

# MINUTES POUGHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Attendees:** Cllr Wellerd, DCllr Colthorpe, Cllr Clark, Cllr English.

## 1. Election of Chair and signing of Declaration of Office.

Cllr Wellerd – Proposed DCllr Colthorpe, seconded Cllr English, all agreed.

## 2. Election of Vice Chair and signing of Declaration of Office.

Cllr Wild – Proposed Cllr Wellerd, seconded Cllr Clark.

## 3. Apologies.

Cllr Wild, CCllr Keeble.

## 4. Declaration of Interests – Cllr Clark declared an interest in 8.1.1.

## 5. Minutes of Meeting held on 05th March 2026.

5.1 Minutes from the meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> March 2026 have been approved.

## 6. Finance.

6.1 Membership of the ICO has been approved.

6.2 Annual Governance and Accounting Return 25/26.

6.2.1 The certificate of Exemption has been approved by the full council.

6.2.2 The Annual Internal Audit Report has been approved by the full council.

6.2.3 The Annual Governance Statement has been approved by the full council.

6.2.4 The Accounting Statements has been approved by the full council.

6.2.5 The Bank Reconciliation has been approved by the full council.

6.2.6 The Explanation of Variances has been approved by the full council.

6.2.7 The Exercise of Public Rights Notice has been approved by the full council.

6.3 The purchase of a bench for the community garden has been approved.

6.4 A grant to Poughill Community Park of £114.00 (RoSPA Report) has been approved.

6.5 A 3-year Insurance renewal with Community first (£247.39 a year) has been approved.

6.6 The Current Account balance at 30/04/2026 was £4330.34, plus £2,687.30 in the Instant Access Savings Account.

6.7 Notification of payments and receipts since the last meeting and current financial status.

Date	Details	Savings Receipts	Receipt	Payment	Balance	Savings Bal
01-Mar	Balance				£2,727.83	£1,685.93
9-Mar	Interest	£0.65				
9-Mar	CF Community Shop - News Letter Sales		£3.95			
9-Mar	Poughill Village Hall – Refurbishment			£400.00		
11-Mar	Service Charges			£4.25		
20-Mar	A Cheriton			£320.00		
20-Mar	D Kingdon			£126.40		
20-Mar	HMRC - PAYE			£31.40		
25-Mar	Poughill Village Hall - Hire			£48.00		
07-Apr	Service Charges			£4.25		
09-Apr	Interest	£0.72				
09-Apr	DALC			£115.70		
13-Apr	A Cheriton			£50.00		
13-Apr	TRF to IAS Account	£1,000.00		£1,000.00		
13-Apr	Four Seasons - Advert		£15.00			
13-Apr	Best Chimney Clean - Advert		£15.00			
14-Apr	Fursdon Estate - Advert		£15.00			
14-Apr	J Akins - Newsletter		£15.00			

14-Apr	Western Venture - Advert		£45.00			
15-Apr	MDDC - Precept		£3,733.00			
20-Apr	D Kingdon			£126.04		
20-Apr	HMRC – PAYE			£31.40		
21-Apr	Pennymoor Singaround - Advert		£30.00			
21-Apr	The Sandford Gate - Advert		£15.00			
23-Apr	M Pike - Newsletter		£8.00			
23-Apr	A Cheriton			£50.00		
30-Apr	Ring of Bells - Advert		£15.00			
Balance					£4330.34	£2,687.30

## 6.8 Reserves Accounts.

Notification of payments and receipts since the last meeting and current financial status.

Date	De Fib			General		
	Receipt	Payment	Balance	Receipt	Payment	Balance
31/03/2026			£637.00			£1,000.00
13/04/2026					£1,000.00	
30/04/2026			£637.00			£2,000.00

## 7. Governance.

7.1 Membership of the Governance Working Group has been confirmed as - Cllr Wellerd, DCllr Colthorpe, Cllr English.

7.2 Membership of the Finance & Risk Working Group has been confirmed as - Cllr Wellerd, Cllr Clark, Cllr English and the clerk.

7.3 Membership of the Assets & Amenities Working Group has been confirmed as - Cllr Wellerd, Cllr English, Cllr Clark and DCllr Colthorpe.

