

MINUTES OF THE MANATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM AT MANATON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllr W Boughey (Chair), Cllr C Frampton, Cllr B Warne, Cllr M Wylie, and Cllr P Martin
In attendance : Mrs L Moorse (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

AGENDA ITEM			Action						
ITEM 1 – The Chair to open the meeting and receive and approve apologies for absence. DCC S Morgan, Cllr S Mount, Cllr J Kidner and DNPA Rob Steemson sent their apologies.									
ITEM 2 – Declaration of interest - None.									
ITEM 3 – Public participation - No public in attendance.									
ITEM 4 - County & District Councillor reports 4.1 No District Councillor’s report had been received. 4.2 County Councillor’s Report: DCC Sally Morgan had sent a brief update with little to report but advised that the Teignbridge Group Leader had agreed to her request to have greater responsibility for local issues following concern expressed about the District Councillor’s recent absence following a fall. Councillors were invited to contact her with any further issues.									
ITEM 5 – To approve minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 13 th October 2025 The Minutes having been previously circulated were approved and signed.									
ITEM 6 - Matters arising The Council discussed the old defibrillator. It was confirmed that it had been stored, not removed by contractors, and is currently held by Cllr Wylie. Its scrap or resale value is unknown (<i>Chair to check with supplier</i>) and will be recorded at zero value on the Parish Council’s Asset Register. If any value is realised, proceeds will be returned to parish funds.			WB						
ITEM 7 - Finances, payments due, accounts and budget 7.1 The Schedule of Payments (previously circulated to the Councillors) was presented and it was agreed by all that the following payments should be made: <table><tr><td>Mrs L Moorse</td><td>£200.66</td><td>Salary, Mileage & Expenses</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>£44.40</td><td>Income Tax only</td></tr></table> 7.2 The Bank Reconciliation for October 2025, which had been previously circulated to the Councillors, was agreed by all, and signed by the Chair and Clerk. 7.3 The accounts for the period ending 31 st October 2025 were presented, together with the Budget update for the same period and were duly accepted. As a result of reviewing the accounts and budget updates it was anticipated that the funds be sufficient until year end 2026. No major expenses are anticipated, though it was noted that tree-related costs may arise dependent on the weather. 7.4 Insurance Renewal 12 th January 2026 – Asset Register: The Council noted the insurance renewal due on 12 th January 2026, but the renewal notice is yet to be received. It was noted that if there is a significant premium increase then alternative quotes will be required which is time-consuming. The Clerk was asked to request the renewal notice early. The Asset Register was reviewed and confirmed as already approved. Cllr Warne confirmed that the new gate is in position and is awaiting installation. Councillors noted that the bench intended for relocation has not yet been moved. Cllr Martin to progress this.			Mrs L Moorse	£200.66	Salary, Mileage & Expenses	HMRC	£44.40	Income Tax only	Clerk
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ITEM 11 - Parish Assets Assets North : Cllr Martin reported that everything is in order. Feedback had noted that the slide was not slippery enough and he will attend to this by washing and polish. Community Warden Scheme and Volunteer Recruitment : Noting that at least four to six volunteers are needed to operate the scheme, it was agreed to circulate an appeal via the parish hall mailing list and the Manaton Bulletin.; Cllr Martin offered to organise if there was no other volunteer. Assets South : Cllr Warne noted no recent path inspections or reported issues. The recently purchased gate is expected to be fitted before the next PC meeting. Both Cllr Warne and Cllr Frampton reported on Apple Day: apples had been picked and some pressed into juice. Cider apples had been collected and removed in the hope of locating a press. It was agreed that more sleepers would be purchased for the boardwalk using the approximately £547 remaining funds from the Show & Fair grant. Locality Grant Allocation: It was agreed to contact DCC Sally Morgan to apply for a £500 locality grant -to cover balance of the cost of the replacement defibrillator. The need to plan for future replacement was noted.	PM WB BW Clerk
ITEM 12 - To receive a report from the Council representative on the Games Court Committee : The Chair reported that in relation to the planned resurfacing part of the National Lottery application had been completed by the Clerk, with the Games Court Committee to complete the remainder. Submission is planned in December though success is not guaranteed. He advised that Manaton Show & Fair had approved a grant of £1,500.	WB/Clerk
ITEM 13 – To receive a report from the Council representative on the Parish Hall Committee Cllr Wylie provided an update on future Parish Hall events as follows: • Christmas Fair: 29th November 2025, 11:00–15:00 • Film Screening: <i>Saving Grace</i>, 10th December 2025; tickets £10 includes canapés. • Curry Night: 23rd January 2026 with music but no dancing • Plant Sale: 17th May 2026 • Harvest Lunch: October 2026 – to complement the Church’s Harvest Festival Service	
ITEM 14 – Correspondence Received The Chair reported correspondence from the DNP asking if there was interest in a possible workshop with Openreach about the digital switchover and broadband infrastructure. It was agreed that the Chair would confirm the PC’s interest in taking part. Precept 2026-2027: The Council discussed TDC correspondence on the parish tax base and precept, noting some confusion about Band D property calculations. The Clerk to ascertain the number of Band D properties within the parish to clarify implications for funding requests before decisions are made. Dartmoor National Park Forum and Partnership Plan: The Council noted a communication from DNPA about the Dartmoor National Park Forum on 13th November 2025, which any parish representative may attend. The agenda includes updates from the Chief Executive, a partnership plan review, and other subjects. The Dartmoor Partnership Plan is in early public consultation, with workshops planned November–January and a draft for further consultation in Spring 2026. The item was received for information, with no immediate action required.	WB Clerk
ITEM 15 - Date of next meeting : 8th December 2025 The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting as 8th December 2025.	
ITEM 16 – AOB Electricity Costs – Air Ambulance Landing Site: The Council reviewed electricity costs, noting recent increases in standing charges. Consumption remains low, though Pavilion renovations may have raised usage. The Chair advised that he would look into the matter further with respect to switching to another provider thereby hopefully reducing costs, and which members agreed would be worthwhile.	WB
ITEM 17 - Matters for future consideration. - Requests for agenda items from Councillors – Budget & Precept 2026-2027 - Investigation of alleged commercial use of premises at Town Barton - Requests for agenda items from members of the public - None	

Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 8.04pm

Approved by Manaton Parish Council and signed by the Chair Date:.....