

TEMPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting of Templeton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7:30 pm at Templeton Village Hall.**

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

Members Present: Mrs L. O'Brien (Chairman), Mrs. J. Dent, Mr. J. O'Brien,

In attendance: Cllr. S. Lodge, Devon County Councillor for Tiverton West, Cllr. A. Stirling,
Mid Devon District Councillor, West Exe.

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from: Cllr. S. Stone, Cllr. V Hopley, Cllr. C. Harrower, Mid Devon
District Councillor, West Exe. - apologies accepted by council.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Templeton Village Hall - (JD).
St Margarets Church - (LOB).
Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Devon - (JD).

**3. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting : The minutes of the previous Annual
Parish Meeting held at Templeton Village Hall on Tuesday 27th May 2025 had been
circulated prior to this meeting.**

To agree the minutes as an accurate record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday
27th May 2025.

Proposed : (JOB)
Seconded : (JD)
Unanimously agreed by council.

4. Chairman's Letter/Report:

The Chairman's Report for the year was read out by the Chairman. The report
hi-lighted:

- Reflection on the work achieved within the community over the past year.
- Acknowledgement, appreciation and dedication of many years of service to the Parish Council of Mr David Leeming after his resignation from Templeton Parish Council.
- Welcome to Cllr Val Hopley to Templeton Parish Council committee this year.

- Bluebell Walk incorporating Templeton footpaths.
- Acknowledgement to the supportive community, with the Village Hall, Social Club and St Margaret 's Church all playing vital roles within village life.
- This year, the Parish Council has taken on responsibility for the maintenance of the Air Ambulance Landing Lights at the Village Hall. With the generous purchase of one defibrillator by the PCC (St Margaret's Church Committee), we now have four defibrillators throughout the village. This ensures that everyone has quick access to these invaluable lifesaving devices.
- Updates on the telephone box - This has now been restored to its former glory.
- Snow Warden Scheme - Cllr S. Stone has continued to oversee the Snow Warden Scheme, working very hard to put together an emergency plan and ensuring that grit has been distributed throughout all areas of the village during adverse weather conditions.
- Road and Safety - Templeton Parish Council continue to seek solutions to reduce speeding through the built-up areas of the village, particularly in locations where children walk to catch the school bus and where families and residents regularly use community spaces. This remains an ongoing priority for the Council.
- Support of repair work at the Village Hall .
- Sadly, this year we also lost three previous Parish Councillors who played important roles in both the formation and running of the Parish Council. Val Greenfield, Frank Saunders, and Ken Reid all made significant contributions to village life and will be remembered with gratitude and respect.
- Thanks to all Parish Councillors, volunteers and residents who continue to support the work of Templeton Parish Council.

5. The Public:

No members of the public were present.

6. Financial Overview:

A productive year for Templeton Parish Council culminating in a seamless audit this year.

The Chairman (**LOB**) confirmed that the parish council is just covering running costs and hope to slowly build up reserves. Precept £6260.51 received 15th April 2026.

Landing lights, defibrillator maintenance and electricity costs will be added to the budget.

Earmarked reserves would incorporate:

- Annual electricity cost £40.00 x 2 houses = £80.00
- Defibrillator maintenance £100.00 per year.
- Landing lights maintenance £100.00 per year.

MEETING CLOSED AT 19.56.

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PROPOSED:

SECONDED:

SIGNED CHAIRMAN:

DATE: