SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at The Hub at 7 pm Thursday 8 October 2026

Present: Councillors Jo Cumbley (Chair), A Burnham, C Clarance, C Stoyle, D Westlake, Parish Clerk, 5 members of the public

26/107 APOLOGIES
Councillors L Bufton, R Perks. Councillor H Horner (DCC)

26/108 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
Councillor Clarance declared an interest in the planning applications.

26/109 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 September 2026 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.

26/110 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A member of the public asked if the increase in precept for the toilets would be ring fenced for the toilets.

26/111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

- 26/01488/HOU Sandpiper 22 Horse Lane Replacement of and extension to existing attic storey, new rear terrace and various improvements
  No objections – Two votes, Objections – Two votes
  The Chair exercised their casting vote in favour of no objection.

- 26/01413/HOU Lothair Higher Ringmore Road Demolition of existing shed and the construction of a new single storey garage building with associated parking
  The proposed development is excessive in scale and height, resulting in overdevelopment of the site. Its size and visual impact would be detrimental to the surrounding street scene, particularly given its proximity to the Conservation Area. The design is not sympathetic to the established character, heritage or architectural context of the area.

26/112 CLERK'S REPORT
None

26/113 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION
None

26/114 FINANCE
None

26/115 To decide whether Shaldon Parish Council will take on the responsibility of the Ness and Strand toilets from 1 April 2027
Councillor Cumbley explained that Shaldon Parish Council have been forced to consider taking on the responsibility for the public toilets because from April 2027 Teignbridge will no longer support any public toilet provision. A public information and feedback session took place on the 10 September and written feedback was also invited from parishioners. Around 60 responses had been received which Councillors had reviewed.

The feedback demonstrated very strong support for keeping both public toilets open, although some respondents favoured retaining the Strand toilets only. However, views were mixed regarding increasing the Parish precept and introducing pay-to-use facilities, with many respondents strongly opposed to a significant increase in costs for residents and others pointing out how important it was for all to have free access to a public toilet. A number of funding options were suggested, including a financial contribution from Teignbridge District Council, using revenue from Ness Car Park, external grants and fundraising.

It was resolved to take on both the Strand and Ness toilets and increase the precept for 27/28 to cover the estimated running costs for the first year. A decision about whether to install "pay to use" infrastructure would be made when the refurbishment was being planned – this could not happen until at least winter 27/28, after next year's tourist season. It was agreed to write to TDC to reflect the clear message from residents that they are extremely unhappy with taking on the toilets and should give us an income stream/funding to support their refurbishment and the running costs of the Ness toilets. Further research would be undertaken to explore alternatives to a long – term loan to fund at least some of the refurbishment costs.

26/116 To confirm the cancellation of the Bonfire & Fireworks event 31.10.26
Councillor Cumbley confirmed that the Bonfire and Fireworks event had unfortunately been cancelled due to uncertainty over whether Marine Parade would be open to pedestrians on the day of the event.

26/117 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
None

26/118 TEIGNBRIDGE COUNCILLORS REPORT
None

26/119 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- None

26/120 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27 October 2026 7.00 pm Shaldon Methodist Hall

Approved & Signed …… **Dated ……**