

HITTISLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 in the village hall

Present: Cllrs Darrell Chidley, Chris Dack, Madeleine MacDonald, Andrew Shervington, Mike Tootell, Beryl Watson

1. Public discussion time
2. Apologies – Cllrs Cathy Wetherden; Ruth Curtis (clerk); MDDCllrs Martin Binks and Sandy Chenore; DCCLr Frank Letch
3. Declarations of interest - none
4. The minutes of the meeting of the parish council meeting 20th November 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.
5. Matters Arising
 - 5.1 Swift boxes – Cllr Watson has emailed the Devon Swift Project to proceed with boxes in the church and will update on this next time.
 - 5.2 Emergency Plan update – Cllr Dack will follow up to see if the draft plan can be retrieved.
 - 5.3 Highways matters – Cllr MacDonald will report the culvert/ditch on Fursdon Lane where the drain needs urgent clearance. Cllr Watson to follow up re: road warden refresher training which still needs to be undertaken.
 - 5.4 Dates for the parish council meetings 2025 – the third Wednesday of every other month 7.30 pm: March 19th, May 21st, July 16th, September 17th, November 19th.
6. District and County Councillor reports – DCCLr Letch's report had been circulated and Cllr Dack read it out. Concerns were expressed about the proposed Combined County Authority (Devon County and Torbay).
7. Planning and Enforcement matters
 - Cllr Watson will follow up re: the hedge/Devon bank removal at The Bungalow and any plans for reinstatement
 - Mill House increase to the height of chimney to 1.8m – new regulations for wood burners and thatched properties.
8. Payments – payments previously authorised need cheques signing. Cllr Watson and Dack to follow up with the clerk.
9. Correspondence
 - 9.1 For response
 - MDDC new Community Risk Register – the following were noted as relevant for Hittisleigh: increased traffic on narrow roads; retention of village hall; snow/floods; loss of electricity.
 - 9.2 For information – there were no comments on information circulated
 - 9.3 New correspondence
 - Water running down the road – Cllr Watson to follow up with SWW
 - Fly tipping at Spreyton Wood Water – this has been reported but there has been further tipping

Date of next meeting Wednesday March 19th