

DCI Minutes 17/3/26

Present – Cllr French, Cllr Arnold, Pip Hayes, Ruth Stevens, Cllr Squire, Danny McGahey, Julia Balfour.

1 Apologies Cllr Harper, Julia Kirkland.

2. Minutes agreed and signed 17th March 2026.

3. Review of actions to be discussed within the meeting.

4. B3212 Path DNP happy with proposed path. Problem could be with Highways and Devon County Council. Funding required. Need to get specification. **ACTION Clerk to speak to Ines, spec and re-quote.**

Other path to be put to the side for now.

5. Stepping Stones - PF has been writing about the village connectivity. Reply was confident stepping stones will be set and secure (Peter Rich our ranger) is confident it will happen.

6. River Teign initiative – DM and PF to pick up again – trying to think about a restoration project. A lot of groups are doing projects in and around the river.

Concern regarding 150 days of sewage going in to the river Teign from Dunsford plant.

7. Dark skies/Streetlighting – Ruth – communicating with friend who has made an app astrologer photographer, to measure darkness. Collection base data. Any data, bats, moth etc would be helpful to make a case. More awareness for people, perhaps talks etc. Colour and direction of light as our targets. **ACTION PH will write something on outdoor lights for Unity for May.**

8. Wildlife warden – Julia and Pippa have attended many Wildlife warden meetings.

9. Village Green – an idea to plant native tree/hedge mix species around the boundary. JB to try and access some whips/trees/hedging for the autumn. Council to perhaps access some funds.

10. Wild flowers in the orchard – PF has done some work, and planted perennials. Any removed turf will be put in village green around the benches. JK has the seeds ready to sow.

11. Beating the Bounds – Date suggested afternoon – 2.30pm - 17th May 2026 – Ruth suggested different routes. **AA to ask Ursells.**

Signed -

Next meeting – Monday 22nd June 7.15-8.15pm Dunsford Village Hall Dressing Room.