

TEMPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes for the meeting of Templeton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7:30pm - Templeton Village Hall.**

Members: Cllr L O'Brien, (LOB), Cllr J Dent, (JD), Cllr V. Hopley, (VH), Cllr S Stone, (SS),
Cllr J O'Brien, (JOB). Parish Clerk - Beverley Newman (BN).

<p>Members Present: Cllr. L. O'Brien (Chairman), Cllr. V. Hopley, Cllr. J. O'Brien, Cllr. S. Stone.</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr. A. Stirling, Mid Devon District Councillor, West Exe.</p>
<p>1. Apologies received from Cllr. J. Dent, Cllr. C. Harrower, Mid Devon District Councillor, West Exe and Cllr. S. Lodge, Devon County Councillor for Tiverton West - accepted by council.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>Templeton Village Hall - (SS), (VH). St Margarets Church - (LOB), (VH)).</p>
<p>3. Public Forum: An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. No member of the public will speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.</p> <p>No members of the public in attendance.</p>
<p>4. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting of Templeton Parish Council held at Templeton Village Hall on 26th November 2025 had already been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposal: Agreement to the content of the minutes was proposed by (JOB) and seconded by (SS) and was unanimously agreed by the council.</p>
<p>5. Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy condition 1 of Planning Permission EI 2178 for a period in excess of 10 years Highfields Templeton Tiverton Devon EX16 8BJ. Ref. No: 25/01695/CLU Validated: Mon 01 Dec 2025 Status: Approved. <p>No comments recorded by the Council.</p>

6. Highways:

6.1 (LOB) - Road Warden and (SS) - Snow Warden.

Road Warden - **(UPDATE): (LOB)** Birches Cross to Lower North Combe Cross resurfacing work still outstanding and **(LOB)** still in communication and chasing highways as a priority. **(ACTION): (LOB)** to arrange for pot hole filler to be delivered under the road warden scheme. This will enable some of the small pot holes to be filled by the road warden and road warden volunteers - dependent on size and depth of the holes. **(LOB)** stated that some road and finger signs in the village were either dirty or in need of repair which would be addressed when the weather improved.

Discussions took place regarding the clearing of gullies to help prevent water overspill on to the roads which would assist the prevention of potholes occurring.

ACTION: (LOB), (SS). Encourage parishioners to report any potholes via [Report a problem - Roads and transport](#) or lb@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk

Snow Warden - **(UPDATE): (SS) - (SS)** discussed Snow Warden/Emergency plan. Discussions had taken place at previous meetings regarding four proposed zones for Templeton, access routes in and out of Templeton, methods of distributing the information to the village which were GDPR compliant and the website page.

Snow Warden Report 27.01.2025 Cllr Stone:

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1. Snow Plan / Emergency Plan The Templeton Community Emergency Plan includes: the snow plan - how to report an empty / damaged grit box - how to report a pothole / flooding - emergency communication. Ongoing 'Round Robins' have been effective but not all residents are on the Templeton Round Robin distribution list. The Templeton Parish Council website is now full of useful, up to date information but it is unclear how many residents are aware of it or have looked at it. From a general communications point of view, therefore, more must be done to engage with the residents of Templeton about the Snow Plan /Emergency Plan, and what residents can do to help. For example, it would be useful to have a list of residents with a chainsaw or tractor who might be prepared help with a fallen tree, or a list of residents who have a 4x4 and who could take someone into town / bring back shopping in a prolonged cold snap.

