

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall Dressing Rooms on Tuesday August 4th, 2026

The meeting began with the Council walking around the Village, checking their assets and noting any maintenance that needed doing. Thanks to Cllr Lewis for compiling the report. The Council returned to the Village Hall dressing rooms to address the following agenda.

The Chair thanked Cllr Anderson for providing much appreciated refreshments on their return.

Present: Cllrs P French (Chair), T Anderson, A Arnold, P Lewis, R Squire, B Webber and the Clerk Lynne Ogden. 0 Members of the Public attended

1. **a) Apologies** – Cllrs Parry, Morris, Harper and County Cllr Keeling sent apologies. Noted and accepted.

b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests: None

2. **Minutes of the Council meeting held on July 7th, 2026**, had been distributed, were approved and signed.

3. **Progress reports** (on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda).

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- all actions completed, except for Gov.uk process which is ongoing

3.2 Clerk's report – sent to all Cllrs. with Highways report

3.3 Reports from other councillors/ representatives – report received from County Cllr Richard Keeling and sent to all Cllrs.

3.4 Housing Working Group – Cllr French reported that the group has met to try to find a way forward. A new provider did attend and showed some enthusiasm.

Action Cllrs French/Lewis

3.5 Dunsford Emergency Response Team (DERT) – Cllr Squire reported that she and Cllr Arnold attended a Devon Communities Together virtual training session which qualified Dunsford to receive a 'hub box'. The presentation itself was very disappointing, but it is hoped that the box will be useful.

Action Cllrs Morris/Squire

3.6 Dunsford Climate Initiative (DCI) – There has not been a meeting but work on the gravel path is continuing. Cllr French is liaising with the residents concerned (his neighbours). His letter will be shared with Highways

Action Cllr French/Clerk/DCI members

3.7 Reports from other meetings attended by Dunsford Councillors – a) Cllrs Squire and Arnold attended a DCT virtual session – see item 3.5 **b)** Cllr Squire attended a Dartmoor national Park Forum – She reported that the local plan was interesting and that the 359 bus was mentioned in the Traffic and Movement in Villages section. It is named as allowing people from Exeter to come and enjoy the Park. She shared a leaflet with the Council. The Chair thanked Cllr Squire for attending and representing Dunsford.

4. Correspondence: - List of correspondence listed overleaf. The Council discussed the following: -

a) Email from resident about sewage spreading on the fields – the Clerk shared the emails between her and the resident with the Council. The Council does not have any power to influence this practice, but a Cllr will try to talk to the farmer to learn more about the process.

b) Email from residents about noise complaints - the Clerk had checked the license issued and it was correct that music was allowed until 5am on Saturday and Sunday morning and 3am on Monday morning. The Clerk emailed Teignbridge and had had a reply. She will continue to liaise with County Cllr Keeling about what is felt is an unreasonable license, affecting a wide area of residents in Dunsford and other parishes.

c) Teignbridge Community Network event – 15th October – it is hoped that Dunsford can be represented at this event.

d) Community self-help schemes bulletin – several interesting articles – the Clerk will follow these up with the appropriate committees/ full council.

Action Clerk/All Cllrs

5. Finance

5.1 C /A - £14,813.20 as at 24/06/2026 BBI/A - £1,884.34 as at 09/06/26

The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -

5.2 Clerk's Salary (4 weeks) – Net pay to Clerk £474.40 + £26 expenses = **£500.40 chq 1672**

5.3 BG - Lengthsman's tasks for July – to be paid with invoice for August tasks

5.4 Room hire Village Hall – May/June - **£45 chq 1673**

5.5 DCT – subscription - **£50 chq 1674**

5.6 SLCC - £158 (tbc on August 1st) – incorrect invoice sent/ **cheque 1675 destroyed**

5.7 Q1 Reconciliation was approved and signed by the RFO and Chair

6. Village Green – a) Cllr Webber had carried out the monthly report, and this had been sent to all Councillors. All in good order. **b)** The ROSPA recommendations will now be addressed the week beginning 10th August. **c)** Cllr Webber has spoken with CR who is willing to help lay matting by the entrance to the Green. The land is sloping and would benefit from being made up and having a better surface. **d)** Cllr Webber said it was good to see the Green being used for the DADs Summer Play and being enjoyed by a different section of the Parish. **Action Cllr Webber**

7. Planning: Applications: 7.1 Teignbridge – 26/01111/VAR – Hillside House, Dunsford – Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 22/01034/HOU – (Conversion of roof space to include dormer windows to the front and rear elevations) to raise the ridge height and amendments to windows. The Council had no objection to this application. **7.2 Teignbridge – 26/01195/CLDE –** Reedy Meadow Nursery, Dunsford – Certificate of Lawfulness for implementation of works in respect to planning permission 22/0157/FUL – The Council are unable to confirm whether or not a material start had been made on the approved planning permission within the allowed time.

Decisions: 7.3 None

Action Clerk

8. Lengthsman – tasks for August were discussed. These include sharing the actions suggested on the Asset Register check with BG to see if he is able to carry out any of them. **Action Clerk**

9. Council Transfer to Gov.uk domain – The Council were unable to transfer completely at the August meeting. This will be managed by the Clerk as soon as is possible, after the holiday season.

Action Clerk/all Cllrs

10. Training – No training requests received

11. Request for the Council to host a Radio 4 event in the Village Hall – The Council agreed that Cllr Squire can put Dunsford forward to host a Radio 4 ‘Any Questions’ event. She will continue to liaise with the Chair of the Village Hall, which would be the venue. **Action Cllr Squire**

12. Matters brought forward by the Chair (for information only /possible addition to next month’s agenda including: - **a)** The Council has been made aware of a request that the hedge adjoining the school needs to be cut back, especially around the culvert. **b)** The Clerk informed the Council that Christow PC are planning to hold a 3 Parish meeting. Dunsford PC would prefer October, avoiding the half term, if possible. **c)** The Clerk has been informed that Dunsford will hold its Annual Clay pigeon shoot on 23rd August 2026. DD will put signs up at both ends of the Reserve to make people aware of the situation, as gun shots can be heard from here. **Action Clerk**

13. Date of future meetings - Tuesday 1st September 2026 – 7:30 pm

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed as a true record..... (Chair) Date

Email circulation during the past month

- Planning applications and decisions from DNPA and Teignbridge
- Rural Services Network Bulletin plus Funding Digests and weekly newsletters
- DALC newsletters
- Devon Communities Together – various newsletters, including Village Hall’s
- Teignbridge District Council newsletter
- Devon County Council newsletter
- Email (1) from resident complaining about the smell of human waste on the fields
- DADs – thanks for the Council supporting Land Girls and use of Village Green
- National Park Forum July 26 – reminder and info
- Notice of Scoping – Dartmoor National Park
- Citizen’s advice Q1 report
- Devon CPRE newsletter
- People’s emergency screening in TVCH 19/09/26 info
- Complaints re music festival at the weekend of 24th -27th July