

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Report from Cllr Tyldesley attached.

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that the closure of Birch Road due to the building development in Landkey has caused problems with rubbish and recycle collections as the collection lorries have been unable to access properties. NDC have now sent a smaller vehicle.

He also stated that the Council has previously discussed installing electric flashing speed sign, and hopes that this will continue to be investigated.

2025.101 Apologies and attendance: Apologies received from Cllr Brown and County Cllr Tyldesley. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Haworth-Booth and Ackland and District Cllr Lane.

2025.102 Declarations of Interest - none

2025.103(a) Minutes of previous meeting

Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2025

(b) Any matters arising from the minutes

2 High Street – Reports have been made to the Police, Environmental Health and Anti-social behaviour. Visits have been made to the property.

St Honore Du Fay – scrap cars. The matter has been reported to Livewest – all scrap removed.

Yellow Lines in village - A meeting was held in the village to look at the proposals. Cllrs made a few changes - map attached. Also discussed were bus markings and road resurfacing. Resurfacing is due to be carried out in the Spring, and the bus markings and yellow lines will be installed after completion. Cllr Knill proposed changes to the layout of the square which he considers will help with the parking issues, highways suggested it may be possible but the Parish Council will have to find the funding. It may be possible to obtain this through a precept increase. Highways agreed to look at correcting the dip in the road surface by the old Post office which is constantly pooling water.

Planning in Tannery – The clerk has written to Mr Davis but has not yet received a reply. A meeting has been held at the school – Cllr Wadsworth will report.

2025.104 Correspondence – none received

2025.105 Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that he was the only member from Swimbridge.

2025.106 Telephone Box – Cllr Wadsworth reported that the box will be refurbished in 3 phases. Phase 1 will be the removal of the glass and shotblasting of the carcass. Phase 2 will be repainting and installing new glass. Phase 3 will be the interior. Cllr Lane offered £400 grant and Cllr Haworth-Booth offered £750. The clerk will apply. It was decided to report on the Facebook page.

2025.107 Police Visibility -this will be on the agenda of the next meeting.

2025.108 Committee Reports

1. Planning

There will be a site visit on Wednesday at 10am at Oakdale Avenue.

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that he has sent an email to enforcement to follow up on Summermoor.

2. Finance

Accounts balances at 31st October 2025:

Current account £10149.95 Reserve account £10608.30

The full audit has been completed and reported. No issues reported.

Consideration of budget for 2026.27 – The finance committee reported that the latest budget monitor shows the Council will be overspent by £1244.25 (caused by the works to the car park and purchase of equipment) It was decided not to transfer funds from the reserves to over this as the Council had a surplus carry forward. Cllr Knill asked if the budget for grass cutting could be increased in order to add the grass area around the bench at the streamside, estimated cost £500pa. This was agreed and Rob Parish will be asked if he can add this to his contract. Other increases were made to cover inflation, and the precept figure was agreed at £19924.00.
Thanks to Cllr Tyldesley for the grant of £178.00

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team

Mr Picken (Chair of School Governors) has sent an update on the new school building. The application for planning permission should be submitted during December with the likelihood of work starting around Easter 2026.

We now have no contract for checking the play equipment, so it was agreed to approach Mr Rob Parish to ask if he would be interested in taking this on.
Scything of the wildflower garden has been carried out.

Cllr Knill proposed that the layout of the square could be changed to increase the amount of parking spaces available – proposed plan attached. It was agreed to ask Highways to survey and cost the process.

4. Media. Nothing to report.

2025.109

Payments for approval

Clerks Salary	£321.60 X2
Ian Rowsell	£60.00 X2
Robert Parish	£500.00 X2
EDF Energy	£47.25
PKF Littlejohn	£252.00
Glasdon	£555.26
DCC Printing	£41.25
S Hind (Bulbs etc)	£121.90
NDC – Dog Bins	£169.10

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Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.

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