

CHARDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2025 – 7.00pm; meeting held in Chardstock Community Hall.

Present: Cllrs P. Greer, (Chair), F. Eames, S. Hughes, I. Keam and S. Legg (quorate).

In Attendance: Sally Freemantle (Clerk).

7.00pm	<p>The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.</p> <p>Public Forum</p> <p>i) No Police report received.</p> <p>ii) No P3 (footpath) report received.</p> <p>iii) a) Apologies were received from Cllr. Iain Chubb, Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown division.</p> <p> b) Apologies were received from Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward.</p> <p>iv) There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>The Chair closed Public Forum session at 7.pm.</p>
7.pm	Meeting Commences
24/183 i)	<p>To note members of the Parish Council in attendance:</p> <p>As listed above.</p>
24/183 ii)	<p>To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received:</p> <p>(LGA 1972 s.85(1))</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Reeve (personal reasons).</p> <p>RESOLVED: Apologies for absence approved with the reason given.</p>
24/183 iii)	<p>To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence:</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr, Iain Chubb Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown division and Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward.</p>
24/184	<p>Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct:</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest at this time.</p> <p>Noted that this did not preclude declarations of interest being made at any point in the meeting that they became apparent.</p>
24/185	<p>To consider any matters listed on this agenda that Councillors consider should be dealt with as confidential business as per the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:</p> <p>None (except for the items listed).</p>

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24/186	<p>a) To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 12th March 2025: RESOLVED to approve. The minutes were signed as a true record of that meeting by the Chair.</p>
24/187	<p>i) To consider the co-option of a Councillor onto the Parish Council (any applications received were forwarded to Councillors ahead of the meeting): The Clerk advised that an application had been received from Steve Legg and confirmation of eligibility to be a Parish Councillor had been confirmed. It was proposed by Cllr. Eames, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and unanimously agreed that Steve Legg be co-opted onto Chardstock Parish Council.</p> <p>ii) Should a Co-option take place, the new Councillor to sign the declaration of acceptance of office: Steve Legg read out and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.</p>
24/188	<p>Planning matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication: None advised.</p> <p>a) ii) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication as per supplementary agenda circulated to all members: None advised.</p> <p>b) Determinations/Decisions advised by LPA: None advised.</p> <p>c) Tree Matters: None advised.</p> <p>d) Appeals lodged / in progress: None advised.</p> <p>e) Planning correspondence received: None advised.</p> <p>f) Ward planning applications to be considered at EDDC: None advised.</p>
24/189	<p>Financial Matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) To note approval by the Chair of the Council's Payments for March 2025: RESOLVED that Council payments for March 2025 (£1100.30) be approved.</p> <p>b) To receive and note RFO report for March 2025: Reports received and noted.</p> <p>c) Questions to the RFO on accounts / financial reports: None.</p> <p>d) To note items of expenditure authorised under Chair/Clerk delegated authority: (Financial Regulations May 20215.4.1 and Delegation Appendix). None.</p> <p>e) To receive the draft AGAR3 report for FY24-25. Noted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>

	<p>f) To consider renewal of membership to DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) £323.00. RESOLVED to approve.</p> <p>g) To confirm appointment of Aalgaard Renshaw as the Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2024-25. RESOLVED to approve.</p>
	Chardstock Parish Council Business to be considered:
24/190	<p>“Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair”</p> <p>a) To the play inspection report previously circulated to Councillors: RESOLVED that the play inspection report be noted and repair of the bouncing facility be investigated.</p> <p>b) To consider submission of articles to Parish Newsletter for the April 2025 edition: RESOLVED that the following be submitted for the next edition of the community newsletter: The Chair’s report for the Annual Parish meeting.</p>
24/191	<p>Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for discussion only: None.</p>
24/192	<p>Date of next meeting: The next Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 14th May at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.</p>
24/193	<p>"It is proposed by the Chair that, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Members to agree upon matters to be discussed in confidential session, as per agenda item 24/185 above." RESOLVED to exclude the public (and press) due to the confidential nature of the next agenda items.</p>
24/194	<p>Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business: a) Email from resident. RESOLVED that a reply be sent by the Parish Clerk in consultation with the Chair.</p>
	With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.29pm

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Signed: _____
(Chair)

Date: 14th May 2025

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