2. Snow Plan in practice January 2026. During the recent cold snap in early January, volunteers spread grit in several zones. Feedback is that there was enough grit to spread at crucial spots. The snow warden scheme should not be seen as a replacement for Devon County Council. Advice for volunteers is in the Snow Plan. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the hand gritting.
3. Grit Spreader – Update at the meeting on 13.11.25. It was proposed that a grit spreader could be purchased which could then be used to cover a wider area of Templeton more efficiently. Feedback from the residents of Templeton Bridge, who have already purchased a grit spreader, is that there was an issue with the grit they had being too damp to go down the chute of their grit spreader. Apparently, gritters like this often need a machine which will shake the gritter and contents enough for the grit to flow through so they sought advice from the manufacturers of the gritter. They have since investigated possible options and, upon advice from the manufacturer, have purchased the vibrating device which would be best for their machine. In the meantime, residents hand gritted the bottom of Shell Lane and Brandis Corner during the recent cold snap.
4. Grit bin purchase – Update:
The purchase of a grit bin for the ford by Templeton Social Committee was formally discussed at the Social Club Meeting on 15.01.2026. It was agreed that the grit box currently in Templeton Village Hall car park could be taken down to the ford. This grit bin will not go on the interactive web page at this time. The Neighbourhood Highway Officer has to approve where any new grit bin would go so I am keen to make contact with MM’s replacement. (See point 6). We are now awaiting a convenient date to get this agreement and move the bin.
5. Logging Grit Bins. log my grit bin reports. One other resident has forwarded the details of the bins they have also logged which has been incredibly helpful. However, I am still faced with a Schoedinger’s Grit Bin scenario in that, according to the interactive map, a bin may be both full and also empty but not checked at the same time. This still seems like a step is missing as it would be very useful for the Snow Warden to monitor the last time a bin was flagged or filled. If we could get the information directly from Mid Devon, a table such as the one below could be adapted to go on our PC website so residents are aware of when a bin has been reported and when they might expect it to be filled. Having said that, there is now an option on the interactive map, if a bin has already been reported as needing to be filled, to press the ‘Add me to this grit bin enquiry’ option.

Reference	Date	Location	Response
ReferenceW2 61925369SS	Date Reported:04- January-2026	Location: Road from Burches Cross to North Coombe Cross,,Templeton	The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 01/02/202614:30:00
ReferenceW2 61926455SS	Date Reported:06- January-2026	Location: Road from Templeton Bridge Cross to Templeton Cross, Templeton	The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 03/02/202611:10:00
ReferenceW2 61926309BL	Date Reported:06- January-2026	Location: Road from Templeton Bridge Cross to North Coombe Cross, Templeton (Chapel House)	The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We

			anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 03/02/2026 08:59:00
ReferenceW2 61926296BL	Date Reported:06-January-2026	Location: Road heading northwest to Witheridge Moor Cross East, Witheridge	The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 03/02/2026 08:39:00
ReferenceW2 61931950SS	Date Reported:15-January-2026	Location: Road from Templeton Cross to Partridge Cross, Templeton	The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 12/02/2026 16:16:00
ReferenceW2 61939688SSB UT it is also Reference W261925369SS from 04.01.2026	Date Reported:26-January-2026 Rereported – first reported 04-January-2026 as site address not correct	Interactive Map Location: Between Thornes Farm and Middle Coombe Farm but the Devon Highways reply has it being at: Road from Burches Cross to North Coombe Cross, Templeton	The details have been sent to our team so that an assessment can be carried out. We anticipate that this assessment will be completed by 23/02/2026

To note that the assessment may take a month but it is unclear if that is also an approximate grit delivery date. To note that on 06.01.2026, an emergency vehicle used almost all the grit from the bin at Templeton Cross. To note that it may be possible to report an empty grit bin which is not on the interactive map by dropping a pin and doing it that way. However, this does not mean it will be filled as we have been given additional grit for that. To note that some bins which have an allocated number may have been moved. To note that 'unadopted' grit bins - bins which are not on the interactive map because they are not filled by Devon Highways, adds another layer of complication for the residents and the Snow Warden.

6. Replacement for Highway Maintenance Team contact. Sadly, we have now lost MM. A new Highway Maintenance Team contact person, DS, has been assigned to Tiverton West and I now have their contact details. We were hoping to invite them to Templeton on 16th December to see the challenges we face in terms of our village geography and our collection of pot holes, and for them to take refreshments with us. Sadly, they were not able to join us. I have thanked MM on behalf of Templeton Parish Council, for all of her support with the roads and the snow warden scheme. I still have to discuss whether any funding is available from the Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund (HMCEF) in case we decide to purchase an additional grit box or a gritter. Advice is that all initial 2 applications should be discussed with the Neighbourhood Highway Officer prior to submission. I did this with MM but this is now a conversation I will follow up with DS.
7. Gritting for the School Bus Route at previous meetings, we have discussed the importance of the school bus service. I wondered if this meant that the school bus route through Templeton should be gritted. Devon County Council, not Mid Devon District Council (MDDC), is responsible for gritting school bus routes. Devon County Council only treats main routes and specific, pre-determined bus routes, rather than all routes, based on traffic volume. Devon County Council is not required to grit most school bus routes, including those through rural areas like Templeton, as they do not routinely salt them unless they are part of the designated primary salting network.

