

Minutes of the Ordinary Cutcombe Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2026 in the Edwin Beckett Room, Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Eric Norman (Chair), Oliver Yiend (Vice Chair), Roger Foxwell, Richard Norman, Hazel Crockford, Sarah Cook

In attendance: Liz Stitt – Clerk

| Item | Minutes | Action |
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| | Public Question Time. No members of the public were present, and no public comments were made. | |
| 26/22 | To receive Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received to the Clerk from Cllr Jon Levenson. Cllr Steven Pugsley and Cllr France Nicholson are at other meetings and will try and join later if possible. | |
| 26/23 | To receive declarations of Interest. Cllr Eric Norman, The Rest and Be Thankful Pub. | |
| 26/24 | To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the 17th of February 2026. These were approved and signed. | |
| 26/25 | To receive reports from Somerset Councillors. There was no report given as the Somerset Councillors did not make it to the meeting. | |
| 26/26 | <p>To discuss the Rowan Tree Donation from Somerset Council Highways in memory of the tragic events of last summer, as well as marking the remarkable resilience and unity shown by the community during and after that time.</p> <p>i) Discuss where to plant the tree. After discussion it was agreed that it would be best to be planted on the recreation ground. As the Moorland Hall Representative, Cllr Oliver Yiend will arrange with the trustees of the hall to plant the tree taking into account the Parish Council's suggestion of where it should be planted, which is to the left of the gateway from the main road, or alternatively by an existing bench near the multi-use games area, with the preference being the first option.</p> <p>ii) Discuss the idea of Cutcombe Parish Council donating a bench to go with the tree to create a peaceful space for reflection. A couple of parishioners have said they would be happy to donate some money towards a bench. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed to donate a bench to go next to the tree. Cllr Richard Norman will speak to local suppliers and bring the prices to the next meeting. Any parishioners wishing to donate money towards the bench should contact the Clerk. It will be discussed at the next meeting what should go on a plaque on the bench.</p> | <p>Cllr Oliver Yiend</p> <p>Cllr Richard Norman</p> |
| 26/27 | <p>To consider highways and transport matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The roadworks on the A396 is now complete. It was raised at the last Highways Sub-Group meeting that it was a shame they didn't complete the defects further down the road at the same time. - The ongoing speeding problems were brought up at the latest Highways Sub-Group meeting. Kate Brown has agreed in principal that they could do another speed survey along there. The Clerk will speak to Kate about this along with also looking at refreshing the white lines and bollards around the crossroads. - Cllr Eric Norman, Cllr Richard Norman and the Clerk will meet with Kate | <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>Brown on the 24th of March to discuss the latest speed survey at the cross roads.</p> <p>i) To agree whether to go ahead with SID training for Cllr R. Norman at a cost of £210+VAT. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this training.</p> <p>ii) To agree whether to get the SID repaired at a cost of £738+VAT It was unanimously agreed to not repair it but go back to Westcotec and see if they can take it as part exchange for a new one. The Clerk will look into this and bring the costs back to the next meeting.</p> | Clerk |
| 26/28 | To consider any Planning matters. There were no planning matters to be discussed. | |
| 26/29 | <p>Finance</p> <p>i) To appoint an internal auditor for the 2025/26 AGAR. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with our current Internal Auditor, Paul Russell of Parish and Town Auditing Services at a cost of £180.</p> <p>ii) To receive and approve the schedule of payments and note receipts. This was received and unanimously approved.</p> | |
| 26/30 | <p>Update on the 2026 Snowdrop Valley Event including financial report. There were only three dry days through the whole of the event. The volunteers did an amazing job and great thanks goes out to them. The next Snowdrop Valley Committee Meeting will take place on the 21st of April. Cllr Eric Norman met with Ben Williams, Phil Farmer and Paul Parfitt. Ben has given permission to Phil and Paul to take down any trees that look dangerous in the valley and the paths that come up to the village. Any trees with Ash dieback will only be removed if they become dangerous. Ben Williams is also looking into getting FiPL money to do the paths.</p> <p>A query was raised about insurance for Snowdrop Valley and whether the council is responsible for this. The Clerk confirmed that it is covered under the public liability section of the Council's insurance.</p> <p>A financial report of the full takings was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. A profit and loss report was circulated up to the current date at the meeting.</p> | |
| 26/31 | <p>Correspondence:</p> <p>i) To note the correspondence which Councillors have received in the correspondence report. This was received by Cllrs.</p> | |
| 26/32 | <p>Items for consideration on the next agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To agree which bench to purchase after Cllr Richard Norman has spoken to the local suppliers. - To agree what should be on the plaque on the bench. - Update on costs of a new SID through part exchanging the old one. - Update on the Speed Survey Results of the crossroads. - Update from Moorland Hall on the tree location. | |

