

Minutes of the Ordinary Cutcombe Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st July 2026 in the Edwin Beckett Room, Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Eric Norman (Chair), Jon Levenson, Roger Foxwell, Richard Norman

In attendance: Liz Stitt – Clerk, Cllr Frances Nicholson

Item	Minutes	Action
	Public Question Time. No members of the public were present, and no public comments were made.	
26/82	To receive Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Sarah Cook, Cllr Oliver Yiend, Cllr Hazel Crockford and Cllr Stephen Pugsley.	
26/83	To receive declarations of Interest. Cllr Eric Norman, The Rest & Be Thankful Inn.	
26/84	To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the 16th of June 2026. These were approved and signed.	
26/85	To receive reports from Somerset Councillors. The government has told Somerset Council that it really has got to sort its finances out. It's been put on a warning. The Council have appointed a permanent section 151 officer who has come from Wiltshire.	
26/86	To consider highways and transport matters. i) Investigate places to put permanent grit bins. Cllr R. Norman and Cllr Yiend have looked at where permanent grit bins may be of use by the school, bus stop, village hall and church, but as there aren't currently any grants for purchasing these at the moment it was decided to stick with the bags. The Highways representatives will check that the locations on the spreadsheet of the bags are correct. The Clerk will let Sam Murrell know that we would be interested in buying 4-6 grit bins if we could co-ordinate buying them with other parishes to do a bulk order to help bring the price down. ii) Info regarding a new SID It was decided to discuss purchasing a new SID at the September meeting. Three quotes have been obtained which the Councillors can look at, along with deciding which company offers the best warranty etc. Councillors can then decide whether they would like to go ahead with purchasing a new SID or whether it can wait to be put on the 2027/28 budget. The council will also need to consider the location of it and whether a new pole will need to be put up to house a new SID. The police are no longer doing grants for purchasing a SID, but the clerk will keep researching in the meantime to see if there are any other grants. There was a suggestion to put camera silhouettes on the current poles to see if that helps deter drivers from speeding. Cllr E. Norman suggested that the council ask Kieran Ash to cut the hedges around the village to help keep everything tidy, which was unanimously agreed. After receiving an email from the Ramblers 2026 Project asking about potential rights of way for Cutcombe Parish Council, Councillors asked the Clerk to reply to them to say that the land owners have been spoken to and the view is that there are enough footpaths that cover the Parish and we have had very good feedback from existing walkers who walk the paths that are already established, and if they have any other queries to contact Exmoor National Park who maintain the footpaths.	Cllr R. Norman, Cllr Yiend Clerk

26/87	To consider any Planning Matters. There were no planning matters to discuss. i) Put together the Councils thoughts on the Local Plan. The Council didn't have any comments to make on the Local Plan.	
26/88	Finance i) To receive the Q1 2026/27 Budget Outturn This was received by Councillors. ii) To receive and approve the schedule of payments and note receipts. This was received and approved.	
26/89	Correspondence: The Chair expressed his gratitude to everyone that helped with the Memorial service and said thank you to Richard and Farley for planting the tree and helping with the gazebos. Thanks were given to the Moorland Hall for hosting it and everyone who helped with making the teas and coffees, David Weir for doing a lovely service and to David Yiend for building and donating the bench. The Cllr E. Norman is going to get some planters to put around the tree & Bench for the flowers. It was a great turnout for the 150 years of Cutcombe School and it was nice to see everyone there including the Bishop of Taunton. It was highlighted that there are a number of parishioners that are currently in Nursing Homes in Minehead. The Health Hub opened recently and parishioners should be encouraged to use it. Cllr E. Norman will speak to Peter Hunt with suggestions of advertising the Hub at the village Fete. i) To note the correspondence which Councillors have received in the correspondence report. This was received and noted.	
26/90	Items for consideration on the next agenda. - Resolve whether to buy a new SID or wait until the 2026/27 Budget. - Nominate a coordinator to put things together for the Parish Magazine. Cllr Levenson advised that he is moving out of the Parish. The Clerk will check with the Democratic Services Team as to whether he will have to stand down as Councillor for Cutcombe, or whether he is within range of the Parish to still be on the council.	Clerk

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

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix:

- i) Q1 2026/27 Budget Outturn
- ii) Schedule of Payments
- iii) Correspondence Report