While they have a duty to ensure safe passage on highways, this only applies to heavily trafficked routes (A and B roads, some C roads), not all bus routes. I did find out the following, via Google AI: Local Action: Templeton has a designated Snow Warden, indicating that local, volunteer-led efforts are used for treating roads that are not on the main council gritting routes. However, this does not take into account that, for the school bus route, we would not have the volunteers /resources to do this unless we could liaise with other parishes such as Calverleigh for a joined up approach. I have also raised the point before that the snow warden scheme should not be seen as a replacement for the gritting work done by Devon County Council or Mid Devon District Council (MDDC).

Discussions took place regarding vulnerable residents within the village and the grit distribution/snow plan, location of grit bins, unadopted grit bins, re-filling of grit bins and notification of such, school bus route and responsibility of gritting the route and possible discussions with other parishes regarding this. **(ACTION): (LOB)** to contact highways (DM).

(LOB) Thanked Cllr. Stone on behalf of the council for her work on the snow plan and the production of the plan.

UPDATE: (BN) Published snow plan proposal on website. **(UPDATE): (BN)** Forwarded Plan to Cllr Harrower, District Councilor. **(UPDATE): (BN)** Contact parish council insurance company regarding self-help work and potentially add to the Snow Plan. Awaiting information from insurance company and will update at next Meeting.

6.2 Lower North Combe Farm Templeton – damaged bridge. Cllr. Stone first reported this damage in October 25. **(UPDATE): (LOB)** reported again on the interactive map and this has now been repaired. Many potholes and debris on the road also been reported. Requests for repairs must be reported on the interactive map.

6.3 Proposal 6 - Upgrading of Footpath No. 3 Tiverton (Titchens Lane) to a Bridleway (GR SS 9010 1414 to 8892 1282) - Templeton Parish Council were in agreement for the proposed upgrading of the footpath to a bridleway but caution was raised against any further development. It was noted that illegal use of vehicular access was currently evident. **(UPDATE): (BN)** Submitted the council's comments to Public Rights of Way Officer - Definitive Map Researcher for Mid Devon, Devon County Council and acknowledgement received of council's comments. Further discussions took place by the council.

Road Closure – Signage and communication regarding any future road closures in Templeton. **(UPDATE): (LOB)** Contact made with MDDC, highways who stated that the erection of signs were contracted out. The contractors will endeavour to display signs for Templeton in the future.

Concerns can also be reported on the 'Report a problem page' on the MDDC website. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport-report-a-problem>.

7. Reports.

7.1 County and District Council: Pots and Pans MDDC recycling service. **(UPDATE):** Cllr. Stirling confirmed that this scheme is now underway.

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Tiverton Bus Shelter Vandalism and Repairs

You may be aware that during the early hours of Saturday, 6 December (around 2:30am) Each pane of glass in the shelter in Phoenix Lane was damaged by vandals, resulting in thousands of pounds of damage. The Council aimed to repair the damaged bus shelters in Tiverton before Christmas, but due to supplier problems, the glazing will be replaced in early January 2026. Cllr J Lock, Cabinet member for Housing, Assets and Property Services, said:“ It was a sad sight to see so much purposeful damage caused to the bus shelter. It is hard to fathom why anyone would do such a thing, but we would like to reassure our residents that work is underway to repair the shelters as soon as possible”.

Christmas Tree Collections in January

The Garden waste Service will collect Christmas Trees put out for collection by All residents up to and including 31 January 2026. The tree trunk must be no wider than 4 inches (100mm) in diameter and under 6FT tall (cutting it in half before collection would be helpful). Please place the tree next to the blue food caddie or, if you have a brown garden It will not only help our hard-working crews out but also help us maximise our recycling rate and reduce our carbon footprint. Not only is this our Climate Change strategy in action but it also gives all residents the opportunity to make their own household contribution.

