Teign Estuary Partnership Meeting held on 21st April on the undermining and closure of the steps on what I call the banjo opposite Bay Cottage on Marine Parade. It was hoped by Teignbridge that some foundation work would be done by them,but alas a no show at the meeting, left our Teignbridge Estuary Officer with nothing to tell the meeting. Finally my Teignbridge Council £1000 community money, I gave to Dawlish Community Transport who have regulary serviced Shaldon for many years and still

26/017 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 26 May 2026 7.00 pm

Approved & Signed …… **Dated ……**
Danielle Westlake
Chairperson