

PURITON PARISH COUNCIL



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

Present: Councillors S Langley, J Fletcher, V & B Crow, J Maher and Parish Clerk S Diaz.

There were 3 members of the public present.

Representatives from Ivy's Café provided details of their plans for their café at the Sports Centre.

- 26/3A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors J Lunn, S Tizzard, K Heathcote and Unitary Councillor M Healey sent their apologies.
- 26/3B To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.
Councillor J Fletcher declared an interest in item 26/3M.
- 26/3C To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2026.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2026.
- 26/3D To receive the Unitary Councillors report.
Councillor Healey sent his report prior to the meeting.
- 26/3E To consider the clerks report.
The next parish newsletter will be delivered from 13.3.26.
The Council should receive the agreement for Rowlands Rise green space in April. There has been no update on the bench at Cypress Drive/Hillside, the clerk will chase Somerset Council.
The clerk attended Bridgwater LCN where the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the new Sergeant for Bridgwater said that crime had gone down in Puriton and the PCC advised her role would finish in 2028.
Councillor Langley and the clerk attended the Villages Together event at the Village Hall, it was a lovely evening celebrating the success of the project.
The clerk reminded Councillors of the training dates on Assertion 10.
- 26/3F To consider a donation to the Air Ambulance.
It was resolved to donate £1000 to the Air Ambulance.
- 26/3G To consider the following planning applications
Applications received after the agenda is posted will be considered and discussed due to timeframes to respond.

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42/25/00026	Land North West Of Dunball Roundabout West Of, Bristol Road, Dunball, Bridgwater, Somerset	Electric Vehicle charging hub and associated works. Puriton Parish Council resolved to make no comment on this application.
42/26/00001	24 Riverton Road, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 8BP	Erection of balcony to rear elevation Puriton Parish Council resolved to make no comment on this application.

26/3H 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.	Granted
42/25/00020	Land to the west of Batch Road, Puriton	Change of use of land to a traveller site including ancillary hardstanding.	Refused
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

26/3I To approve the budget, bank statements and payments.

Receipts-interest from CCLA £1322.83 and National Grid Wayleaves £3.48

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	£600.00
G Lovell Ground Maintenance	Grass Cutting/ground maintenance	£933.33
Puriton Sports Centre	Room Hire	£24.00
SALC	Cllr training	£160.00
EDF	Electric supply to Rye	£22.05
Equals card	Money Transfer to top up card	£250.00
Staff Costs	February	£2426.37

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Payee	Description	Amount
PCC of Puriton	Community grant for too good to waste	£200.00
Seed of Hope	Nature Reserve maintenance	£240.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£8.40
	Total	£4864.15
Equals Card		
Amazon	USB Hub	£6.79
Amazon	Laptop stand	£7.59
Amazon	Office chair	£55.99
Lebara	New Sim deal for Parish	£2.50
	Total	£72.87

- 26/3J To discuss community projects
There were no new projects to discuss.
- 26/3K To consider a donation for Puriton 'too good to waste'.
It was resolved to donate £200 for Puriton 'too good to waste'.
- 26/3L To note the July meeting date is changed from 14th July to 7th July.
The Council noted that the July meeting date is changed from 14th July to 7th July 2026.
- 26/3M To consider the quote to repair the pavements at the Triangle, Rye.
It was resolved to approve the quote but to confirm with the contractor if this is for extensive repair and if less repair is needed the cost will be reduced.
- 26/3M To consider the Community fund grant application from Puriton Sports Centre.
The Council discussed the application at length. The Parish Council agreed to ask the Sports Centre for a business case in addition to the project brief. The Sports Centre are redeveloping the building to lease to tenants to create a café. Once the business case has been prepared the Parish Council will re-evaluate the grant application.
- 26/3N To approve the Digital Asset Register.
It was resolved to approve the Digital Asset Register.
- 26/3O To purchase a mobile handset for the parish phone.
It was resolved to buy a second-hand handset for the parish phone.
- 26/3P Councillor reports
Councillor Fletcher advised that a table tennis club is starting at the Sports Centre after Easter. A quote for an outside light on the side of the building to show access for the defibrillator is being obtained. The Sports Centre are waiting for a quote for works to the path at the side of the building where access goes to the fields.
Councillor V Crow reported that rubbish around the Admiral's Table was at an all time high. The clerk will ask Clean Surroundings at Somerset Council to litter pick the area. The clerk will also ask if the Community Payback team can do a litter pick when they are next in the area.

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There is 6 inches of grit on the roundabout on A39 and the roundabout at junction 23. The clerk will report this to Gravity and National Highways.

The clerk was asked if the give way road markings on the roundabout at the A39 heading toward Bridgwater could be repainted. There are regular near misses daily.

There is a lot of road signage from Express Park to Dunball that is no longer required. The clerk will report this. The clerk will contact Diogo Rodrigues to ask if he can help arrange a litter picking session for volunteers with refreshments at the Clist Room on a Sunday afterwards.

Villages Together has now ended and both Puriton and Woolavington Parish Council will receive legacy books. The Bitham Walk film footage received excellent feedback on the impact it has had on the community. There is a link on their Youtube channel.

Councillor Langley received the plaque for the Sports Centre from the Villages Together event and will install it at the Sports Centre. He also wanted to thank Councillor V Crow on behalf of the Parish Council for all her hard work at Villages Together.

The Parish Council will respond to the Village Hall Premises Licence application before the next meeting due to the timeframe provided. They will ask that outside music stops at 10pm 7 days per week.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7pm.

End of minutes