

## Minutes of the Meeting of Pyworthy Parish Council – Thursday 16 July 2026

Present: Cllrs. R. Skinner (Chair), Beaven, Brennan, Lock, Moores, A. Skinner.  
Parish Clerk in attendance  
Cllr. Kenneally (TDC)  
3 members of the public.

### 1816. Welcome

Cllr. R. Skinner welcomed all to the meeting.

### 1817. Apologies

Cllr. Parrish, Cllr. James (TDC)

### 1818. Minutes of the Last Meeting (4 June 2026)

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 4 June 2026 were agreed and signed.

### 1819. Matters arising

Postman: It was reported the postman has now slowed down whilst driving in the village.

Antisocial behaviour: The two persons whose antisocial behaviour had caused concerns have now been evicted from a property in the village.

Fly-tipping: The fly-tipping which included asbestos has now been cleared by TDC.

### 1820. Public open question time

Cllr. Kenneally reported on current activity at Torridge District Council:

A3072: There have been three accidents in two weeks on the road east of Holsworthy and Devon Highways have been asked to investigate the road.

Torrington Data Centre: Public consultation on this large infrastructure project has been delayed.

Pot Hole Trial: Holsworthy Rural area (including Pyworthy has been included in a pothole repair trial.

Potholes should be reported to DCC Councillor Lynne Rowsell who will pass them onto the relevant team.

Derril Water Solar: Is not currently exporting electricity due to a potential overload issue with the grid. It is anticipated that it will be online again in October.

Planning Regulations: Changes to planning regulations come into effect from 31 October 2026. Under Schedule 1 of the draft Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) Regulations, specific categories of planning applications must be unconditionally delegated to planning officers and can never be considered by a planning committee. TDC may need to make changes to its Constitution to accommodate changes to the Act.

Local Government Reorganisation: Government has decided that Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay will have expanded areas and the rest of largely rural Devon will be a single unitary authority. As any investment is likely to go to the urban areas of Devon, the rural areas will miss out.

Derril Water Solar road repairs: Devon Highways are Torridge Planning are pursuing the road repairs set out in planning conditions from construction of the solar park.

### 1821. Correspondence

Emergency Hubs: The Community Emergency Hubs initiative is being delivered by Devon Communities Together. The programme aims to support communities in developing a local hub that can assist residents

during emergencies such as severe weather, power outages, flooding, or other disruptive incidents.

Local Plan Scoping Consultation: Is open and is the first formal opportunity for people to help shape the new plan for northern Devon. As many people as possible are asked to take part. The best way for people to respond is through the online portal. It can be accessed at [www.torridge.gov.uk/local-plan-scoping](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/local-plan-scoping).

#### 1822. Planning

1/0455/2026/FUL – Demolition of barn and erection of 1no. dwelling, in lieu of planning approval

1/0056/2024/AGMB. Location at Grid Reference 231822 102175. Councillors discussed the application.

Councillors resolved to SUPPORT this application.

#### 1823. Footpaths

Footpath behind village hall – The path is now overgrown again. It will be cut again.

#### 1824. Accounts

Accounts June 4 – July 16 2026

Accounts June 4<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 were discussed and agreed. Proposed Cllr. A. Skinner, Seconded Cllr. Beaven.

