

MINUTES OF THE MANATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 PM AT MANATON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllr W Boughey (Chair), Cllr S Mount, Cllr B Warne, Cllr M Wylie, Cllr P Martin,
and Cllr J Kidner

In attendance: Parish Clerk, Lucie Moorese

The meeting commenced at 7.06pm

AGENDA ITEM		Action															
ITEM 1 – The Chair to open the meeting and receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr C Frampton, DCC Cllr S Morgan and DNPA Rob Steemson sent their apologies																	
ITEM 2 – Declarations of interest - None																	
ITEM 3 – Public participation - No public in attendance																	
ITEM 4 - County & District Councillor reports DCC Cllr Sally Morgan sent a written report which was presented by the Clerk, in which she highlighted the unprecedented rain and the number of potholes which it had caused and the difficulty of carrying out repairs under these conditions. She requested that the Council compile a top priority list of road defects and submit as soon as possible. No District Councillor report had been received																	
ITEM 5 – To approve minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 12th January 2026. Cllr Warne asked that a correction be made regarding the pruning of laurels, moving the item from Assets North to Assets South. Subject to this amendment the Minutes were approved and signed.																	
ITEM 6 - Matters arising - None.																	
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 border="1" data-bbox="81 947 1378 1137"> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Mrs L Moorese</td><td>£252.10</td><td>Salary and mileage</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td><td>£57.40</td><td>PAYE – Lucie Moorese</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Noted following payment by BACS 4th February 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Business Services at CAS Ltd</td><td>£23.96</td><td>Additional amount ref Volunteers Road Warden Scheme</td></tr> </table> An invoice from Manaton Parish Hall (approximately £110) was approved for payment once received. 7.2 The Bank Reconciliation for January 2026, which had been previously circulated to the Councillors, was agreed by all. 7.3 The accounts for the period ending 31 st January 2026 were presented, together with the Budget update for the same period and were duly accepted. It appeared that the expenditure in the year to 31.03.2026 would about match the budget. It was decided to postpone the tree inspection, which had been budgeted for in the current year (see item 11). It was reported that the Clerk's tenure would end on Friday 13 th February and arrangements are in hand to update bank mandates and official email addresses.					Mrs L Moorese	£252.10	Salary and mileage	HMRC	£57.40	PAYE – Lucie Moorese	Noted following payment by BACS 4 th February 2026			Business Services at CAS Ltd	£23.96	Additional amount ref Volunteers Road Warden Scheme	Clerk
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ITEM 8 - Parish Council Matters 8.1 Update on the Parish Council's website Cllr Martin reported that technical issues persist; changes made in the admin area are not appearing on the live site with a few text issues remaining visible. Additionally, the associated email accounts are yet to be finalised. The Chair reported some inconsistency concerning access to the minutes on the old Blog site where a few users can access the documents and others cannot. Progress is expected after Cllr Frampton returns from holiday		CF/PM															
ITEM 9 – Planning Cllr Kidner reported as follows Blue Haze: there are substantial works being carried out and DNPA has confirmed that all the planning obligations have been discharged Cleave Hill: : DNPA had refused a domestic solar panel application, perhaps to avoid setting a precedent Honeybag Cottage: the Council reviewed the application to remove the holiday occupancy restriction to allow for permanent residential use. Cllrs noted that while the planning restriction had no doubt originally been imposed for good reasons, the applicants seek a permanent family home rather than speculative gain and have offered to enter into a s.106 Agreement. It was resolved not to object to the application Planning Application Ref 0010/26: 0011/26, 0012/26: Half Moon, Manaton, Newton Abbot TQ13 9OJ Cllrs discussed revised plans involving matters of detail and the conservatory and resolved not to object. Objections submitted by a member of the public would be forwarded to DNPA		JK															

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Leighon: local residents had enquired whether anything could be done to stop rhododendrons being cut down but his understanding is that there is not	
ITEM 10 – Highways Cllr Mount reported that the speed of the local authority's response to reports of potholes has improved since the New Year, but it was acknowledged that some repairs were a little poor and prone to quick deterioration. Councillors emphasised the importance of using official reporting channels and residents are encouraged to report defects directly rather than forwarding vague descriptions to individual councillors. Cllr Mount confirmed the salt supply had been delivered. She will put up a sign to be erected clarifying that the salt is for highway use only, not private property. Road Warden Scheme: Most volunteers have completed online training. The next step involves a two-day in-person course. Drainage: Cllr Warne confirmed that in about 2016 he had marked on a map the position of all road drains in the parish one copy being held by DCC and the other in the parish records. Efforts will be made to locate this with a view to assigning responsibility for keeping drains clear. Cllrs noted with regret that the historic River Bovey clam bridge had been almost washed away by recent flooding. Cllr Kidner will respond to the communication received from Karen Stevenson	SM WB/JK/PM PM/BW JK
ITEM 11 - Parish Assets Assets South : Cllr Warne reported that a fallen alder tree is obstructing the river at the boardwalk bridge, which poses a risk of bank erosion, and a second alder needs felling to avoid potential damage to the bridge foundations if it falls and its root ball uproots. Members agreed the tree must be removed once water levels subside. The work will require a mini digger and chainsaw at an estimated cost of £100. It was confirmed that sufficient funds would be made available within the budget to cover this essential maintenance. Cllr Warne will coordinate the works when conditions allow. Assets North : Cllr Martin reported that the playground is in good order and routine tidying is planned for the spring. The question of a tree inspection, which had been budgeted for in the current year, was considered. The Chair reported that the last inspection report in 2024 recommended further inspection after three years and it was accordingly agreed that since no signs of any trees being in a dangerous condition had been observed, the next inspection should be deferred.	BW
ITEM 12 - To receive a report from the Council representative on the Games Court Committee The Chair advised that the National Lottery funding application was unsuccessful.	
ITEM 13 – To receive a report from the Council representative on the Parish Hall Committee Cllr Wylie informed the Councillors the Curry Night held on the 23rd January 2026 was successful. It is noted that a Film Night will take place Friday, 27th March. There will be a Plant Sale on Sunday 17th May. Harvest Lunch to be held in October – further details awaited.	
ITEM 14 – Correspondence Received Local Government Reorganisation The Chair drew attention to DALC's request that parish councils inform it of their views and suggested that Cllrs consider this. Consultation is open until 26 March 2026	
ITEM 15 - Date of next meeting : 9th March 2026	
ITEM 16 – AOB The Chair reported that two applications had been received for the vacancy of Parish Clerk. Interviews will be scheduled shortly. After discussion, the Councillors agreed the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in mid-May, on the same date as the regular council meeting	
ITEM 17 - Matters for future consideration. a. Requests for agenda items from Councillors - none Requests for agenda items from members of the public - none	

Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

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