

**Minutes of Georgeham Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday,
19 March in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm.**

Chaired by: Councillor Zarza		Clerked by: Sue Keane
Present: Councillors N Zarza (meeting Chair) E Williams S Maddocks J Collins J Cox R Hare J Young T Luxton G Bell (County)		Agenda: - Representations from the public Apologies Declarations of Interest Approval of the Part I the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2026 Reports Planning Planning Correspondence Finance To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2026 Correspondence Urgent items raised by the Chairman Items raised by Councillors / Clerk Part 2 confidential Date and time of next meeting
207	Apologies. Councillors Maskell, and Beaumont were unable to attend and sent their apologies	
208	Representations from the public.	
208.1	New residents came in to introduce themselves to GPC	
209	To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation.	
209.1	GPC welcomed the new parishioners to the area	
210	County and District reports	
210.1	County Councillor Bell Councillor Bell sent in his report, which was circulated in advance of the meeting. Key points covered were – update on Tarka Line which is to be upgraded for both track and service. 27M govt grant for heating fuel to alleviate pressure, some of that will go to N Devon	
210.2	District Councillors Maddocks and Maskell Councillor Maskell was unable to attend and emailed in her notes which were read out by the clerk.	
211	Declarations of Interest. Councillor Maddocks declared an interest in application 81478 and did not comment or vote on the application.	
212	Planning.	

<p>212.1</p> <p>212.2</p> <p>212.3</p> <p>212.4</p>	<p>Councillor Maddocks in his capacity as North Devon Councillor states that any opinions expressed during discussions of the following planning applications represent a preliminary view and he will naturally reconsider the application fresh when presented all the facts at principle level.</p> <p>To consider the following Applications:</p> <p>Please refer to the North Devon Planning portal for Parish Council comments.</p> <p>81431 - Erection of a holiday let at Garden Lodge North Buckland Braunton Devon EX33 1HY. Councillor Williams proposed refusal of this application, seconded by Councillor Zarza. The vote to refuse was unanimous and the vote was carried.</p> <p>81478 - Extensions to dwelling to include works to roof at 8 Moor Park Close Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1NX</p> <p>Councillor Luxton proposed refusal of this application, seconded by Councillor Williams. The vote was unanimous in support, and the motion to refuse was carried. Councillor Maddocks did not take part in the vote.</p> <p>81520 - Hedgerow removal notice for removal of 25m of hedge at Stable Yard Barn Heddon Mill Braunton Devon EX33 1HZ</p> <p>Councillor Williams proposed that there was insufficient information available to support this application, and the GPC should comment on our concerns. Seconded by Councillor Luxton. The vote was unanimous in support and the motion to comment was passed.</p> <p>81444 - Land on the North side of Church Road, Georgeham, Braunton, Devon, Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of the felling to ground level 5x Conifer trees.</p> <p>Comments on this application have been sent to the case officer.</p>
<p>212.5</p>	<p>Other Planning Recently decided applications</p> <p>81400 27 Sandy Way, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PP Application for a non-Material Amendment to planning permission 80499 (Demolition of part of dwelling and garage together with extensions and raising roof with dormers to create additional accommodation) to allow raising gable height on west elevation to be in line with main ridge height Decision: Approved</p> <p>81411 Broadgate Farm, North Buckland, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1HY Prior notification for erection of one agricultural building Decision: Prior approval not required</p> <p>81162 24 Davids Hill, Georgeham, Braunton, Devon, EX 33 1QF Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed conversion of attached single garage into additional accommodation (amended proposal) Decision: Approved</p>