7.4. Membership of the Planning Committee has been confirmed as - Cllr Wellerd, Cllr English, Cllr Wild, Cllr Clark.

7.5 Cllr Wild has been nominated as a member of the Poughill Village Hall Trust Committee for a period of 1 year.

## 8. Planning.

8.1 New applications –

8.1.1 Ref: 26/00605/FULL

Proposal: Variation of Condition (1) of planning permission 24/00331/FULL (Retention of a caravan as a temporary agricultural worker dwelling) to extend temporary planning permission for an additional 2 years.

Location: Land at NGR 285531 109541 Edbury Farm Pennymoor

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 285563 / 109553

Parish: Poughill 40

**Opposed** - We would like to see evidence this is a viable agricultural business.

The fumes and the noise from the diesel generator running 24/7, are very upsetting to neighbours.

We believe the information regarding the availability of alternate properties within a 1-mile area were inaccurate at the time of reporting.

## 9. District Councillor/County Councillor Report.

9.1 District Council – Full council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May put through two motions – Recognising the rights of rivers in Mid Devon and the awareness of the need to report Anti-Social Behaviour to the District council. The Annual Meeting of Mid Devon District Council brought forth the resignation of the leader of the council Cllr Luke Taylor, Cllr David Wolf has been elected the leader of the council.

9.2 County Councillor - As attached.

Future Meeting Dates - **02.07.26, 03.09.26, 05.11.26, 07.01.27, 04.03.27.**

# Cllr Steve Keable

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## Devon County Councillors Report - Creedy, Taw & Mid Exe:

Bickleigh • Brushford • Cadbury • Cadeleigh • Chawleigh • Cheriton Fitzpaine • Coldridge • Cruwys Morchard • Down St. Mary • Eggesford • Kennerleigh • Lapford • Morchard Bishop • Newton St. Cyres • Nymet Rowland • Poughill • Puddington • Sandford • Shobrooke • Silvertown • Stockleigh English • Stockleigh Pomeroy • Thelbridge • Thorverton • Upton Hellions • Washford Pyne • Wembworthy • Woolfardisworthy • Zeal Monachorum

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## Mid Devon Councillors Report - Taw Vale:

Chawleigh • Lapford • Nymet Rowland • Wembworthy

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**Welcome to my newsletter for May.** As the days grow longer and spring brings renewed energy, this edition seeks to keep you informed about local decisions, community initiative, local news, recent developments, forthcoming events, and notable achievements within our community. Thank you for reading

**Stay informed about local decisions, community initiatives, and opportunities to have your say**

## Chief Medical Officer, Sir Chris Whitty, explores the health challenges in rural Devon



Sir Chris was told about the challenges around rural deprivation, food insecurity, and fuel poverty, as part of a fact-finding mission looking at the health challenges for people in small towns and rural areas, for an annual report he will publish for government later this year.

He heard about the health inequalities for people living in urban and rural Devon, the challenge of rural deprivation and exclusion, particularly in relation to access to services.

He was told about findings from a recent Devon Youth Council survey, where young people highlighted the barriers that they experience living in rural communities – a need for better local public transport, and more reliable access to broadband for example. And of the work that young people and the council are doing to improve the range of things and activities that young people can access.

He also heard about the challenges that young people in rural areas have accessing education, training, and employment opportunities.

Devon's aging population was also highlighted as a challenge, with health and adult social care services supporting one of the highest percentages of older people in the country.

## TIVERTON WORKHUB

At Tiverton Market, a building has been transformed into a vibrant co-working space helping to support local entrepreneurs, businesses and enhance footfall in Tiverton town centre: with a UK Shared Prosperity Fund Grant.

Simon Lloyd, hub manager, said: "We know that more people are working flexibly than ever before, but that can sometimes feel isolating. Tiverton Workhub is about creating a place where people can work productively while also feeling part of a supportive local community".



Devon County Chair, Cllr Caroline Lever, & Mid Devon Chair Cllr Gordon Czapiewski with Cabinet Planning & Economic Development lead, Cllr Steve Keable cutting the 'opening ribbon'.

Events: May 6<sup>th</sup> European Co-working Day a great opportunity for people to come in, try the space and see what's happening here in the town, and May 27<sup>th</sup> Open Business Discussion - no agenda, just a chat in a small group to share and help each other and find the work/life balance everyone desires and engage with like-minded people.