| Pyworthy Parish Council - May - July 2025                      |                            |         |            |            |            |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Available funds at 4 June 2026                                 |                            |         |            |            | £22,305.07 |                     |
| PAYMENTS                                                       |                            |         |            |            |            |                     |
| Date                                                           | To                         | Cq. No. | Amount     | Net        | VAT        | Reason              |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Pyworthy Village Hall      | 984     | £ 250.00   | £ 250.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Pyworthy Relief in Need    | 985     | £ 150.00   | £ 150.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | John Sanders Trust         | 986     | £ 300.00   | £ 300.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Pyworthy Post              | 988     | £ 800.00   | £ 800.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | HFWRC                      | 989     | £ 100.00   | £ 100.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Friends of Bude Sea Pool   | 991     | £ 25.00    | £ 25.00    | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Friends of Holsworthy Libr | 992     | £ 100.00   | £ 100.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Pyworthy Church            | 995     | £ 250.00   | £ 250.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | Holsworthy Community Tr    | 990     | £ 500.00   | £ 500.00   | £ -        | Grant               |
| 04/06/2026                                                     | South West Heritage Trus   | 993     | £ 50.00    | £ 50.00    | £ -        | Grant               |
| 02/06/2026                                                     | EON Next                   | 994     | £ 52.35    | £ 49.86    | £ 2.49     | Helicopter light    |
| 30/06/2026                                                     | S J Davies                 | 996     | £ 216.83   | £ 216.83   | £ -        | Clerk salary        |
| 24/06/2026                                                     | Andrew Symons Ltd          | 997     | £ 2,860.00 | £ 2,383.33 | £ 476.67   | Gun Club mower      |
| 30/06/2026                                                     | HMRC                       | 998     | £ 161.80   | £ 161.80   | £ -        | PAYE Apr-June 2026  |
| 18/05/2026                                                     | Lloyds Bank                |         | £ 5.75     | £ 5.75     | £ -        | Bank charges        |
| 06/07/2026                                                     | S Cholwill                 | 999     | £ 384.00   | £ 320.00   | £ 64.00    | Park maintenance    |
| 16/06/2026                                                     | Lloyds Bank                |         | £ 5.75     | £ 5.75     | £ -        | Bank charges        |
| TOTAL                                                          |                            |         | £ 6,211.48 | £ 5,668.32 | £ 543.16   |                     |
| RECEIPTS                                                       |                            |         |            |            |            |                     |
| Date                                                           | From                       | Ref     | Amount     | Net        | VAT        | Reason              |
| TOTAL                                                          |                            |         | £ -        |            |            |                     |
| PETTY CASH                                                     |                            |         |            |            |            |                     |
| Date                                                           | Item                       |         | Amount     | Net        | VAT        |                     |
| TOTAL                                                          |                            |         | £ -        |            |            |                     |
| Balance                                                        |                            |         |            |            |            |                     |
| Available funds at 16 July 2026                                |                            |         |            |            | £16,093.59 |                     |
| Solar spend 2024/25                                            |                            |         |            | £3,547.31  |            |                     |
|                                                                |                            |         | Budget     | Spend      | Remaining  | Allocated Available |
| Solar Fund Spend 2026/7                                        |                            |         | £16,758.00 | £2,383.33  | £14,374.67 | £5,000.00 £9,374.67 |
| Park Maintenance fund spend 2026/7                             |                            |         | £2,700.00  | £1,440.00  | £1,260.00  | £1,260.00 7 cuts    |
| Footpath fund spend                                            |                            |         | £162.66    | £402.30    | -£239.64   | £0.00 £0.00         |
| Total Budget available (Available funds minus allocated spend) |                            |         |            |            | £9,833.59  |                     |

#### 1825. Update on Contract for Grass Cutting

The total contract price for grass cutting in the park is £2,700. The budget was based on 18 cuts at £150 each. However, cuts are costing £160 each, which means that only 16 cuts are possible. The Clerk has spoken to the contractor who is aware of budget constraints and the contract should not be overspent. To date, £1,440 has been spent and there are 7 cuts remaining.

#### 1826. To discuss applications for grants from the Community Solar Fund.

St. Swithun's Church. A grant was requested of £5,000 towards the repair of the church clock. The project, total approx. £23,000, has the rest of the funding promised. Cllr. Lock proposed a grant of £5,000 be awarded and Cllr. Brennan seconded. Resolved that a grant of £5,000 be awarded.

The total remaining unallocated from the Solar Fund is now £ 4,374.67.

#### 1827. Items allowed by the Chair

Section 106: It was reported that Section 106 monies for Pyworthy Parish remain unclaimed. The Clerk will investigate.

Planning Issues in North Road: Cllr. Lock updated on further planning issues on the land in North Road between Derril Cross and Hillsborough Cross. Torridge Planning are aware of ongoing issues here and are investigating.

Demolished Wall: Concerns were raised about the demolition of a wall to allow heavy machinery onto a plot in the village, crossing the grass verge. It was considered that this was probably only for access while works were underway. The situation will be reviewed in case this access is made permanent.

1828. Date of next meetings

Thursday 24 September and Thursday 19 November 2026.

The meeting was closed at 20.48

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