

**Minutes of Clovelly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 at 7.30pm
in Clovelly Memorial Parish Hall.**

Present: Cllrs C West (Chairman), J Davey, Mrs V Foster, D Garnet, C Huxtable, N Sanders, A Tucker.

County Councillor J Wilton-Love

District Councillor Boughton

2 Members of the public and Mrs S Squire, Parish Clerk

21/22 – 134 Open Forum

21/22 – 135 Apologies. Councillors P Slee, S Perham and District Councillor S Harding.

21/22 – 136 Declarations of Interest
Councillor West declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute No. 21/22 142.1 – Finance. Reimbursement to him for trees, ties and plaque in connection with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

21/22 – 137 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8/3/22
Approved and signed as a correct record after an amendment was made under Minute No. 21.22 – 125.7 Potholes. The location was West Dyke, not East Dyke.
Proposed by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Mrs Foster and unanimously agreed.

21/22 – 138 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

21/22 – 138.1 Clovelly A39 roundabout funding.

The Clerk advised that District Councillor Mrs Dart had suggested that an application from her grant allocation should be submitted in the new municipal year and when more details were known.

Councillor Garnett suggested that the scheme was re-visited due to the high cost, with a view to the original scheme of flower planters being placed on the roundabout.

Thanks were expressed to District Councillor Harding for all the time, effort and hard work he had put into this project.

County Councillor Wilton-Love confirmed he would support the revised scheme.

Action: The Clerk to arrange an afternoon site meeting with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

21/22 – 138.2 The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Tree Planting. Three trees had been planted on Saturday, 9 April 2022 and there was a good turnout for the occasion.

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Tucker for preparing the ground and to Councillor West for fixing the plaque.

Photographs were taken which will be put in the Clovelly Archive by Councillor Perham.

Action: The Clerk to register the planting site on the Queen’s Green Canopy Website.

Platinum Jubilee Mugs. The order had been received and the Clerk brought them for Councillors to see, who were very pleased with the product.

Action: Councillor Mrs Foster to ascertain the number of children in the village from Clovelly Estate who will receive a mug.

Platinum Jubilee Bonfire – Thursday 2 June 2022 at 9.45pm

Permission had been given from Clovelly Estate for this to be held at Gallantry Bower.

Councillor Garnett will read the Proclamation.

Action: The Clerk to register the Bonfire with the Platinum Jubilee Pageantmaster, giving Councillor West's contact details.

21/22 – 138.3 Street Lighting. Councillor Perham had confirmed that the last light had been fixed and that the work was now completed.

21/22 – 138.4 Website. Councillor Sanders – Facebook page. There was no further information to report.

21/22 – 138.5 Grass cutting. Mr N Wonnacott had been advised in writing that he had been awarded the contract for 2022.

Action: Councillor West will liaise with the contractor about the timing of the cuts.

21/22 – 138.6 20s Plenty Campaign and speeding at Sierra.

Due to the deadline date of 31/3/22 and the Clerk's leave commencing on 17/3/22, it had not been possible for her to complete the DCC application form and provision of a map to support the application.

The Parish Council can however, continue to liaise with the 20s Plenty Campaign, the group who are working hard to get this speed limit in place across towns and villages in Devon.

Action: Clerk to proceed with the expression of interest details as indicated in the 20s Plenty Campaign literature.

21/22 – 138.7 Potholes / road surface at West Dyke Farm. County Councillor Wilton-Love had followed this up and the work had been completed.

On the question of road surfaces and potholes, Councillor Garnett advised there was a pothole on the Hobby Lodge side of Bideford.

Action: The Clerk to report this on the DCC interactive website

County Councillor Wilton-Love advised that he was constantly lobbying DCC regarding the state of the roads in the North of the County.

Councillor Mrs Foster pointed out that the A39 is a major road into Cornwall, and it being a tourist area, potholes and road defects put many cyclists in danger.

21/22 – 138.8 Additional street light in Wrinkleberry Lane. County Councillor Wilton-Love advised there was no further information and was continuing to follow this up.

21/22 – 138.9 Air Ambulance Night Landing Site Maintenance Service.

MAT Electrics have been requested to do the service and it is understood this will be done when they are in the area.

21/22 – 138.10 Electric Vehicle Charging Points. Councillor Sanders advised there was no further information to give.

There are certain instances where you money is available and this involves leasing the site or charging point to a person or organisation who is registered to charge. The Village Hall is not registered in this way.

Due to the high installation cost, it was felt that the scheme should not proceed until grants were more readily available.

County Councillor Wilton-Love advised that he had identified land in Barnstaple for charging facilities and has asked a VW garage for 1,500 electric cars for use in the area at a cost of £1.5 million where he is trying to obtain funding.