Warm Homes Local Grant

Warm Homes grants are being delivered in partnership with Devon County Council and other local authorities in Devon. It's a government backed scheme to make homes across Devon warmer, greener and more affordable to heat. The scheme offers fully funded energy efficiency upgrades for eligible households, including measures such as cavity wall and loft insulation, double glazing, air source heat pumps, solar panels and insulated doors. Visit Warm Homes: Local Grant DCC - Energy Saving Devon

Cabinet Decisions

1. Car parking & Permit Proposals 26/27

Reintroduction of a day permit option for car park users available to all residents across the district. Development of proposals around a new business permit for the Multi Storey Car Park. A 5% rise for Car Parking charges to be introduced as part of the budget Setting process for 2026/2027. The granting of additional free parking days for Crediton and Cullompton Town Councils to designate as they see fit to support their town centre activity. For permits visit middevon.tarantopermits.com.

2. Tax Base Calculation 2026/27

That the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2026/27 be approved in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Mid Devon District Council. Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 2 December 2025 Agenda Item. No Topic Decision 6 Regulations 2012 at 31,180.16 an increase of 447.25 Band D equivalent properties from the previous financial year. The current collection rate of 97.5% will remain the same

New Funding Formulae Published. The Government has set out how councils in England will be funded from 2026/2027, with new funding formulae based on 2025 indices of deprivation, population projections and service demand. As part of the fair funding review 2.0. it has also pledged: £2.4 billion for children's social care reforms; £2.4 billion for a new ring-fenced and combined homelessness, rough sleeping and domestic abuse grant; and a £600 million recovery for areas with the greatest immediate needs and less ability to raise income locally. There will be an all member briefing on the 2026/2027 budget 19 January which should hopefully provide an answer as to how all of these changes will relate to Mid Devon?

Business Rates Day 17/02/2026 (Phoenix House)

Dean Emery, Head of Revenues, Benefits, Corporate Recover, Corporate Fraud, Welfare & Leisure has arranged a Business Rates Day. The purpose of this day is to help businesses understand the changes which are being made to Business Rates. People can come in and speak to someone, more dates will be agreed after the bills are re-issued.

Impact

Businesses will see their bills increase in many instances - there are Government schemes in place to help smooth the extra costs, these may not take the full financial impact away. Link for information on the changes: [Important changes to Business Rates 2026 – MIDDEVON.GOV.UK](https://www.middevon.gov.uk/important-changes-to-business-rates-2026)

Police and Crime Commissioners

Police and Crime Commissioners are to be abolished from 2028. However, the strong link between police and the local communities will be maintained particularly in areas that will see the introduction of new local authority-led policing boards. Local area authority policing boards are part of the new governance structure introduced by the government's devolution agenda in England. Alison Hernandez issues a statement 13 November – in which she said. *"...I want to assure all members of the public that my office and I are still going to be here for the next two and a half years and we will continue to hold the police to account on your behalf. My team and I have a lot to be proud of. We have a record number of police officers – 3,610 - and are one of the areas with the most reopened police stations. We also believe Devon & Cornwall Police is the most financially stable force in England thanks to the good financial planning of my office. "I am doubtful the change announced today will save the estimated £100 million that has been stated by the*

Home Office minister. The duties of my office must remain independent of policing and will continue to incur a cost to the public regardless of where the responsibility for delivering them rests. This includes providing services for victims, being the appeals body for complaints against the police and having responsibility for elements of the misconduct process for all police officers...”.

National LGR analysis

State of local Government Reorganisation:

Averages can mask a lot, but this was the result of their national analysis: Across all the proposals submitted to MHCLG, we find that the average reduction in councillor numbers is 55.2%, the average estimated transition costs is £54.8m, the average estimated recurrent annual savings is £42.0m, the average population size of a new unitary is 515,430. However, this varies significantly across the devolution areas and the proposals submitted. So, across the country (21 areas), it's a fair assumption that we're looking at a cost of over £1bn to do this, for a system that will reduce Cllrs by over half, and see new authorities created probably somewhere in line with the government's 500k 'ideal'.

Cllr Stone and Cllr Hopley raised the subject of parking in Tiverton, in particular the meter by the Half Moon Public House/Pannier Market having no lights to enable residents to either read the instructions on the meter or to be able to see the pay displays.

Discussions took place regarding the tariff criteria for the change of parking fees just before and after 6pm. **(ACTION):** Cllr Stirling to report back to MDDC.

