

CHARDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026 – 7.00pm; meeting held in Chardstock Community Hall.

Present: Cllr P. Greer (Chair), M. Reeve, S. Hughes, F. Eames and I. Keam (quorate).

Also Present: Cllr Duncan Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward.

In Attendance: Danielle Gilpin (Clerk)

There was 1 member of the public present

7.03pm	The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.
	Public Forum i) No Police report received. ii) No P3 (footpath) report received. Ann Evans has kindly offered to take up the position of Honorary P3 Warden for the Parish Council. iii) a) Cllr. Cathy Connor, Devon County Council, Whimple and Blackdown division, not in attendance and no report received in advance. b) Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward, reported the following: Still awaiting on a decision regarding the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) which is due in July. However, some plans are being made now. There is a concern over the timing due to the May elections and potential shadow government. The Council needs to run down the reserves ready, but this could cause an issue if it takes a year longer than originally planned. This could result in an increase to the precept. There are rumblings around the Local Plan but this needs to be submitted on time to ensure that we retain control. iv) There was 1 member of the public present. The Chair closed Public Forum session at 7.14pm.
7.15pm	Meeting Commences
26/012 i)	To note members of the Parish Council in attendance: As listed above.
26/012 ii)	To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1)) Apologies received from Cllr Legg.

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26/012 iii)	To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence: No apologies received.
26/013	Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct: There were no declarations of interest at this time. Noted that this did not preclude declarations of interest being made at any point in the meeting that they became apparent.
26/014	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: None.
26/015	To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 13th May 2026: Proposed by Cllr. Greer, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and approved by all.
26/016	Planning matters to be considered: a) i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication: 26/0897/LBC - Sitting room: creation of hearth from reclaimed stone which will be bedded directly over existing brick and stone. Dining room: remove concrete sections of flooring and replace with reclaimed stone at The Old House Chardstock Axminster EX13 7BT Application supported. a) ii) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication as per supplementary agenda circulated to all members: None received. b) Determinations/Decisions advised by LPA: None advised. c) Tree Matters: None advised. d) Appeals lodged / in progress: None advised. e) Planning correspondence received: None advised.

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	f) Ward planning applications to be considered at EDDC: None advised.
26/017	Financial Matters to be considered: a) To note approval by the Chair of the Council's Payments for May 2026: Resolved that Council payments for May 2026 (£6,098.07) to be approved. b) To receive and note RFO report for May 2026: Clerk reported May 2026. c) Questions to the RFO on accounts / financial reports: None. d) To note items of expenditure authorised under Chair/Clerk delegated authority: (Financial Regulations May 20215.4.1 and Delegation Appendix). None. e) To finalise any AGAR requirements to ensure accurate submission Resolved to approve. f) To review and, if in agreement, sign the agreement for the Clerk's CiLCA qualification Resolved to approve.
	Chardstock Parish Council Business to be considered:
26/018	"Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair" a) To consider parish maintenance, highways and footpath (P3) matters: P3 Warden role now filled by Ann Evans. Current Tree Warden has not yet responded to email asking if they would like to remain in role. Edward Wells has confirmed that he is happy to continue in the role of Parish Naturalist. Sink hole report has not been fully actioned – it has been dug out but not completed. Lengthsman and Cllr Hughes would like to attend Chapter 8 training for the filling of small potholes. Cllr Greer has offered to store any tarmac. Clerk to look into training. b) To consider any matters pertaining to tree planting projects/initiatives in the parish (Hon. Tree Warden, Michael Davis, to provide notes for the Councillors, previously circulated): None received.

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	c) To consider ongoing work on the Emergency Planning for parishes including Community Emergency Hubs: No update. d) To discuss Chardstock Play Park: The play park equipment has been ordered and awaiting installation date confirmation. Bench request from parishioner approved at previous meeting must have concrete footings. Lengthsman to be asked to install. 2 contractors to be contacted regarding providing a quote for the repairs required as per the annual report. Internal gate can be removed. Extra hatched yellow paint is required on the spare space. e) To discuss the George Inn asset of community value application: Application has been made. Objections made against the planning application. There is confusion over which Act is relevant for this application. Cllr MacKinder has kindly offered to get clarity regarding this. f) To consider submission of articles to Parish Newsletter for the May 2026 edition: To advise the parishioners of the new P3 Warden and welcome Ann to her new role. To advise about the purchase of the play park equipment and the closure of the park to install. To advise that we have submitted an application of asset of community value for the George Inn. Remind parishioners that all are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings to raise issues and suggestions for improvement. No invite is required.
26/019	Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for noting only: There is a public consultation event on a proposed new development in Chardstock at the end of June. This is not consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan. There are thoughts of whether a permissive path along road from Tytherleigh into Chardstock.
26/020	Date of next meeting: The next Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7pm.

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26/021	"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 26/014 above." RESOLVED to exclude the public (and press) due to the confidential nature of the next agenda items.
26/022	Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business: None advised.
	With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.07pm

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Signed: 

Date: 8th July 2026

(Chair)

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