

# CULMSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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**Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 in Culmstock Village Hall.** Members of the Public are welcome to attend and may address the Council at the start of the meeting. To ensure that the meeting runs as smoothly as possible, anyone wishing to speak, should endeavour to notify the Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting. At the discretion of the Chairman, the democratic period is limited to 15 minutes, and individuals may be limited to 3 minutes. No decision can be taken on issues raised within the democratic period unless the matter is already an item on the agenda. Following the democratic period public participation is only permitted by special invitation of the Chairman.

**To Members of the Council:** You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting for the purpose of transacting the following business.

## AGENDA

1. **Democratic Period.**
2. **Election of Officers:**
  - 2.1 Chairman. a) Chairman to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
  - 2.2 Vice Chairman b) Vice-Chairman to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **Apologies.**
4. **Declarations of Interest.**
5. **Approval of minutes:** of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
7. **Appointment of representatives to advisory/working groups.**
  - 7.1 Planning.
  - 7.2 P3/The Parish Paths.
  - 7.3 Highways.
  - 7.4 Playing Field.
  - 7.5 Cemetery.
  - 7.6 Access, Common Land & Beacon.
  - 7.7 Website.
  - 7.8 Finance.
  - 7.9 Personnel.
  - 7.10 Flooding & Sewerage.
  - 7.11 Emergency.
8. **Appointment of Representatives to:**
  - 8.1 Culmstock Village Hall.
  - 8.2 Blackdown Hills Parishes Network.
  - 8.3 Parish Magazine.
  - 8.4 Allotment Society.
  - 8.5 Governing Body of the Primary School.
  - 8.6 Culmstock Christmas Lights.
- 9 **Planning and Planning Correspondence/Information.**
  - 9.1 Applications to be considered: None received.
  - 9.2 Results from Mid Devon District Council.  
-Appeal decision for 25/00346/PIP - Permission in Principle for a phased development of between 3 and 9 Custom and Self Build dwellings - Land at NGR 310051 113426, North of Uffculme Road, Culmstock. Appeal Dismissed.

*Planning continued:*

-25/01648/FULL Removal of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 22/02186/FULL (Change of use of land for siting of temporary workers mobile home and septic tank and retention of change of use of land from agriculture to commercial equestrian use) relating to temporary time limit of the dwelling and variation of Condition 2 to allow substitute plans. Beacon View Farm, Nicholashayne. TA21 9QY. Permitted with conditions to discharge.

-26/00238/FULL Erection of replacement self-build dwelling. Brookfield, Silver Street, Culmstock. Permitted with conditions to discharge.

25/01296/PNAG Prior Approval for the erection of an agricultural storage building. Land at NGR 310560 114950 Dalwood Farm, Culmstock. Development acceptance.

**9.3** Devon Communities Together joint Housing Needs Survey - update on dates and publicity.

**9.4** Any other Planning Matters.

**10. Reports.**

**10.1** The Chairman/Vice-Chairman.

**10.2** The Clerk.

**10.3** P3/Footpaths and/or Access.

**10.4** Highways.

**10.5** Blackdown Hills Parishes Network.

**10.6** Hillmoor Common.

**10.7** Culmstock Cemetery.

**10.8** Culmstock Primary School, 150 year celebration - 2026: Cllr. Sarah Leppard.

**10.9** Any other reports including reports from DCC & MDDC Councillors.

**11. Culmstock Play Area and Pavilion.**

**11.1** Thunderbox - arrangements for cleaning.

**11.2** Any other matters.

**12. Finance.**

**12.1** Finance report & to note the balances: To note the bank balance as at 30/04/26 - £74,576.84.

Credits received: MDDC precept first instalment 15/04 - £33,105.49

Direct Debits taken: Nest 07/04 - £125.10. Lloyds Bank service charge 20/04 - £4.75.

Open Spaces Society subscription 20/04 - £45.

**12.2** To resolve to make payments:

1. £ 133.50 SMA Services. Payroll provider - includes pension re-declaration.

2. £ 955.84 Clerk - salary & expenses.

3. £ 194.05 Parish warden - salary & expenses.

4. £ 966.47 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Grounds Maintenance Contract.

5. £ 126.00 Culmstock Village Hall. Room hire and compost toilet cleaning for March.

6. £ 45.00 Geosphere Ltd. Parish Online-annual subscription.

7. £ 737.44 Vision ICT. Website hosting & support. Email accounts & annual support package.

8. £ 388.54 Helping Hand Ltd. Litter picking equipment.

9. £ 110.00 Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management. Annual subscription renewal.

10. £ 45.00 Geosphere Ltd. Parish Online, mapping renewal.

11. £ 46.00 Bubbles Exterior Cleaning. Compost Toilet cleaning for the end of April.

**12.3** Any other financial matters.

**13.** Parish Council Website - Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA and the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

**14.** **Annual Parish Meeting** - update on format and arrangements.

**15.** **Correspondence & Any Consultations.** CPRE Centenary issue. Clerks and Councils Direct.

**16.** **Items for information, future agenda items, and future meeting dates.** Next meeting: 11/06/25.