21/22 – 138.11 Hugglepit Memorial Seat. County Councillor Wilton-Love advised there had been no definitive answer from DCC Highways regarding the siting of such an item.

Councillor Mrs Foster felt the money could be better spent elsewhere and this view was shared by Councillors.

The Memorial is weeded by a Councillor.

The item to be removed from the Agenda.

21/22 – 138.12 Painting of telephone box. Got leaflets.

Councillor West had obtained two quotations, after obtaining details from a firm who sell materials for telephone boxes, such as the 'correct' red coloured paint, hinges, handles etc.

Quote 1: £360 labour + £132 for the paint

Quote 2: £277 labour + £132 for the paint

Councillor Mrs Foster suggested approaching the Men's Shed Association in Westward Ho!, who have done work in the village previously.

The Men's Shed scheme is described as a community space for men to connect, converse and create and the activities are often similar to those of garden sheds but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help reduce loneliness and isolation and can help with mental health issues.

Action: Councillor Mrs Foster to approach the Westward Ho! Branch to enquire if they would be interested, and the cost, which would not be paid to the individual who would do the work voluntarily (with the exception of purchasing the paint), but would go into their funds to help with Charity expenses.

21/22 – 138.13 Replacement signpost at Sierra to Burscott.

Councillor West had reported this to DCC Highways, requesting a replacement but had not received a response.

Action: Councillor West to remind Highways that a reply is expected.

21/22 - 139 Reports:

21/22 – 139.1 County Councillor Wilton-Love

He thinks the rail link, mentioned in District Councillor Boughton's Report, is a fantastic idea.

He has submitted a hypothetical proposal of running a free train service from Ilfracombe to Exeter at night for freight to take vehicles off the link road.

A position was vacant on the Corporate Infrastructure Committee which fits with the Children's Scrutiny Committee, of which he is a member. He was pleased to advise that his nomination was accepted and has visited Taw House and spoken to social workers to listen to any problems. He was told that they feel isolated in the North of the County as a service and are treated differently from their Exeter colleagues. A preliminary report has been prepared to go to both Committees. He wants the service to be graded as Outstanding from Requires Improvement.

Councillor Garnett pointed out that although the North of the County is rural, it is DCC's responsibility to ensure that Children's Services are run properly across Devon.

Councillor Mrs Foster asked why, when the Clerk writes to DCC, a reply is not always forthcoming and this could highlight that something serious could be missed and reflects the attitude of the Council that doesn't reply to serious questions.

County Councillor Wilton-Love acknowledged this, agreeing that the service in North Devon and Torridge should be improved.

21/22 – 139.2 District Councillor Boughton

At the full TDC Council meeting the previous evening, there had been a presentation regarding the Atlantic Coast Express, where it is hoped to have a railway link from Barnstaple to Bideford. The last train to Bideford was in 1982.

There are 31,000 people who live in Bideford, Northam and Appledore and Councillors were advised that the town of Okehampton has improved since the former rail link was reinstated.

There was also a presentation from the North Devon Biosphere relating to biodiversity net gain in planning, ideally achieved within the site. In certain circumstances if this cannot be done, there is an off site contribution.

21/22 - 140 Planning & Planning Correspondence. None to consider.

21/22 - 141 Correspondence. Various emails from Agencies have been forwarded to Councillors.

21/22 – 142 Finance.

21/22 – 142.1 The following payments were approved and authorised.

Proposed by Councillor West

Seconded by Councillor Garnett

		Ch.No.	
Mrs S Squire	Salary and expenses	1026	£212.13
HMRC	PAYE	1027	£ 46.00
DALC	2022/23 Subscription	1028	£ 89.31
Cllr C West	Reimbursement for Platinum Jubilee Trees, ties and plaque	1029	£309.63

Councillor West declared a Prejudicial Interest in this item and did not vote.

21/22 – 142.2 NatWest Bank Account. Savings Account Statement received, addressed to the previous Clerk but sent to the correct address.
Action: The Clerk to make arrangements for this to be amended

21/22 - 143 Highways. The Clerk has made representations about out of date signage.
Action: County Councillor Wilton-Love to chase this up and will also discuss signage in general with Highways.

21/22 - 144 Matters raised by Councillors / Clerk.

21/22 – 144.1 Councillor Davey raised the idea of a Parish Newsletter, similar to the one produced at Woolsey.
This was felt to be a good idea provided a person or people with the relevant IT skills could be found and were willing to take it on.

21/22 - 145 Urgent items raised at the discretion of the Chairman. None.

21/22 - 146 Date & time of next meeting: Tuesday, 10 May 2022 in Clovelly Memorial Hall at 7pm starting with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM).

The meeting ended at 8.43pm.

Summary of Decisions:

- **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 March 2022**
- **Payments**

Chairman

Date