7.2 Parish Councillors: - See Snow Warden Report Item 6.1

7.3 Village Hall: - No reports received.

7.4 Parochial Church: - Report received from **(LOB):** The PCC met on the 27th November 2025. A parishioner circulated a company selling reduced price defibrillators and it was suggested that one be purchased to be placed in the telephone box in Templeton. For context two parishioners had attended an event at a church and a man had a heart attack, the defibrillator on site was used and it saved his life. There is a defibrillator at the village hall, but it would take too long to get to it in case of an emergency. (Defibrillators need to be 4 mins in total collection time to be most effective). Having one in the telephone box would mean that it is accessible in an emergency for those living in that area of the village. It was also discussed that further defibrillators could be fundraised for and placed at Temple Bottom and Lower North Coombe. I suggested that if the PCC purchased the first defibrillator, I would request that the Parish Council could fund the installation and further maintenance costs on behalf of the village. I also suggested that the Parish Council could organise a one-off fund raising event specifically to raise money for the defibrillator maintenance and running costs which would be kept as a defibrillator earmarked fund.

7.5 Newsletters, Bulletins, Press Releases circulated to councilors prior to the meeting.

7.6 DALC Newsletters - noted by councillors

7.7 NALC Newsletters - noted by councillors.

7.8 MDDC Press Releases - noted by councillors.

8. Finance:

8.1 To note any receipts since the last meeting and the bank balances – Bank Reconciliation 4th November 2025 – 3rd January 2026 to approve and minute – signed by Chairman, Councillor and Clerk.

Bank balances as at 3rd January 2026

- Community Main Account - £2,425.88
 - Earmarked Reserve Account - £3,285.96
 - Reserve Account - £1,305.51
- approve and minute – signed by Chairman, Councillor and Clerk.

Proposed: (SS).

Seconded: (VH).

8.2 Invoices – to approve any invoices or expense claims presented for payment to 4th November 2024 – 3rd January 2026.

13 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Prime Amazon	£16.99
17 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Amazon	£27.99
17 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Prime Amazon	£33.99
19 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Amazon	£12.99
25 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Amazon	£19.54
25 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Prime Amazon refund	£16.99 credit
25 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Amazon refund	£27.99 credit
25 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Prime Amazon refund	£33.99 credit
25 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Amazon refund	£12.99 credit
25 th November 2025	Erroneous transaction Amazon refund	£19.54 credit
21 st November 2025	IONIS Website	£18.00
28 th November 2025	Clerk Salary	Redacted. Personal data exempt from being disclosed.
1 st December 2025	Scribe Subscription	£24.00
8 th December 2025	Bank Reserve Account interest	£4.75 credit
8 th December 2025	Bank Earmarked Account interest	£9.99 credit
22 nd December 2025	IONIS	£21.10
23 rd December 2025	Clerk Salary	Redacted. Personal data exempt from being disclosed.
2 nd January 2026	Scribe Subscription	£24.00

Approved: (SS)

Seconded: (VH)

8.3 Budget 2025/2026 and Precept. UPDATE: (LOB/BN). Monitoring of budget and precept. To receive a budget v actual report for quarter 4 of 2025-26. The report was discussed.

Finance Meeting Templeton Parish Council – 21/11/2025

Templeton Parish Council Finance Meeting 13th January 2026

TPC Current Account - £2,378.88

TPC Reserve Account - £2,805.51

TPC Earmarked Account - £1,785.96

1.Payment due for landing lights - £389.76

Approved at meeting.

2.Cost of heated cabinet for telephone box defibrillator – Approx £500

It was decided to explore installing the heater and door lock ourselves.

Possibly making a box to house the defibrillator inside the telephone box with a code lock and poster on the outside.

Fundraising event explored to raise money earmarked specifically for the maintenance of the village defibrillator.

3.Application for grant from Citizens Advice.

We are going to send an email to the whole village asking for applications for grants from within the Parish before committing to funding projects outside the Parish.

4. Precept for 2026 – 2027 discussed and recognition that it may need an increase to maintain the Reserve Account at the recommended amount.

8.4 Budget 2026/27 Forecast – Precept, depleted reserves and running costs of the parish council were discussed. Reduction in stationery and training costs for 26/27. **(LOB)**.

8.5 Repairs and remedial works - Templeton Village Hall Roof. **(UPDATE): (LOB)**. The Parish Hall treasurer Roger Linden, had emailed that they are happy to accept £1500 in total for the village hall repairs rather than the £3000 earmarked for them. Minutes dated 26th November 2025 point 8.5 refers. **UPDATE: (LOB/BN)** £1500 has been transferred to the reserve bank account from the earmarked account.

