

**Minutes of the Hittisleigh Parish Council meeting held at Hittisleigh Village Hall on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.**

Present: Chair Cllr Beryl Watson, Vice Chair Chris Dack, Cllrs Darrell Chidley, Madelaine McDonald, Andy Shervington, Cathy Wetherden, Mike Tootell and DCC Cllr J Cairney, MDDC Cllr Martin Binks and MDDC Cllr Sandy Chenore

There were no members of the public present.

Attending J. Clark. Parish Clerk

1. **Open Forum.** Nothing raised
2. **Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** None
3. **Declarations of interest.** None
4. **Planning.**

**4.1 26/00028/PNAG. Treable Farm Hittisleigh. Prior Approval to deposit inert soil to infill a disused earth-banked slurry lagoon and form a level extension to the existing farmyard.**

During the discussion, a councillor voiced concern about the 14,000 tons of waste quoted in the application. Another said it is the equivalent of 700 lorry loads and this seems to be more than they expected for filling in a disused slurry lagoon. The council is also concerned about the nature of the waste. The council asked MDDC Cllr Chenore to raise these concerns with MDDC Planning. The council to raise these concerns too by writing to MDDC Planning in its response. **MDDC Cllr Chenore to action and report back to clerk and clerk to add comments on to planning team.**

**4.2 26/00029/PNAG Treable Farm Hittisleigh. Prior approval for the erection of a covered silage clamp. As above.**

5. **Reports from Devon County and Teignbridge District Councillors.** Cllr Chenore asked the clerk to share the recording of the MDC budget meeting which has been sent.

MDDC Cllr Chenore reported that Christmas tree collections were ongoing, warm homes funding is available, anyone interested can find details on the Mid Devon District Council website. police and crime commissioner role is to be abolished, there will be a 5% increase in MDDC parking charges, however, charges are waived in the Christmas period to support local businesses.

Flooding continues to be an issue in the MDDC area. Cllr Watson reported that work had been done within Hittisleigh Parish to solve flooding issues. Cllr Chenore to ask Highways Officer how many problems have been reported on the digital Report a Problem Page. If councillors identify a problem or have complaints from parishioners, then they are to email

the clerk and the clerk to forward to DCC Cllr Cairney. Email address is [clerk@hittisleighparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hittisleighparishcouncil.gov.uk) **CLERK AND CLLR CHENORE TO ACTION**

DCC Cllr Cairney updated the parish council on the Local Government Review.

6. **Reports from Hittisleigh Parish Councillors.** Nothing to report at present time.
7. **To approve the minutes of the November 2025 meeting as a true record.** The council approved the minutes as a true record unanimously by a show of hands.
8. **To discuss the financial activity of the council and to agree the precept request for 2026-2027.** The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to request the precept for 2026-2027 as £3,330.
9. **Review changes of use within the parish due to sale of houses, land, buildings over the past six months and assess any impact on the parish and council.** The council raised concerns about a new access created to serve a property. The new access differs from that presented in the planning application and now part of a hedge has been removed and a new access created. The Chair to forward details to clerk and clerk to forward to DCC Cllr Cairney so he can discuss during his meeting with the appropriate Highways Officer. **CHAIR AND CLLR CAIRNEY TO ACTION**
10. **The clarify the governance of human waste on injected/spread on land within the parish.** Clerk to write to Environment Agency to clarify if the current practice of human waste disposal within the parish falls within legislation. There are reports and photographic evidence of human debris such as tampons, sanitary towels and plastic on fields within the parish. **Clerk advised that CPRE membership may be able to advise and will contact them to find out more. CHAIR AND CLERK TO ACTION**
11. **Correspondence.** Nothing in addition to items above.
12. **To review the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System and how to raise awareness generally and how to inform people who have moved to the area in the past year.** The council needs to inform new residents about the VETS system. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Chair will contact those concerned and update the list of volunteers. Cllr McDonald to refresh the What 3 Words reference on notices. The current volunteer list was reviewed and remains without any alterations. The Vice Chair will attend the next Hittisleigh Farmers' Market to raise awareness within the parish and to seek future volunteers. **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TO ACTION**
13. **To approve payments. No payments**

**Meeting closed at 2115**

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.