



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 23rd of September 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Cllr C Reeve Cllr R Steemson Cllr M Wills Cllr C Germon
Cllr M Retallick Cllr M Freeman Cllr S Codner Cllr S Harcourt-Smith

Also in attendance: Cllr S Morgan, Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 5 members of public.

Councillors are reminded that they must declare any prejudicial interests they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Cllr Reeve welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/117. To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs Turner, MJ Wills, Bainbridge and E Parson DNPA Ranger

25/118. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None

25/119. PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (limited to 10 minutes)

(Applicants with planning applications for consideration may also speak for up to 3 minutes on behalf of their own application)

Residents from Chipley addressed the council regarding their tree planting project including the plans on ways to fund the project, they are seeking support from the council.

Councillors raised questions about ownership of the land and consultation with neighbours.

General comments from councillors were positive.

Representatives from Baker Estates introduced themselves and informed the meeting that the company are the landowners of land opposite The Star, Liverton. They advised the meeting that they are not looking to develop the land at the moment. They suggested, but it could be made into an exception site for development of 20 affordable homes plus a couple of open market homes and they have already had conversations with TDC. The most recent housing needs survey identified 9 families who have registered an interest, but they feel this is an underestimation. Cllr Germon asked how the developers could make the site pedestrian accessible, Baker Estate agreed that a crossing would be needed.

A business owner from Liverton attended the meeting and circulated to the councillor's information with regard to the Stopping up order previously considered by this council. The councillors were able to ask several questions and make observations regarding this section of land/highway.

The Business owner also gave the meeting information regarding the developing site next to Little Liverton Business Park again he was able to circulate notes to the councillors. Cllr Reeve thanked him and noted the councillor's appreciation of updates from the site.

The members of Public left the meeting

25/120. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.

Cllr S Morgan DDC and TDC – the road diversion of the A382 is of a concern and agrees that the 'old' A38 is not good enough to take the increase of traffic. She reported that it would cost DCC 390 million pounds to correct all the roads in Devon. Trials are currently happening by highway teams who are repairing ALL the issues in one location at a time, she is keen to know the outcome of that trial. Devon County Council has statutory duties and parish have issues and matters which they want to deal with but there is a lack of funds. Recently DCC have raised a new plan enabling parishes to precept to achieve projects such as 20mph zones. Cllr Morgan reported to the meeting that DCC have problems recruiting and retaining staff due to Local Council reorganisation this also affects the county's budget.

A382 Diversion starts on 25th September, our area is going to experience a tough couple of years, the work is from the Department of Transport and out of local control, the Devon

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Engineering team will be holding an information session in Bovey Tracey and we will receive information when this is.

This parish is concerned about drivers looking for short cuts and rat runs. Cllr Morgan reassured the meeting that 30mph limits are high on her list of priorities for Liverton and Teigngrace. Cllr Freeman noted that these plans have been known for years and why has it not been planned for. She confirmed that the DCC officers are trying to solve the problems however with the staff shortages it's been a problem. The precise area for the lower speed limits are not exactly known.

Cllr Retallick asked about overhanging trees from private land he wanted reassurance from DCC to support the parish councils to get the vegetation cut back. Cllr Morgan advised that issues like this should be reported online and if it was not dealt with in a timely manner report it again.

PC Wilson sent Police report - In the period 1st August 2025 to 18th September 2025 (when report was compiled) there were approximately 10 recorded offences across the Parish area. The offences are shown below.

Assaults; 2 Blackmail; 1 Harassment offences; 2

Malicious communications: 1 Public order; 1 Stalking; 1 Theft; 2

There were approximately 18 other incidents reported to the Police in this period, these include road traffic incidents, concerns for welfare, and anti-social behaviour.

Lengthsman August - **Bus shelters**

All were visited, tidied and the seats wiped down. I have however noticed branches are starting to encroach on the roof of the bus shelter near Benedict's garage (see attached photo) which could do with cutting back.

September - **Blackpool School to the Boundary Stone and Drumbridges.**

Work along both stretches has been carried out as per the schedule. There are two things to note. The first is that unfortunately while carrying out work on the stretch between the Welcome Stranger and the School person/s unknown stole one of my men at work signs and cones (located near the school entrance) whilst I was working!

The second thing to note is that the Boundary Stone is no longer visible as various scrub has grown up around it.

Having carried out this work, I would again ask the council to reconsider its decision not to use sprays in some limited circumstances. Some of the tasks on these stretches of road could be carried out far more efficiently and would be less costly for the council in the long run if they could be used. Unfortunately once these perennial weeds bed in to the gaps in the kerb stones and pavements it is impossible to get rid of them without spraying. Consequently the damage they do continues as other methods such as cutting and scraping are not as effective, and they keep coming back.

These stretches would also benefit from some roadside sweeping which has not been done (as far as I know) for as long as I have been doing this work. In some places there are several inches of soil which have built up against the kerb.

If you would like the boundary stone cleared and the branches cut back from the bus shelter I could carry this out as an additional task when doing the drains and bus shelters next month charged at the hourly rate. What is the rate? Currently the council does have a policy against using sprays, CG suggested using salt. It was a question if there is an organic alternative? If there is it was agreed that he can go ahead and do that. Review the policy?

