

MINUTES OF THE MANATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 13th APRIL 2026 AT 7.00 PM AT MANATON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllrs C Frampton (Chair) Cllrs S Mount, Cllr P Martin, Cllr B Warne, Cllr M Wylie
In attendance: Parish Clerk, Rachel Hooper

The meeting commenced at 7pm

AGENDA ITEM	Action
1. The Chair to open the meeting and receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr W Boughey and Cllr J Kidner sent their apologies	
2. Declarations of interest - None	
3. Public participation - No public in attendance	
4. To receive reports from County and District Councillors – Report received from Robert Steemson at Dartmoor National Park. Work was done at Easdon Common on the instructions of a commoner to provide a fire break but without any permission sought or granted. Unacceptable damage had been caused, in particular to reaves and a track. Contractors have since been back and carried out some repairs. The last of these works are due to be carried out on Friday 17 th April.	
5. To approve minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 9th March 2026 - The minutes were approved	
6. Matters arising – None	
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: None 7.2 The Bank Reconciliation for March 2026, which had been previously circulated to the Councillors, was agreed by all 7.3 The accounts for the period ending 28 th February 2026 were presented and accepted. The Clerk and the Chair to go through the budget. 7.4 Cllr Frampton has now been added to the bank mandate 7.5 Clerk has Microsoft 365, therefore the expense is not needed anymore	Clerk/Chair
8. Parish Council Matters 8.1 Update on the Parish Council's website Cllr Frampton confirmed the website is now live - manatonparishcouncil.gov.uk - and it has been largely completed. She has taken down temporarily some pages which still need work, for example the planning page. There will be a mailshot to advise the parish and it also will be mentioned in at the APM Cllr Wylie suggested advertising the AGM on the noticeboard. It was agreed the Clerk would create a poster for the AGM for the noticeboard Cllr Mount asked if there was an app for the new email system and was advised there is not. Cllr Frampton to resend Cllr Wylie's login for email	CF Clerk CF
9. Annual Parish meeting - to discuss arrangements for the meeting including organisation of refreshments It was agreed Cllr Wylie will sort the refreshments for the APM- wine cheese and biscuits, and that there would be a normal council meeting held at 6:30pm with the APM to follow at 7:30pm Cllr Martin to liaise with the badminton club regarding use of the hall	MW PM
10. Planning a. 0094/26 Easdon Farm- use of Easdon Farm as a single dwelling- no PC comment	
11. Highways a. Cllr Mount has had a second visit from Scott Riddell at DCC-someone came out from DCC and fixed part of the collapsed verge reported. To make it stand out, 2 reflectors have been placed to make it obvious. Cllr Mount has reported several potholes and noticed another 5 to report. A cold fill mix is used on the smaller roads so DCC can do 90 pothole repairs a day, but main roads and bigger ones are fixed in a different way. The repaired potholes that are popping out need to be reported again so DCC are aware the cold fix isn't working. b. Cllr Martin reported the Road Wardens have completed the course for pot hole repairs. They will now work out where to start, a plan will be put together. A proposal will be put together for what signs are needed. c. Cllr Frampton mentioned there is a rock that's taking car tyres out near the footpath gate that goes in to Leighon. Cllr Frampton will spray the rock to highlight it. Cllr Mount will report once painted	PM CF/SM
12. Parish Assets Assets South : Cllr Warne – nothing new to report	

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Assets North : Cllr Martin – nothing new to report Village green- No response received for the grass cutting tender. Cllr Warne will ask a parishioner who works in groundwork, if they would be interested	BW
13. Games Court : – nothing to report	
14. Parish Hall – nothing to report since the last meeting. The annual meeting is on Thursday 16 th April at 8:00pm, followed by the Kestor. Plant sale on Sunday 17 th May	
15. Correspondence Received – none	
16. Date of next meeting : 11th May 2026.	
16 – AOB a. Cllr Warne noticed on the latest council tax bill, there looks to be a deduction of -3.5% despite the budget increasing. The Clerk to query with Teignbridge. b. Cllr Mount enjoyed the Manaton bulletin-great contributions. c. Cllr Frampton mentioned there was an article in The Scotsman in which she was interviewed about community engagement with Oxygen Conversation and the way of working in Manton is similar to large areas of Scotland. Everything the PC have found concerning has been found concerning in other places	Clerk
ITEM 17 - Matters for future consideration. a. Requests for agenda items from Councillors – Cllr Mount suggested changing Cllr George Gribble to Cllr Sally Morgan on website-Cllr Frampton will action b. Requests for agenda items from members of the public – none	CF

Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

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