8.6 Appointment of Internal Auditor – Council approved appointing (JL) as internal auditor for the end of year accounts. **ACTION: (BN)** To confirm to (JL).

Proposed: (JOB)

Seconded: (SS)

8.7 Scribe Financial Year and Health Check - Council discussed and approved the cost of £79.00 plus VAT.

Proposed: (SS)
Seconded: (JOB)

9. Matters arising from minutes not covered elsewhere.

None.

10. Correspondence/Items to Discuss:

10.1 Parish Footpaths - Parish Paths P3 Partnership Scheme. Report for work to be carried out in progress. Funding for repairs. 'Footpath Events'. **(UPDATE): (LOB)** discussed the possibility of a bluebell walk in memory of Prof John McInerney (the fondly remembered parishioner who founded it). End of April/beginning of May. Fund raising was discussed and approved for this event. **(ACTION): (LOB)** to investigate funding.

Approved: (LOB)
Seconded: (JOB)

10.2 20 mph speed limits - **(LOB)** confirmed many people in the village were keen for a 20 mph limit. It was noted that some people drive too fast from the Ford up through the village. **(UPDATE): (LOB)** Gathered evidence regarding areas for signage:

- Yes, in favour - 20
- No, not in favour - 3
- Unsure - 1

ACTION: (LOB) to forward results of investigation to Cllr. S. Lodge to engage with officers.

Stencils were discussed for the potential of creating own signs.

10.3 Ex Valley Market Bus - **(LOB)** has asked people (who she is aware of) that catch the bus. **UPDATE: (LOB):** To organise a group outing on the market bus. This will be re-visited in the spring when the weather improves.

11. Items raised by Councillors: - None.

11.1 Light at Templeton Village Hall – Night Landing Site for Devon Air Ambulance (LOB) informed the council at the previous meeting that the DAAT Night Landing Site lights had broken at the village hall. Due to the emergency of the situation, **(LOB)** was requested to action the repair to replace the 2 failed LED flood floodlights and service/maintain said system. **(UPDATE) : (LOB)** repair carried out at a cost of £379.00 plus VAT and a Memorandum of Understanding between Templeton Parish Council and Devon Air Ambulance set up. It was agreed that a member of the parish council would test the light once a month to ensure the system is operational. **ACTION: (LOB)**. It was noted that the maintenance cost should be discussed/added to at the next budget meeting.

Proposed: (LOB).
Seconded: (VH).
Agreed by the council.

- 11.2 Screen Devon/filming in Mid Devon - (LOB)** Mid Devon District Council - Town and Parish Councils may have land or assets suitable for use as film locations - from village squares and car parks to village halls. **(LOB)** to attend a meeting to ascertain further details. Film company are looking for venues in Devon. **(UPDATE): (VH)** (VH and LOB) attended a meeting to ascertain benefits for the village. Film locations would use local areas for film sets – not historic areas. Caves at Beer have been used and a representative of the council of Beer was at the meeting who stated that the advantages were beneficial for the village – possibility of repairs to the village would be made – pay for potential repairs to the village for the use of our location. No decisions would be made without prior consultation with Templeton residents. There would be no cost to the parish council and if the parish council signed up to participate, would not be under any obligation to continue. **ACTION: (LOB).**

Proposed: (SS)
Seconded: (VH)

- 11.3 Defibrillator in the telephone box** - Discussions took place regarding the feasibility. **(ACTION): (SS)** Approach village hall regarding the funding of a defibrillator. **(UPDATE): (LOB)** St Margaret's church have purchased a defibrillator and gifted to the parish council. Thanks were extended to St Margaret's church for their kind gesture. Advantages of having a second defibrillator in the village and located in the telephone box discussed and agreed it would be a great asset and benefit to the village. Potential of further fund raising for another defibrillator in the village also discussed. Approximate cost to install and maintain would be £100.00 per year – warming box/light in the telephone box/thermostat heater.

Proposed : (JOB)
Seconded : (SS)

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.28.
Date of the next meeting is:

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2026 AT 7.30P.M. – Templeton Village Hall

**Minutes for the meeting of Templeton Parish Council
held on Tuesday 27th January 2026
at 7:30pm - Templeton Village Hall.**

PROPOSED:

SECONDED:

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN:

DATE: