

Minutes of Clovelly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 February 2024 in Clovelly War Memorial Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors C West (Chairman), D Garnett, R Phelps, N Sanders, A Tucker.
District Councillors Dart, Harding
3 Members of the public
Mrs S Squire, Parish Clerk.

119. Representations from the public.

119.1 A resident who lives in an adjoining Parish spoke about net zero and an organisation called Time to Wake Up Cornwall, which also applies to Devon.

The concept for Cornwall County Council to achieve net zero by 2030 will cost £2,000 per person, per annum.

County Councillor Wilton-Love is finding out the cost on behalf of Devon County Council.

In addition it is said there will be limitations to citizens impacting on travel, holiday and flight restrictions, cars, food choice, beef and lamb production is to be cut by 50% and potentially 100% in the future. There are farming concerns, the carbon credit system, reduction in cash use, implementation of smart meters and other items were mentioned.

As well as DCC having to spend the money, businesses will have to invest in net zero and homes will also be affected.

This gives a sense of anxiety and the TDC Strategic Plan was spoken about which does not give a target date.

A group of people have contacted DCC, Cornwall County Council and TDC about the goals of zero carbon emissions. A reply has been received from Cornwall County Council and a reply is awaited from Devon County Council. They have engaged an independent authority to look at DCC's Emergency Regional Plan and have criticised the climate science and the plan itself.

The resident will send more information to the Clerk and it was felt it was important for every individual to inform themselves.

Councillor West asked if the resident felt it was all happening too quickly.

A: Climate science was referred to.

119.2 A resident of Clovelly spoke on a similar issue to the first speaker, having been made aware of the Colchester Council Watch, who want to reduce the number of vehicles in Colchester. The resident referred to a United Nations Report where it anticipated that all but three of the UK airports would be closed, leaving only Heathrow, Gatwick and Glasgow.

120. **Apologies.** Councillors C Huxtable, P Slee, Mrs V Foster, District Councillors Andrew and Dart, County Councillor Wilton-Love.

121. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
Councillor Phelps has a Dispensation for matters relating to Clovelly Estate.

122. **Approval of the Parish Council Meeting Minutes held on 12 December 2023 and the Parish Council Meeting Minutes of 2 January 2024.**

Approved and signed as a correct record after it was noted under Minute No. 107.1 that the total of the Clerk's salary was £292.28 not £292.78.

Proposed by Councillor Garnett

Seconded by Councillor Sanders and unanimously agreed.

123. Reports

123.1 **County Councillor J Wilton-Love.** Apologies sent.

123.2 **District Councillor S Harding.**

- A full Council meeting had been held where there was a presentation by the NHS and North Devon District Hospital. The redevelopment of a site for a new hospital will not go

ahead until 2030 and in the meantime, existing accommodation blocks and houses will be converted into living accommodation for staff to enable people to come and work at the Hospital as currently, there are difficulties for potential staff in finding suitable affordable accommodation.

Planning permission has been submitted.

The Hospital will be modified inside with an extension built.

Q: Was this part of the 40 Hospitals the government was going to build?

A: A new Hospital for Plymouth will be built first. A new Hospital for North Devon had been planned for 2025 and the money is still ringfenced for this, but it will be later than 2025.

- South West Water had given a presentation and was attending a Scrutiny Meeting in early March. Questions had to be asked in advance for research to be done and an answer given at the meeting.
- He had attended a National Landscape meeting (formerly the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), where he is the TDC representative. Good work is being done and expenditure is clear to follow and where this is being spent. The organisation is erecting a shed for the boat that Mr S Perham uses for herring fishing.
The organisation is also spending money in Hartland with a group looking at numbers of wildlife and the organisation has a big input with planning.
- Councillor Harding is also in the North Devon Biosphere Committee who are looking at river pollution and climate change. He intends to visit and will report back.
- At an External Scrutiny Committee, Petroc gave a presentation of what they hope to do, and to achieve University status which will take approximately 8 or 9 years. They are finding it hard to recruit staff.
- An email had been received from a Clovelly resident regarding 4 South West Water manhole covers all of which had sunk and there was worry that a leak will result.

