



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 27th of January 2026

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

Also in attendance: Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 3 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.

26/001. To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllr Bainbridge, Cllr S Morgan.

26/002. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None

26/003. PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (limited to 10 minutes)

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

A new wildlife warden for the parish introduced herself, she is joining the existing wardens and is interested in biodiversity. The PC would be receiving information regarding pesticide usage from TDC soon and she offered her help to the parish. Cllr Steemson has already been in touch with her and has passed on information from TDC, she thanked him for that. The information that the PC can expect is different ways to manage weed control from steam machine to strimmer with wire brushes.

Cllr MJ Wills reported that Haytor Vale had been without water for several days he asked if a SWW representative could attend a council to explain why, this was supported by Cllr Wills who reported that Brimley has also suffered from road closures by SWW and water leaks.

Cllr Turner reported the deterioration of our local highways due to the traffic diversions and asked the PC to write to the highways department, and the diversion planner again reporting the bad condition of the roads.

26/004. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.

Cllr Steemson TDC reports – TDC are currently working on the next budget **Revenue Budget**. Due to business rates reset and cuts to our revenue grants Teignbridge District Council (TDC) sees an 11.69% cut to our existing revenue budget. Further to this will result in a 5% cut to core funding over the next 3 years before even allowing for inflation which will see this value rise further. We have a settlement from Government, but what is offered leaves us as one of the worst effected councils by the reset. The settlement of £3.6million as well as having TDC strategic reserves set aside for the rates reset will help to breach the gap in this budget. There will be a 2.99% increase in council tax.

Fees and charges will generally see inflationary aligned increases, but there will be changes to Sunday parking fees, £1.50 for 2hours, £2 for 4 hours and £3 for all day parking. This means that parking all day on a Sunday does see an increase whilst parking for 2 hours or less is lowered to more closely align with standard charges for 2-hour periods.

100% council tax reduction scheme is retained to help support our most vulnerable residents. 4% increase in grant funding for voluntary groups within Teignbridge.

Councillors' community fund is retained in full.

Capital Budget.

£53.8m capital budget spread over 3 years being one of the most ambitions work programmes Teignbridge has sort to deliver. This will be in line with our new One

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Teignbridge strategy and focus on delivering investment in our communities across Teignbridge including:

New mobile and covert fly tipping cameras in hot spots to tackling the growing issue.

Homes for Teignbridge will continue with delivering 52 units within the district.

£1.4m for disabled adaptations and facilities in homes seeing us continue the work of previous years that see us ranked in the top 10% of councils. £0.6m for the completion of custom build housing. £7.2m to deliver 23 social rent flats in Teignbridge at the Sherborne house site which will be some of the highest quality social housing built in the country. These social homes will be not just to rent at social rates but will also look to help lower the running and living cost of the residents in them to bring even more support to those who most need help.

£1m for A382 improvements further £3.2m for highway improvements across Teignbridge.

£0.6m for the Dawlish link road. £15.7m fund for Education facilities in Teignbridge.

£1.4m for Ridgetop countryside park with the provision of £1.55m for new Countryside Park projects. £1.3m for Dawlish leisure centre improvements. £1m fund for play park

improvements. £0.65 for Teignbridge estuary and £0.1m for Ogwell cycle trails with £1m of funding for additional trails. £0.8m for town and parish improvement match funding.

£5m for the redevelopment and expansion of the waste transfer station and bulking areas.

£3m for employment sites across Teignbridge.

DNPA The New CEO for Dartmoor National Park is Tom Surrey; he has previously worked for the Health Service and Defra and was from Dunsford. The Ranger for our area Ethan has been putting up new signs. The bridge from Smallacombe to Haytor needs clearing and the rangers are aware however it is the owner's responsibility to clear the route. The Fake fly tipping event is planned for Monday 2nd February and Cllr Steemson plans to take TDC officers to Ramshorn Down and show them the extent of fly tipping there. Repairs or replacement of Dog wate bins need to be reported to TDC.