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix:

- i) Schedule of Payments**
- ii) Snowdrop Valley Financial Report (Listed below)**
- iii) Snowdrop Valley Profit/Loss up to the 17th of March (Found in the 'View Other Documents' button)**
- iv) Correspondence Report**

Snowdrop Valley financial Report

| Day | Date | Cash | Card Payments |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Saturday | 24/01/2026 | £ 15.00 | |
| Sunday | 25/01/2026 | | |
| Monday | 26/01/2026 | £ 10.00 | £ 14.76 |
| Tuesday | 27/01/2026 | £ 5.00 | £ 14.75 |
| Wednesday | 28/01/2026 | £ 20.00 | £ 4.92 |
| Thursday | 29/01/2026 | £ 15.00 | £ 17.70 |
| Friday | 30/01/2026 | £ 34.00 | £ 4.92 |
| Saturday | 31/01/2026 | £ 47.00 | |
| Sunday | 01/02/2026 | | |
| Monday | 02/02/2026 | £ 40.00 | £ 166.36 |
| Tuesday | 03/02/2026 | £ 30.00 | £ 23.59 |
| Wednesday | 04/02/2026 | | £ 9.84 |
| Thursday | 05/02/2026 | | |
| Friday | 06/02/2026 | £ 40.00 | £ 9.84 |
| Saturday | 07/02/2026 | £ 78.00 | |
| Sunday | 08/02/2026 | | |
| Monday | 09/02/2026 | £ 47.20 | £ 296.67 |
| Tuesday | 10/02/2026 | £ 26.00 | £ 4.92 |
| Wednesday | 11/02/2026 | | £ 44.25 |
| Thursday | 12/02/2026 | £ 111.00 | |
| Friday | 13/02/2026 | £ 100.00 | £ 54.11 |
| Saturday | 14/02/2026 | | |
| Sunday | 15/02/2026 | £ 257.00 | |
| Monday | 16/02/2026 | £ 120.00 | £ 402.36 |
| Tuesday | 17/02/2026 | £ 154.00 | £ 44.28 |
| Wednesday | 18/02/2026 | | £ 145.41 |
| Thursday | 19/02/2026 | £ 84.50 | |
| Friday | 20/02/2026 | £ 105.00 | £ 44.28 |
| Saturday | 21/02/2026 | £ 256.00 | |
| Sunday | 22/02/2026 | | £ 19.68 |
| | Market Days | £ 20.00 | |
| | Undated money bags | £ 365.00 | |
| | Donation Boxes | £ 148.30 | |

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| Re-imbusement to the school for school Snowdrop Payments made together with map payments (Please see explanation below) | -£ 115.00 | |
| TOTAL | £ 2,013.00 | £ 1,322.64 |
| TOTAL Cash & Card Payments | £ 3,335.64 | |

School Snowdrop Payments

People bought the school Snowdrops together with their maps which meant the money for the two got mixed together. At the end of the event it was calculated how much was owed back to the school for the Snowdrops that were sold at the trailer which is what this payment is for.