	<p>80957 4 Millers Brook, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PQ Internal alterations and rear extension Decision: Approved</p> <p>81209 14 Ora Stone Park, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PZ Demolition of garage and erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension and front porch (amended description) (amended plans) Decision: Approved</p> <p>80918 Sunny Sands, 17 Sandy Way, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PP Construction of oak framed carport Decision: Appeal Decision: Dismissed, Original decision: Refused</p> <p>80598 Magnolia, Putsborough, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1LB Replacement of existing dwelling Decision: Approved</p> <p>81065 Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1NH Erection of new facilities building with demolition of existing building and associated works Decision: Approved</p> <p>77700 Atlantis Lodge, Moor Lane, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PA Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans), condition 7 (permanent bat roost plans), condition 8 (external lighting), condition 9 (bat roosts in new building), condition 10 (Natural England licence), condition 11 (bats protection measures), condition 12 (landscape), condition 14 (CMP), condition 16 (surface water disposal) and condition 17 (contamination) attached to planning permission 62954 (demolition of existing dwelling & erection of one dwelling with detached garage) to allow for amended design and revised compliance triggers and requirements. Decision: Approved</p> <p>81337 7 Glebe Field, Georgeham, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1QL Demolition of extension together with erection of a single storey rear extension Decision: Approved</p>	
213	Finance.	
213.1	<p>Balances. Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account as at 13.03.26 £3,580.85 Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access Savings Account as at 13.06.26 £77,199.20</p>	

213.2

The following payments authorised by BACS:

North Devon Council	Salary recharge, pension and admin fee	£1,909.34
Councillor expenses	Reimbursement for travel 120 miles at local authority mileage rates for a car, 45p per mile, £54	£54.00
DALC	Training – intro to Neighbourhood Planning	£42.00
Contractor	Replacement lights, Croyde skatepark	£493.94
Cleaning	Pavilion 2.25 hours £30.37 Toilets/bus shelter 1.75 hours £23.61	£53.98
	Proposed by Councillor Maddocks Seconded by Councillor Williams Vote all in favour Authorised by Councillor Zarza	

Bank reconciliation February circulated, signed by Councillor Zarza
Bank statement February circulated

213.3

Ratification of the following DD and card payments:

DD payments		
Clerk 02.03.26	Monthly mobile phone cost	£7.00
EDF 15.03.26	Electricity Georgeham carpark	£107.37
EDF 18.03.26	Electricity Georgeham toilets	£20.40
BT 01.03.26	GVH broadband	£45.53
	Proposed by Councillor Maddocks Seconded by Councillor Williams Vote all in favour Authorised by Councillor Zarza	

213.4

Review of financial reports (circulated)

Summary payments and receipts for the year, payments and receipts for Feb 26

213.5

Churchyard wall survey – required following advice from Diocese structural engineer's visit. Quote received for £450 + VAT Working group to liaise with PCC regards payment/sharing costs - refer to item 218.6

Meeting 20.03 11.30 working group to meet with PCC

213.6

Georgeham toilets. Quotes for door locks and new windows.

2 quotes for x 3 **replacement windows**. The windows are rotten and one is literally falling apart. Quote 1 is £120 more but does include a Kubu lock security feature which can enable alarms and alerts to show whether the windows are open or closed.

- Quote 1 £932 +VAT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quote 2 £810 +VAT <p>Propose Councillor Zarza go back to quote 1 and ask to compete, and accept assuming it is equal or less than quote 2.</p> <p>Maglocks. Currently, we have 3 local parishioners kindly opening and closing toilets to mitigate vandalism. A temporary solution with the idea being we would install timed Maglocks. Quotes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quote 1: £896.48 +VAT Quote 2: £2495 +VAT <p>Propose accept both lower quotes Councillor Maddocks Second Councillor Young Vote all in favour</p> <p>Councillor Zarza to action.</p> <p>CCTV. Police Commissioner's office have approved grant application. Just waiting for funding to come through. Going with the most competitive priced quote.</p> <p>Please note future costs: the toilets need painting and general maintenance. Plans for opening up the disabled toilet, providing a stoma station.</p>
213.7	<p>Glebe field light by the steps.</p> <p>The work was agreed at the meeting on 9.03.26 and should start in roughly 4 weeks, when the digger driver is available.</p> <p>Clerk to check the trees won't be disturbed.</p>
213.8	<p>CLA Licence from the Copyright Licensing Agency It acts as a blanket license covering photocopying, scanning, and emailing, protecting users from copyright infringement legal risk. Cost £190 + VAT email circulated</p> <p>Proposal to purchase licence Councillor Luxton Seconded Councillor Maddocks Vote – all in favour Clerk to check that it is a requirement and to purchase the licence.</p>
214	<p>Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting</p>
214.1	<p>HELAA – the GPC response is now online on the GPC website, along with a link to a 'call for sites'</p> <p>Click here for the link</p>
214.2	<p>LGR survey. GPC to agree whether to send a response to the survey or reply via email. Options circulated.</p> <p>Clerk to email – unable to provide a response at this point, we don't have the information needed. We will hope to respond at a later date.</p>
214.3	<p>Parish survey. Councillor Zarza.</p> <p>The survey is now available online and in printed copy.</p> <p>Click here to take the survey</p>
214.4	<p>Defibrillator sign to go in the church porch.</p> <p>Agree wording, materials etc.</p> <p>The nearest defibrillator is outside by the shop at Georgeham. Heart logo. Clerk to price for Perspex sign</p>
215	<p>Correspondence</p>

