

CHARDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 – 7.00pm; meeting held in Chardstock Community Hall.

Present: Cllr P. Greer (Chair), M. Reeve, S. Hughes and S. Legg (quorate).

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

In Attendance: Danielle Gilpin (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present

7.00pm	The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.
	Public Forum i) No Police report received. ii) No P3 (footpath) report received. iii) a) Cllr. Cathy Connor, Devon County Council, Whimble and Blackdown division, not in attendance and no report received in advance. Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward, was not in attendance during the Public Forum and arrived later in the meeting. The Local Government Reorganisation decision will be made before Parliament retires for the summer on 16th July. The impact for Chardstock Parish Council is that we will only have 1 Councillor rather than the 2 we currently have. The Unitary District will determine how many Councillors once the boundaries have been set. The election next year will determine how it works. iv) There were no members of the public present. Councillors advised each other to be vigilant of the travellers that had been reported in the local vicinity. The Chair closed Public Forum session at 7.05pm.
7.05pm	Meeting Commences
26/023 i)	To note members of the Parish Council in attendance: As listed above.
26/023 ii)	To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1)) Apologies received from Cllrs Eames and Keam.
26/023 iii)	To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence: No apologies received.

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26/024	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.
26/025	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.
26/026	To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 10th June 2026: Proposed by Cllr. Reeve, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and approved by all.
26/027	Planning matters to be considered: a) i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication: None received. 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. f) Ward planning applications to be considered at EDDC: None advised.
26/028	Financial Matters to be considered: a) To note approval by the Chair of the Council's Payments for June 2026: Resolved that Council payments for June 2026 (£10,222.17) to be approved.

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	b) To receive and note RFO report for June 2026: Clerk reported June 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.
	Chardstock Parish Council Business to be considered:
26/029	“Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair” a) To consider parish maintenance, highways and footpath (P3) matters: The P3 footpath warden has been out walking the footpaths around Chardstock, reporting any issues that she comes across to the Parish Clerk, who in turn is contacting the lengthsman for repair and rectifying. Parish Clerk to ask P3 footpath warden to use what3words when reporting the issues to help locate. 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): Michael Davis has confirmed that he is happy to continue in this role. c) To consider ongoing work on the Emergency Planning for parishes including Community Emergency Hubs: No update. d) To discuss Chardstock Play Park: Parish Clerk to contact contractor to understand if there is a need for resurfacing of the toddler play park area. Email received from a parishioner regarding a gap in the fencing that children are able to get through and that they believed that were plans for this area to become a bike track at some point. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would respond advising that there are no imminent plans for any bike track, to advise that the fencing is in place here, that the area behind the fence is out of bounds, and that children require supervision in this area. Parish Clerk advised that the contractor had agreed to reimburse the parish council £500 to cover the cost of the lengthsman addressing the new bank issue and the removal of stones and debris.

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	e) To discuss the George Inn asset of community value application: EDDC Place & Prosperity Officer, Marie Ainsworth, advised that they have received a letter of representation from the client's solicitor which needs to be reviewed before a decision can be made. She will keep us updated. f) To consider submission of articles to Parish Newsletter for the June 2026 edition: To update parishioners on the play park as it should be complete by time of publication. To advise that the next Parish Council meeting is not until 9th September 2026 at 7pm, and that any issues in the meantime should be emailed to the Parish Clerk in the meantime. Remind parishioners that all are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings to raise issues and suggestions for improvement. No invite is required.
26/030	Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for noting only: None advised.
26/031	Date of next meeting: The next Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7pm. Parish Clerk advised that as she is on annual leave the week prior, the agenda will be published by the end of August to ensure adequate notice given.
26/032	"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 26/025 above." RESOLVED to exclude the public (and press) due to the confidential nature of the next agenda items.
26/033	Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business: None advised.
	With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm

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Signed: 

Date: 14th October  2026 (Chair)

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