Action: The Clerk to report the location using What3Words: [bongo.hollogram.tiptoes](https://www.what3words.com/bongo.hollogram.tiptoes)

123.3 Defibrillator Check – Councillor Sanders. In order.

Action: A reprint of the number to be put on the defibrillator – Cllr West.

Action: Clerk to report to The Circuit.

124. Finance.

124.1 Payments. The following payments were approved:

Proposed by Councillor Tucker

Seconded by Councillor Garnett and unanimously agreed.

Mrs S Squire

February Salary £297.00 and a refund of PAYE £495.20 = £792.20

Expenses £61.50 **£853.70**

HMRC PAYE February 2024 £ 0.00

MAT Electrics.

Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Service & replacement fittings **£708.96**

The following invoice had been received after the preparation of the Agenda.

Proposed by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Tucker and unanimously agreed.

Mr N Wonnacott Grass cutting £510.00

Action: Councillor West to transfer £1,500.00 from the Savings Account to the Current Account to meet these payments.

124.2 Online Banking – Councillor West was not able to make the arrangements for Councillor Phelps and the Parish Clerk to be additional signatories online and hard copy forms are being used.

Proposed by Councillor West that Councillor Slee is also a signatory. Councillor West had contacted Councillor Slee to check that he was in agreement.

Seconded by Councillor Sanders and unanimously agreed.

125. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 December 2023.

125.1 Additional street light in Wrinkleberry Lane. A reply had been received from a member of the Street Lighting Team, which had been circulated to Councillors. There are no National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) services near the location of the proposed new light and various scenarios were given. A site meeting was offered and is to be taken up.

Action: Clerk to arrange a site meeting.

125.2 4 wheelie bins at Burscott Road. The Clerk has been in correspondence with TDC who had advised that the bins cannot be removed as there are bins in the road which are part of the permit scheme. The Clerk had pointed out that these bins do not have a permit and would be easily recognisable and suggested that they are collected on a mid-collection day as these would be the only bins on the pavement. TDC were advised that people in wheelchairs and pushing prams have to go into the road to pass them. No further information was known.

Action: District Councillor Harding will take pictures of the bins and deal direct with TDC.

126. Clerk's Actions:

- ❖ Defibrillator Report sent to The Circuit
- ❖ Dealt with payments
- ❖ 2024/25 Precept form completed and submitted to TDC
- ❖ DCC Highways requested to clean the signs. A reply has been received that the signs in question could not be found.

127. Planning & Planning Correspondence. None.

128. Correspondence. None.

129. Highways. No matters were raised.

130. Matters Raised by Councillors / Clerk.

130.1 The Clerk will be away from her desk on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 14, 15 and 16 February due to attending a family funeral in Yorkshire. She will be checking emails and continuing to deal with Parish issues when possible.

131. Any matters raised under Public Participation for further consideration
Councillors will follow up the net zero issue.

132. Urgent items raised at the discretion of the Chairman

A letter had been received from Clovelly Estate with the suggestion that the 2009 Best Kept Village Award sign was removed and another scheme devised to be more up to date. Councillor Phelps advised that the Gardening Group had tried in 2023 to get people interested, without success.

Action: Clerk to reply advising that the Parish Council would like the sign to remain and that there are no plans to do anything different. Support from villagers would be needed.

Action: Councillor Tucker to inspect the sign and report if it requires attention.

133. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 12/3/24 in Clovelly War Memorial Parish Hall which will commence at 7.30pm with the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Summary of Decisions:

- **Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 12 December 2023 and 2 January 2024**
- **Payments including a late invoice**
- **Councillor Slee to be an additional cheque signatory**

Chairman

Date