215.1	<p>Email circulated from Morthoe PC regarding migration from traditional copper landlines to fibre-based digital voice services. Any response required.</p> <p>It was felt Ofcom should be forced to provide an alternative solution so at least a mobile signal is available.</p> <p>GPC agreed to support this position and write to Ofcom. Clerk and councillor Zarza to compose something along the same lines as Morthoe.</p>
216	Urgent items raised by the Chair. n/a
217	Items raised by the clerk/councillors.
217.1	<p>Expenses policy. DALC template circulated, to decide how to tailor for GPC requirements. Clerk to make changes in red and circulate for councillors and employees.</p>
217.2	<p>GPC to join Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance (NDRDA) – email and link circulated. No costs involved – just affirmation of official commitment to the shared objectives. Agreement to proceed.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Zarza Second Councillor Maddocks Vote all in favour</p>
218	Reports
218.1	<p>Croyde Play Park. Councillor Zarza Some repairs will be carried out this month. Councillor Zarza to call with the current play equipment contractor about a design to replace the current equipment.</p> <p>Email from Councillor Beaumont (circulated) regarding playpark options and funding. To agree the next stage.</p>
218.2	<p>Croyde Skate Park. Councillor Maddocks New lights fitted on Monday 16 March.</p>
218.3	<p>Georgeham Play Area. Councillor Zarza GPC to advertise again for a person to assist with fundraising. Ideas required for extending pavilion area. Potential for some covered space, benches etc.</p>
218.4	<p>Potholes. Councillors Cox and Hare Councillor Hare has reported several potholes on Croyde Road.</p>
218.5	<p>P3 Parish Footpaths. Councillor Young FP 1 still to be fixed. Annual survey to go in end of month, it is on the survey Dog bin missing end of FP 1 joining Pickwell Rd – Councillor Maddocks to check if we have a replacement bin and the requisite fixings.</p>
218.6	<p>Defibrillator check. Councillor Luxton Everything is working correctly.</p>
218.7	<p>St George's Churchyard. Working group. Site visit carried out 23.02.26 with representatives from GPC, PCC and Diocese, notes and agreed actions from that visit have been circulated.</p> <p>Councillor Hare's report has been circulated. Further meeting 20.03 to discuss collaborative way forward, including review of quote under item 213.5</p>

218.8	<p>Cemetery. Clerk carried out a cemetery inspection 09.03.26. Councillor Cox has dismantled the summerhouse, now ready to remove, thank you to Councillor Cox for his efforts.</p>
218.9	<p>Councillor advocate scheme. Councillor Cox Councillor Cox attended a Councillor Advocate seminar in person on Wednesday 4 March in Exeter. Report to follow. Email from the new Neighbourhood inspector circulated.</p>
218.10	<p>Speed camera update – Councillor Hare Deferred to next meeting as Councillor Hare was unable to attend.</p>
219	<p>AOB</p>
219.1	<p>Late items. Councillor Williams. Bus shelter in need of wood treatment. Costs being acquired. The contractor who built the shelter is able do it. Annual Parish Meeting – clerk to circulate list of invitees</p>
220	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 9 March 2026 Proposed by Councillor Zarza, seconded Councillor Williams, unanimously approved</p>
221	<p>Part II Confidential.</p>
222	<p>Date of next GPC meeting: Thursday 16 April in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm The meeting ended at 07.55pm.</p>

Summary of Decisions:

- **Part I Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 9 March 2026**
- **Planning**
- **Payments**
- **That the meeting goes into Part II Confidential**

These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.

Signed:
Chair of Georgeham Parish Council.

Date: