



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 7.30. pm, at Bridgerule Village Hall.

These minutes are provisional until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

Present : Chairman: D. Hale,
Councillors, J. McDougall, K. Bowditch, S. Whatmore, K. James, J. Trayford,
TDC N. Kenneally.
In Attendance : Clerk MOP x 1

3739. Apologies Received : SC, personal. Approved 1st JT, 2nd SW, all in favour.

Declarations of Interests: DH declared an Interest in Planning, item: 10 on Agenda.

3740. Council Meeting Minutes : Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2026 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and agreed by all present as correct. Proposed 1st, JMD, 2nd KB all councillors in favour.

3741. Matters Arising : No matters arising.

3742. Councillor vacancy – resignation of FC was accepted, and proposed EH be co-opted to fill current vacancy, 1st SW, 2nd JT. All in favour. Clerk to notify TDC of the co-option and resignation. DH formally welcomed EH to the parish council.

3743. Public Open Question Time : None raised.

3744 : District Councillors reports – NK reported that changes to planning regulations and Enforcement were being made, effective 31st October, as part of LGR. TDC have voted KJ as leader of the council again and KJ has been instrumental in formulating the plan for LGR. Derril Water park is not operating at present. DCC now has 4 rapid response Highways team in place. After following the Community Garden project, he offered a grant of £150 from his councillor grant fund to the group, EH accepted with thanks.

KJ reported that a LGR meeting had been held today, expected announcement from government on the LGR plans is due 19th July. TDC hoped to finish current projects including the Old Cattle Market site in Holsworthy and management of budgets for projects is testing. DH thanked both District councillors.

3745 : Bridgerule FC and Vinnacomb Park : to agenda item for next month.

3746 : Correspondence : Letter from Sir. G. Cox, MP – information support options for Connectivity and resident re the land at Southfields. Clerk to draft proposed letter drop for residents within the Connectivity report.

3747 : Accounts and Accounts due for payment : Finance sheets had been circulated, Invoices received this month, SC Garden Services, May, £240.00, Playsafety, £114.00 Annual Microsoft subscription due July, £84.99, payment approved for next month, 1st SW, 2nd JT, all councillors in favour.
Current account agreed at £ 7914.80, 30th May 2026.

3748 : Planning – 1/0398/2026/FUL – Conversion of Barns to 5 no: residential units. (Variation of condition 1 planning approval 1/0597/2023/FUL) Lodgeworthy, Bridgerule, EX22 7EH.

Councillors discussed the application. It was agreed that Consultee comment to TDC be as follows :

“ The parish council support the application in principle but is possible that it may affect existing drainage. “

Votes for 6, 1 abstention.

3749 : Speedwatch and Vas Signs Update : Speedwatch session at Middle Road on 31.5.26 had 85 passing vehicles with no speeding. A session held today at Vicarage hill had 38 passing vehicles, 2 were speeding and information forwarded to Devon HQ.

Vas data, Vicarage Hill, 5527 passing vehicles, 4592 travelling over 20mph, 449 travelling over 30mph, which is 1 in 12.3 Maximum speed recorded 48.5mph, average speed recorded 23.7 mph. Middle Road, 6127 passing vehicles, 395 travelling over 30mph, which is 1 in 15.5. Maximum speed recorded 43.8mph, average 21.5mph. Highways, road closure 26th June, Chapel Corner to Bridgemoor Cross, 1 day.

3750 : Village Hall/Shop update : The hall continues to do well; J. Cowling event booked for 24th July. The shop continues to trade well with some good days. Members annual meeting is due soon.

3751 : Bridgerule Community Garden : Paths within had been formed and laid, a Summerhouse due to be installed next week. A greenhouse had been given to the group; a shed is now sited. Grass seed has been laid on some areas and pumpkin planting has been done. The group is receiving a lot of positivity from the village.

3752: Playpark : Councillors discussed recent Inspection report. The triple A swing mentioned would need to be replaced as soon as practically possible due to cost and funding.

3753: New Website Update : Parish Online were preparing a draft new website, clerk to circulate when received. New email boxes were not yet live, awaiting date for the transfer. They have advised Text content of Minutes to be reduced for Accessibility purposes.

3754 : Clerks Report : Information received from DCC re the LEVI scheme, a contractor has now been appointed and interested parishes to be updated before the end of August. Annual Agar documents submitted to auditors 3rd June. An old map of Lodgeworthy and surrounding areas had been received, councillors viewed. It was estimated to be around 200 years. A letter of thanks had been sent.

3755 : Exchange of Information : Dog excrement had been found in the playpark recently, despite the sign of No Dogs. A drain cover had recently been found in another property.

3756: Meeting closed at 8.45 pm : Date of next meeting Tuesday 21st July at 7.30 pm.

Signed by Meeting Chairman :



Date of signing : ... 21st July 2026.....