



# Ilsington Parish Council

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## Ilsington Parish Council Meeting,

Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:** Cllr C Reeve                      Cllr M Wills                      Cllr C Germon      Cllr M Retallick  
Cllr M Freeman                      Cllr R Steemson                      Cllr MJ Wills      Cllr R Bainbridge  
Cllr S Harcourt Smith

Also in attendance: Cllr S Morgan.

*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.

**26/018. To accept apologies for absence.**

Received from Cllr B Turner, Cllr S Codner and Mrs C Retallick (Clerk)

NOTE: Due to the absence of the Clerk Cllr M Wills took the Minutes assisted by Cllr C Reeve

**26/019. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

None declared

**26/020. 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)*

None present

**26/021. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.**

Cllr S Morgan DDC DCC have gone through their full budget fr 2026/27:

SEND deficit had been refunded by Central Government

5.8% increase of Highways Budget

Capital investment in Highways – Teams on emergency work only with potholes – due to current and ongoing weather problems – will change when weather improves

DCC have pit more money in reserves

No cut to Libraries Unlimited

£2k increase in their Community Fund – now £10k from 01 April 2026

Budget was cross-party approved.

Local Council Reform – one unitary for South Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. A38 re-

surfacing- both Cllr Morgan and Stuart Rogers are pushing for it. Higher Brimley – SW Water

Closures – DCC have no authority over privatised utilities closing roads.

Cllr R Steemson TDC All domestic use Council Tax to rise by 2.99%

DNPA – 01 March 2026 – Ethan to be replaced by Sam

Playpark Improvement Fund of £1M to be launched – this is a match-funded grant

**26/022. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Signed as a true record of that meeting – with the following amendments

- 20/007 – ‘till’ should read ‘will’ and ‘advice’ should read ‘advise’

**26/023. Business Brought forward by the Chairman.**

None

**26/024. Clerk’s report** - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Bethal Lane in Ilsington parish – spoken to Highways Officer who know its location and will visit the site. He explained the difficulties as always as lack of finance; however he will add it to a list of future works for at least one end of the lane to receive some repair work.
- Allotments Cllr Codner has looked at the gate again to offer advice for a repair.
- Torbay Trails also coming through the parish in April

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- Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM213MB10457159 on Road from Woodhouse Cross to Little Farthings  
We are writing to inform you that Southwest Water has applied for a road closure to complete utility works outside Fairholme. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways, will take place between 18/05/26 and 20/05/26.  
All efforts will be made to maintain access to properties within the area of the closure and minimise disruption.  
If you require further information, please call us on the Helpline on 0344 346 2020.
- Fitting of the new spinner in Ley Crescent Play area due on 23<sup>rd</sup> February work details already circulated to all councillors. – this work has been completed, and the invoice is being presented this evening – I have spoken to the company and confirmed that this is the correct invoice and only covers the work to the spinner and nothing else there is £506 VAT which will obviously come back to us.
- Grit bin at Shop – Clerk spoken to shop manager, once the refund for the bin has been received, they will remove the notice and lock. I have already arranged a bag of grit to be delivered and a new shovel.
- I have applied to attend a training course in April hosted by DALC Getting started with AI in your council in 2026. As this seems to be the latest thing I felt I needed training for it! At a cost of £42.
- Annual Parish Meeting – I have extended the booking time at Ilington VH for a 6.30 start on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**26/025. Community Defibrillator Grant Scheme** – Policy and application form – discussion and approval

Policy – **ACTION: Approved**

Application Form – **ACTION: Approved**

**26/026. Memorial Project** – Update

**ACTION: Cllr M Wills and Cllr M Retallick to liaise with C Retallick (Clerk) to contact Alision Archer-Lock from the History group and contact others who may be interested in pushing this project forward with Mrs Court.**

**26/027. Notice boards** – discussion regarding replacement or repair plan

**ACTION: Replace Green Lane Notice Board with a recycled one**

**ACTION: Maintenance repair to Liverton PO Notice Board – Cllr Freeman to ask local contractor to carry out repairs.**

**ACTION: Cllr Freeman and local contractor to tour all the notice boards in the parish and decide if any need maintenance or replacing and to cost it up.**

**26/028. Book Swap in Liverton** – discussion and decision for managing and organising the books

**ACTION: Cllr Harcourt Smith to create a laminated note and put up in the Phone Box – *This is a Community Asset so please do not overload – if full please do not leave the books on the floor. Thank you, Ilington Parish Council.***

**26/029. Assertion 10 requirement – IT Policy** – review and adopt

**ACTION: Approved**

**26/030. Matters outstanding a) Pothole repairs** – update

**ACTION: Clerk to add Cllr Steemson and Cllr Germon to the WhatsApp Group**

**Cllr MJ Wills to Liaise with Cllr Codner regarding dates for pothole work to be carried out and to notify the clerk in good time so that she can prepare the tarmac**

Cllr Morgan suggested that Ilington Parish join with other Parishes in the area to buy in bulk the equipment needed to purchase at a cheaper price.

**b) Highways** – discussion

Back road to Liverton and Welcome to Liverton sign

**ACTION: Cllr M Wills asked Cllr Morgan to alert Highways that they need to plough the road back to the bank to expose the sign on the road below Ilington Hotel.**

A38 outside Blackpool School – currently does not comply to be a 30 zone- Highways awaiting SCARF Survey which has been delayed due to the weather.

**ACTION: All Councillors to use the ‘Councillor’ Drop Down when reporting on the DCC website for Highway defects**

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**26/031. LGR Update and Next Steps for Town/Parish Councils** – discussion and decision  
**ACTION: All councillors to visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/devon-plymouth-and-torbay-local-government-reorganisation> and make their comments known.**

**26/032. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority**

a) 0030/26 Installation of external air source heat pump unit, pipework and new internal emitters at Apple Tree Cottage, Higher Brimley, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, TQ13 9JT  
**SUPPORT- As listed at the planning meeting held in January 2026**

b) TDC 26/00213/VAR Location: ILSINGTON - Gorse Blossom Farm, Liverton Proposal: Removal of condition 9 on planning permission 05/02012/COU (Conversion of three barns and stores to three dwellings with garage/workshop/office) relating to permitted development rights for Stover Cottage, Templer Cottage and Drum Cottage. **NO OBJECTION**

**26/033. To authorise payments** of cheques presented see Account’s sheet.

1	C Retallick - February	Cheq	1028.63
2	HMRC	Cheq	177.10
3	Liverton VH Rent	BACS	26.25
4	HP Instant Ink - February	Cheq	13.49
5	Rhino Play SW - Replacement bowl @ Ley Cresc	Cheq	3038.40
BC	Lloyds - Dec		4.75
DD	BT - February		71.85
			4360.47

**Bank Reconciliation Summary**

Opening Balance	73951.00	Payment	30671.97
Receipts	60047.86	Closing Bal	103326.89
	133998.86		133998.86

**26/034. To received reports from councillors** - on outside bodies for information.

No reports given

**To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30 pm in Ilsington Village Hall.**

**Also, Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm at Ilsington Village Hall.**

Meeting finished at 21.00pm

Sign..... Date .....