

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th February 2026

Prior to the start of the meeting the Council presented Good Citizen Awards to members of the community who have helped others.

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, S Tizzard, J Lunn, K Heathcote, Unitary Councillor M Healey and Parish Clerk S Diaz.

There were five members of the public. Public questions included information on the community food bank and Puriton Prepared.

- 26/2A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors B&V Crow and J Maher sent their apologies.
- 26/2B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 26/2C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026.
- 26/2D To receive the Unitary Councillors report
Councillor Healey sent his report prior to the meeting. He added that the Government had refused to allow Somerset Council to increase the Council Tax above 4.99%
- 26/2E To consider the clerks report.
Councillor Fletcher and the clerk attended the Community drop in at the 37 Club last week. Approximately 100 residents attended. Reps from NGET, Sir Robert McCalpine, Agratas, Gravity and Somerset Council were present. The clerk attended the Community Forum event directly after the meeting. Somerset Council are pushing Gravity to deliver the VES scheme and asked why it has been delayed. Representatives from Somerset Council shared their frustration at the lack of progression with the scheme. Gravity stated that the VES went to tender at the start of February and tenders are due back by the end of February. Authorisation of the tender will be mid-March, and work carried out within 6 months. A section 278 has the potential to delay the start; this is being negotiated with Stantec and Somerset Council. A representative from Somerset Council will liaise on the section 278 and Gravity will issue a precontract programme of works. Plans for the new 37 club to have a soft opening by Christmas 26. All members asked for a programme of works relating to the 37 club and the VES. Plans for the connection of the cables still being discussed by NGET and SRM who will report back at the next meeting. There are issues with SC regarding assets on the highway. A timing of works has been asked for 2 months before work begins so communications to residents can be sent out.

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Agratas stated that cladding has begun on building 1 and piling is taking place for another ancillary building. A road contractor has been appointed and talks with a developer for accommodation for Agratas construction workers is underway.

The clerk will book Assertion 10 training for Councillors.

The clerk is waiting for a response from Road Records regarding the installation of the bench on Hillside/Cypress Drive.

The next newsletter goes out 13.3.26, articles for submission are needed by 28.2.26.

Councillor Fletcher and the clerk attended the KFC hearing regarding extending the licensing hours. Somerset Council voted in favour of KFC.

The clerk attended a LCN Highways meeting where a representative from Highways advised there is one employee to cover 17 parishes. All faults are to be reported online and the reference number should be kept for follow up purposes if required. A meeting to discuss the drainage on Riverton Road between Highways and Wessex Water has been scheduled for 10.2.26.

26/2F To consider the devolution proposal from Somerset Council.

It was resolved to take over Rowlands Rise and maintain the grass areas as per the proposal from Somerset Council. The Parish Council will take over the additional verge cutting from Somerset Council as per their proposal. The Manse Lane play area will remain with Somerset Council but with the Parish Council maintaining the area and carrying out weekly checks. The Parish Council approved the quote to maintain both Rowlands Rise and additional verge cuts.

26/2G To consider the following planning applications

Applications received after the agenda is posted will be considered and discussed due to timeframes to respond.

There were no applications at the time of posting the agenda.

26/2H To note the outcome of the following planning applications:

The decisions were noted.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal	Decision
42/25/00024	10 Manse Lane, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BN	Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 42/23/00005 (Erection of a two-storey detached dwelling with associated parking) to amend the approved plans listed in schedule A, to allow for amendment of external wall finish to render.	Awaiting decision
42/25/00018	9 Greenacres, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8FN	Change of use from existing domestic garage to small-scale beauty/hairdressing salon with minor external alterations.	Granted
42/25/00023	7 Greenacres, Puriton, Bridgwater, TA7 8FN	Single storey extension to the rear, conversion of garage and first floor extension above.	Granted

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42/25/00025	45 Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BG	Proposed single storey rear extension and loft conversion including Dormer Window	Granted
42/25/00020	Land to the west of Batch Road, Puriton	Change of use of land to a traveller site including ancillary hardstanding.	Awaiting decision
42/25/00011	Land at, Puriton Hill, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7	Hybrid (full and outline) application. Full application for the erection of 61No. dwellings, with creation of access, public open space, landscaping and associated works. Outline application with all matters reserved, for expansion of existing primary school.	Awaiting decision
42/24/00010	Gravity, Woolavington Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset	Full planning application for construction of pedestrian and cycle route including landscaping and associated infrastructure.	Awaiting decision

26/21 To approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

Receipts-interest from CCLA £1359.99,

It was resolved to approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

Payee	Description	Amount
S Chick	Pump track maintenance and inspection Assault Course maintenance and inspection and Manse Lane maintenance and inspection	£750.00
G Lovell Ground Maintenance	Grass Cutting/ground maintenance Removal of hedge cuttings at the Orchard	£933.33 £100.00
Puriton Sports Centre	Room Hire Annual fee for Pump Track	£24.00 £25.00
GB Sport & Leisure	Play area inspection	£66.00
Youth Adventure Trust Resilience Programme	Village Grant	£486.00
EDF	Electric supply to Rye	£30.20
Staff Costs	January	£2434.81
Scribe	Accounts package	£734.40
Seed of Hope	Nature Reserve maintenance	£240.00
Somerset Council	Dog bin/litter bins emptying	£405.60
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£8.70
	Total	£6238.04
Equals Card		
Amazon	Paint/brushes for notice boards	£16.27
Amazon	Paint for noticeboards and litter bags	£12.96
Amazon	Litter picker	£12.99
Lebara	New Sim deal for Parish	£2.50
	Total	£44.72

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26/2J To discuss community projects

Quotes are being prepared for work to the Triangle at Rye for electrical work and the pavements.

26/2K To consider the Quiet Lane Consultation.

It was resolved to respond to the Quiet Lane Consultation with the following points:

1. Puriton Parish Council agree that through traffic should be reduced on Downend Road and Pawlett Road.
2. Puriton Parish Council do not agree with either of the locations on Plan 2. Totally closing either location to motor vehicles would be extremely inconvenient for Downend residents. They would incur additional fuel costs and mileage going to and from their homes.
3. Puriton Parish Council would prefer traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit to be installed the whole length of Downend Road and Pawlett Road to make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists, users of mobility scooters and equestrians.

26/2L Councillor reports

Councillor Langley reported that he is attending a labour uplift meeting with Hinkley Point in March and will raise the poor surface condition of Bristol Road. He will request they cover costs to resurface it due to their vehicles being the main users.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7pm.

End of minutes