Cllr S Morgan DDC report that she has been chasing officers regarding the gravel pit but have no answers at the moment. I will keep chasing. Due to the weather the County Council is prioritising emergency works. Normal operations are on hold until conditions improve. The SCARF is one of those operations that will be done later.

The highways officer reported that around 500 reports are coming in everyday at the moment and resources are extremely stretched.

'Following the weekend and previous weeks of significant weather events, potholes are now at 2634, PIPs 1812, 500 reports per day. South and East under real pressure 8/900 each area. All planned work for South and East to be stopped, with exception of drainage. We will be taking gully emptiers off of programme on Wednesday.'

Paul Wilson (PCSO 30382) reported that in the period 23rd November 2025 to 23rd January 2026 (when report was compiled) there were approximately 5 recorded offences across the Parish area.

The offences are shown below.

**Assaults;1 Burglary;1 Criminal damage;1 Harassment; 1
Threaten a person with a weapon; 1**

There were approximately 35 other incidents reported to the Police in this period, these include road traffic incidents and road obstructions, concerns for welfare, and anti-social behaviour.

26/005. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 25th November 2025.

These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

26/006. Business Brought forward by the Chairman.

a. Admin cover for the February full council meeting – discussion and decision

Cllr Harcourt Smith offered help with administration but would need to check the dates of school holidays, Cllr Wills will take the minutes of that meeting.

25/007. Clerk's report - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Gravel Pit the latest information is that the pit here is not being sold. Our bridges and structures teams are taking it over. I believe the travellers have until the end of Feb to vacate the premises, then DCC will take legal action.

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- Stopping up Order – I have confirmed that the council will object to the stopping up of the slip road in Liverton. Since the gates have been removed a digger has been parked on the highway – the Highways officer has visited and asked the occupier to move it and did advise if it was not moved a traffic order would be issued.
- Flooding at Narracombe bridge reported to Highways officer who visited and confirmed there was no blockage.
- Allotment rent renewal sent with the advice given at last meeting. Also received a note that the gate wasn't opening very well asked SC to visit to assess.
- Exeter Trails notified us of the event coming through the parish in January.
- Torbay Trails also coming through the parish in April
- Ley Crescent – repairs have been carried out. Following email circulated regard the repair to the spinning bowl a new one has been ordered. I have asked Rhino play to revisit the site as there are concerns regarding the wet pour as some areas are very spongy. I am awaiting their response.
- Play Area Inspections are booked for this year
- A38 Eastbound Overnight Closure (Goodstone to Drumbridges) Thursday 5 February (8pm to 6am)
- Quarterly Report Quarter 3 2025-26: October to December 2025 – circulated to all interesting details about how many people from Ilsington used their services.
- Local Leaders event in Feb – I have booked to attend
- TDC Assets – After chasing Cllr Steemson for information regarding our request to take over Shapely Way I completed the application form up to the point where is required £150 just to submit the application.

26/008. Community Defibrillator Grant Scheme – Policy and application form – discussion and Approval.

Cllr Reeve explained the background to the scheme and reminded the meeting of the approval the council gave for the grant policy. The new documents had been circulated and the councils made comment on the content. Some edits are required.

ACTION: Edit forms and resend to all councillors

26/009. Memorial Project – discussion and decision

The clerk has carried out some basic information gathering about memorials especially war memorials and it does seem quite detailed. Cllr Retallick had inspected the stone tablets at the cemetery gate, and lychgate, there is space on them for extra names. There is a concern about missing names and it was felt that the history group and the volunteer that has been working on this project needs to be contacted for more information.

ACTION: Cllrs Retallick and Harcourt Smith will contact local people for more information.

26/010. Notice boards – discussion regarding replacement or repair plan

Cllr Reeve ask the council to consider if replacement or repair – and should the boards be locked or without?

Decided our notice boards are for parish business – Green Lane replace, clerk to get comparisons prices to circulate to all

ACTION: Add to agenda next month. Replacement and repair costs.