25/121. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 22nd of July 2025.

These were signed as a true record of that meeting

25/122. Business Brought forward by the Chairman.

Cllr Reeve attended Ilsington village hall committee meeting, where the committee advised that they plan to complete a grant application to tidy up the outside of the hall on the car park and play park, the shop committee also plan on submitting an application for a salt bin. The shop committee will be advised that if they require DCC to supply salt the bin needs to be on the highway.

The meeting discussed the defibrillator and one of the committee has been allocated the person to check it regularly. It was used recently, and the pads have been renewed.

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Cllr Reeve confirmed that Liverton village hall committee maintain the unit by Liverton village hall. Ilsington village hall asked again if the Parish Council would consider seeking a management company to maintain all the defibs in the parish.

ACTION: Parish Council clerk will investigate the cost of a new salt bin. These matters to be added to the next agenda. The request regarding defib maintenance was discussed and councillors agreed Ilsington Village Hall should be adding this to their hall maintenance budget.

25/123. Clerk's report - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Our highways officer has responded to the queries that were raised at our previous meeting these were read out and will be passed onto the resident who initially raised the matters.
- DNPA Ranger Stuart Hooppell has started his 12-month sabbatical. The replacement rangers are Ethan Parsons and Sam LeBailly
- I attended the TDC first Planning Drop-in session on 22 September in Bovey Tracey.
- Allotment committee met early August, following that a few tenants were contacted regarding there plots
- 3 plots have been offered to new tenants – due to the overgrown state on 2 plots the remainder of this year's rent has been waived giving new tenants a chase to bring the plots back into use.
- External Audit come back with no issues

25/124. Matters outstanding a) Pothole repairs – update

Cllr Codner and Cllr MJ Wills who attended the Chapter 8 course have passed, Cllr Codner gave an overview of the training and discussed the advice given regarding the signage that is needed to be able to work in the parish. This will be discussed again with Cllr Wills on his return from holiday.

ACTION: Confirm which sign with Cllrs MJ Wills and Codner

25/125. Overnight Motorhome Parking Trial - Haytor Coach Park (summer 2025) discussion

Cllr Retallick noted there had been a few vehicles in the Coach Park but so had there been in other car parks, he felt that the Marshals were not out long enough to be efficient. The council has not received any complaints

ACTION: Clerk with forward on these comments and observations

25/126. Road Signs – request to purchase

Already discussed at item 25/124

25/127. A382 Diversion Route – discussion

We feel concerned that the parish has not been consulted on the plans. It was reported that Newton Abbot has received information leaflets about the diversions. Cllr Freeman noted that Trago is not supporting traffic coming through Liverton.

A382 team for a leaflet drop especially in Liverton

25/128. Teignbridge Charter -Update from Cllr Freeman

The draft Charter has been circulated to all councillors. Its aim is to reform and establish communication links between parishes and town councils. A directory for TDC has been created but it was felt it was too generic, and Town and Parish Council should be getting direct emails. TDC comments to this is that there are problems of staffing levels. The draft will be present to the Executive Committee on 7th November. Cllr Freeman noted that DALC have worked hard to get the charter to this point.

25/129. TDC Local Plan Review including Bradmore Woods and Town Plan – update

None.

25/130. Neighbourhood Plan - update and agree initial budget for mapping requirements

Clerk gave overview of where the group is at the moment. The councillors felt that we Continue building the plan.

25/131. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority

Approval of Request

- 22/01397/AMD1 - **Location:** ILSINGTON - Ferndale, South Knighton

Proposal: Non-material amendment (amended finishes to rear dormer to dark grey mineral fibre boarding) on planning permission 22/01397/HOU - Raising of roof including rear dormer

25/132. Little Liverton Business Park – update regarding residents’ correspondence.

Residents are concerned about the moment of vehicles outside business hours, these are referring to other site which does not have the conditions which we asked for on the new site.

25/133. To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account’s sheet.

	1	C Retallick - August	1050.43
	2	HMRC	155.30
	3	C Retallick - September	1050.43
	4	HMRC	155.30
	5	HP Instant Ink - August	13.49
	6	Peplows Accounts	178.20
	7	Southwest Water - allotments	215.63
	8	PKF Littlejohn	378.00
	9	HP Instant Ink - September	13.49
	10	G Partridge - Lengthsman Aug & Sept	749.16
BC		Lloyds - Aug	8.75
BC		Lloyds - Sept	7.75
DD		BT - Aug	71.85
DD		BT - Sept	71.85
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Bank Rec Summary

Opening Balance

Receipts	73951.00	Payment	5608.76
	<u>30704.64</u>	Closing Balance	<u>99046.88</u>
	104655.64		104655.64

ACTION: Payments approved by all.

Balance to discuss at our finance committee meeting in November

25/134. To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.

None received.

To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 28th October 2025 at 7.30 pm in Liverton Village Hall.

Also, Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 14th of October 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room at Ilsington Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 21.50 pm

Sign..... Date