Trying a change of scenery during your working week: this month might be a good time to visit your local Workhub.

For more services please follow this  Search: Signal Bizhub Tiverton

## **Devon County May News Brief**

We've installed **Swift nest boxes** on buildings at County Hall in Exeter and at the Grand Western Canal in Tiverton to help summer visitors find safe nesting sites as numbers continue to fall nationwide – down 60% in 30-years.

It's all part of our scheme to support swifts – one of the UK's most distinctive birds – and follows a decision last year to install swift nest boxes across our estate.

Because swifts stay for only a few months, it is essential that they find a nesting site quickly. Numbers have fallen significantly in the last decade, and one of the main reasons is thought to be the loss of nesting spaces.

Swifts nest in small gaps and cavities in buildings and are faithful to their sites, returning year after year.

When repairs block access points – for example during roof works or when soffits are replaced – birds can be forced to search for new sites at short notice.

🔗 booklet to help email: [help.swifts@gmail.com](mailto:help.swifts@gmail.com)

### **DCC Cabinet**

- **Devon Pothole Trial Update** and
- **Library Service - outcome of Consultation and Future Delivery Model**

Both will be debated at Devon County Cabinet, at 10.30 on **Wednesday 20 May**. 🔗 search: Devon County Cabinet, to view or join line on-line.

### **Bus Travel**

Progress continues to be made in preparation for the Cullompton Relief Road with a new bus lay-by on Station Road, marking another positive step forward in preparing the local highway network ahead of the wider scheme.

The Station Road lay-by is now being used by services operating along the route. It forms part of a package of early improvements designed to support the long-term delivery of the relief road and bring immediate, practical benefits for the community.

The new lay-by provides a clear and safe stopping area for buses to drop off and collect passengers, while reducing disruption to other road users

### **Parish action on bus shelters**

A new bus shelter has been installed at Half Moon on the A377 by Devon County Council. Newton St Cyres Parish Council are lobbying for a bus shelter at the Langford junction on the A377 and Silverton Parish Council wish to install a bus shelter at Upexe Lane on A396. Both sites are supported by County Councillor Steve Keable and DCC Transport Coordinating Officer undertaking the necessary investigations including safety checks.

### **Crediton Tesco's road upgrade**

Details to follow in June - works to start at A377 roundabout from 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Mid Devon District May News Brief**

### **5-Year housing land supply statement for 2025**

A statement about the housing land supply in Mid Devon at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 is now published on the Mid Devon website. The statement is used for planning purposes and reports that the housing land supply is currently 2.40 years. This reflects the housing need for the district using the Government's standard method and an appropriate buffer, and planning commitments for sites that are deliverable in 5 years.

🔗 Search: [Housing Land Availability - Mid Devon](#).

Since the Council cannot demonstrate a 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites the policies in the current adopted Mid Devon Local Plan which are most important for determining planning applications for the development of new homes are out-of-date. Decisions on such applications should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development and a 'tilted balance'.

The statement will be updated to reflect the housing land supply at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 once the baseline monitoring data is available for this. However, it is expected this updated statement will not result in a notable difference to the figure reported.

As reported last month, the **HELAA** 'call for sites' findings will be published by Mid Devon in June.

**Mid Devon Local Plan** - Parish Councils will be consulted on 'scoping the plan' at the end of May for 6-weeks. The Local Plan is about setting vision & strategy, allocation of land to meet objectives, produce evidence & policies and undertake public consultation. This must be achieved within a 30-month timetable to be ready ahead of the new Unitary Council.

### **National Top 10 for Recycling Districts**

Mid Devon achieves new record waste and recycling performance achieved its strongest-ever waste and recycling results, with the latest figures placing the district among the very best in the country.

For the year 2024/25, Mid Devon ranked 10th out of 197 local authorities for recycling, with a rate of 57.9%, improving on last year's position of 11th and placing the district firmly within the top 5% nationally.

Mid Devon ranks 6th out of 197 councils for the lowest tonnage collected per household, 296.8kg, an improvement from 9th last year, placing the district in the top 3% nationwide.

*"We are extremely proud to continue to climb the national rankings. This success is down to the continued efforts of our residents. By reducing waste, reusing more, and recycling correctly, you are helping to make a real difference – thank you."*  
**Cllr Josh Wright, Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement**

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