26/011. Grit Bins and Road Salt – discussion and decision

The Clerk reported that during Christmas and New Year to stock of road salt was used to fill grit bins at the higher end of the parish, more was ordered and from the new order 1t has been distributed throughout the whole parish. 2 t remain for councillors to collect.

The grant for a new bin at the shop has now been received. The clerk will contact the shop to notify them.

ACTION: Clerk to notify Ilsington Village Shop

26/012. Matters outstanding a) Pothole repairs – update

Clerk reported that she and her family have filled potholes in Ilsington. The tarmac held is good to use. Cllr MJ Wills offered to collect some tubs to use as and when. It was agreed to create a WhatsApp group to make arrangement for group events for filling potholes.

ACTION: Advertise on local Facebook and create a WhatsApp group

26/013. Neighbourhood Plan - update

Cllr Steemson asked what is required to move this project on, and Cllr Germon agreed to forward on her reports in a format that the others in the group can access. Cllr Turner asked for the other councillors to forward thought about Character references for areas within the parish that the group can use.

ACTION: Settlement visions to be submitted again, Character reference ideas to be forwarded to the clerk add this as an agenda item for March

26/014. Teignbridge District Council's draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule – info only

26/015. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority

Grant of planning permission

- **DNPA 0336/25** - Change of use of former stable block to additional hotel accommodation (Class C1) together with associated internal and external alterations and provision of on-site car parking. Demolition of porta cabin and erection of bat house, Moorland Hotel, Haytor, Newton Abbot, TQ13 9XT

- **TDC 25/01687/HOU Location:** 47 Summerhill Crescent, Liverton **Proposal:** Demolition of existing conservatory and side porch extension, proposed rear extension and side extension (rebuilt) including rooflight with internal and external alterations

Refusal of Planning

- **TDC 25/01902/PN Location:** ILSINGTON - The Torrs, South Knighton **Proposal:** Notification of works to be carried out under Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order, Part 6, Class B - Agricultural Permitted Development

Enforcement matter – update

- 23/00156/ENF Non-compliance with planning application 17/03070/FUL and appeal decision LOCATION: ILSINGTON - Land Opposite Chapel Lane, Liverton Road, Newton Abbot – **Reply from TDC We are still waiting for planning application 17/03070/COND2 to be determined. Once this application has been determined we will review the site and update you as soon as possible.**
- 23/00037/ENF NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Groundworks and siting of mobile home LOCATION: Welcome Stranger Inn Liverton Devon **Reply - Thank you for your email. I will discuss this with Mr Hobbs and respond to you as soon as possible.**
- 25/00102/ENF Trago Mills – Advertising board – **Update the board has now been removed**

Appeal

26/016. To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.

1	C Retaillick - January	Cheq	1028.63
2	HMRC	Cheq	177.10
3	Ilsington VH Rent	BACS	27.00
4	HP Instant Ink - December	Cheq	13.49
5	SWW Allotment water	BACS	169.47
6	Vision ICT - Webhosting + Support	BACS	261.60
7	Rhino Play SW - 1st Repair @ Ley Cresc	Cheq	2386.80
8	Peplows	Cheq	178.20
9	SLCC 1/2 Membership fee	Cheq	100.00
10	Unity Bank Transfer of funds	Cheq	30000.00
11	HP Instant Ink - January	Cheq	13.49
BC	Lloyds - Dec		7.75
BC	Lloyds - Jan		9.25
DD	BT - December		71.85
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Bank Reconciliation Summary

Opening Balance	73951.00	Payment	26406.15
Receipts	<u>59558.18</u>	Closing Balance	<u>107103.03</u>
	<u>133509.18</u>		<u>133509.18</u>

26/017. To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.

Cllr Germon – reported that a caravan has been dumped at the great planation. Cllr Freeman reported the Woodlands Café in Liverton has closed permanently.

To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 24th February 2026 at 7.30 pm in Ilsington Village Hall.

Also, Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7.30pm at Ilsington Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 21.32pm

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