

**Minutes of Georgeham Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday,
25 June April in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm.**

Chaired by: Councillor Hare		Clerked by: Sue Mackenzie-Shapland
Present: Councillors E Williams S Maddocks (GPC and District) J Collins J Cox J Young R Hare 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 21 May 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 21 May 2026 Correspondence Working Party Report, related documentation and correspondence Urgent items raised by the Chairman Items raised by Councillors / Clerk Part 2 confidential Date and time of next meeting
262	Apologies. Councillors Zarza and Maskell were unable to attend and sent their apologies	
263	Representations from the public. 263.1 Planning application Ocean Pitch 81396 - the applicant spoke to explain the application and the changes they plan to make. 263.2 Request for CCTV footage from the skate park camera. Email from Councillor Zarza circulated.	
264	To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation. 264.1 The applicant was thanked for their comments. Discussed under item 268.3 264.2 The CCTV camera is no longer active and hasn't required access for over 10 years. Member of the public informed. The decision was made to leave in situ as a deterrent.	
265	County and District reports	
265.1	County Councillor Bell Councillor Bell sent in his report, which was circulated in advance of the meeting. Key points to note – - Yellow lines by the Moor Lane bus turning circle will probably go ahead at the end of the summer. - There is a request to designate 2 disabled bays at the Newberry Road layby, waiting on consultation. - Query regarding request for yellow lines on Netherhams Hill. Clerk to provide more background information.	

266.2	District Councillors Maddocks and Maskell No update.	
267	Declarations of Interest. Councillor Maddocks – application 81396.	
268	Planning. 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. To consider the following Applications: Please refer to the North Devon Planning portal for Parish Council comments.	
268.1	81784 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), 3 (materials), 5 (lighting) and 10 (Biodiversity Net Gain) attached to planning permission 80598 (Replacement of existing dwelling) to allow increased width of the dwelling and change to window and door colour at Magnolia Putsborough Branton Devon EX33 1LB Councillor Luxton proposed support for this application, seconded by Councillor Maddocks The vote to support was carried, with one abstention.	
268.2	81822 Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension, alterations to dwelling to include full width dormer and solar panels together with associated works at 16 Orchard Grove Croyde Branton Devon EX33 1NF Councillor Williams proposed refusal of this application, seconded by Councillor Maddocks. The vote to refuse was carried unanimously.	
268.3	81396 Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission 64112 (Change of Use of land to allow camping from Easter to end of September) to allow improved site layout (amended location plan) at Ocean Pitch Campsite Moor Lane Croyde Branton Devon EX33 1NZ Councillor Luxton proposed support for this application, seconded by Councillor Young. The vote to support with comments was carried unanimously, with Councillor Maddocks taking no part in the discussion or vote.	
269.4	Other Planning 81802 Croyde Bay Carpark, Road From Moor Park Close To Baggy Cottage, Croyde, EX33 1NZ Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of land as a car park John Fowler Holidays Ltd 81884 9 Burrows Farm West, Watery Lane, Croyde, Branton, Devon, EX33 1NQ Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of removal of 2x Elm (T1 & T2) and 1x Ornamental Cherry (T3) Recently decided applications 81321	

	Thornberry, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1NH Erection of 2no pergolas Decision: Approved 80526 Land at Wycliff Cottage, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1NH Erection of a dwelling (revised proposals to that approved under 63623 and 70362) Decision: Approved 80152 Land on the East side of Eastern Down Lane, North Buckland, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1HZ Demolition of barns within the site, conversion of a barn into a single dwelling, creation of associated access and a paddock Decision: Approved 81670 Ocho Rios, Langsfield, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1QD Raising roof of existing dwelling to create an additional storey, construction of a single storey side extension and replacement of pitched garage roof Decision: Approved 81731 Outer Bias, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1QE Rear dormer extension & alterations to dwelling with associated works Decision: Approved 81556 3 St Helens Close, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PW Extensions and alterations to dwelling to include first floor gallery and balcony Decision: Withdrawn																
270	Finance.																
270.1	Balances. Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account as at 19.06.2026 £4,766.12 Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access Savings Account as at 19.06.2026 £113,275.87																
270.2	The following payments authorised by BACS: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>North Devon Council</td><td>Salary recharge, pension and admin fee £7.72</td><td>£1,854.82</td></tr> <tr> <td>Contractor 1</td><td>Churchyard survey</td><td>£540.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Contractor 2</td><td>CCTV G'ham toilets Magnetic Locks</td><td>£1,725.07 £1,075.78</td></tr> <tr> <td>Contractor 3</td><td>Croyde playpark security £246.53 £308.16</td><td>£554.69</td></tr> <tr> <td>Contractor 4</td><td>Tree work in Georgeham churchyard</td><td>£444.00</td></tr> </table>	North Devon Council	Salary recharge, pension and admin fee £7.72	£1,854.82	Contractor 1	Churchyard survey	£540.00	Contractor 2	CCTV G'ham toilets Magnetic Locks	£1,725.07 £1,075.78	Contractor 3	Croyde playpark security £246.53 £308.16	£554.69	Contractor 4	Tree work in Georgeham churchyard	£444.00	
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270.3	Contractor 5	Grass cutting Georgeham	£785.00
	Cleaning	Toilets, Bus Shelter and Pavilion	£38.25
	Devon Communities	Renew membership	£50.00
	Coconut Shy for Summer Party	Stands £29.98 Balls £14.99 Coconuts £17.00	£61.97
	Clerk	Working from home allowance £26 x 2 months	£52.00
	CLA	Copyright licence	£228.16
		Proposed by Councillor Hare Seconded by Councillor Maddocks Vote all in favour Authorised by Councillor Luxton	
	Bank reconciliation May circulated, signed by Councillor Hare		
	Ratification of the following DD and card payments:		
	DD payments		
	BT 17.05.26	Broadband GVH	£50.33
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	EDF 21.06.26	Electricity Georgeham toilets	£19.88
	EDF 15.06.26	Electricity Georgeham carpark	£123.07
	Clerk 01.06.26	Mobile phone reimbursement	£7
	ICO 16.06.26	Information commission membership	£47.00
	EDF 16.06.26	Electricity Georgeham Toilets	£19.79
	Card payments		
	Devon Communities Together	Training – grant writing (Clerk)	£49.46
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270.4	Review of financial reports (circulated) Review financial reports (circulated)		
271	Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting		
271.1	NDC Asset transfer. Email circulated. Deferred to next meeting		
272	Correspondence		
272.1	North Devon Council - Parish Forum Invitation for 30th July 2026. Email circulated.		

	Covering LGR and local plan. Clerk to attend. Councillor Young to participate remotely	
273	Urgent items raised by the Chair.	
273.1	Action required at Croyde skate park and play park following inspections. Councillor Maddocks will rectify the issues at the skate park. Clerk to arrange for expert support at the playpark.	
274	Items raised by the clerk/Councillors.	
274.1	Refugia. Councillor Williams. The grass has been cut but garden waste is causing a problem, also litter from North Hole farm takeaway drinks (which they will be unaware of). Councillor Maddocks to speak with them and explain what is happening, ask them to put up a sign.	
275	Reports	
275.1	Croyde Play Park. Councillor Zarza See item 273.1	
275.2	Croyde Skate Park. Councillor Maddocks See item 273.1	
275.3	Georgeham Play Area. Councillor Zarza Nothing to report	
275.4	Potholes. Councillors Cox and Hare Councillors have reported several roads/potholes.	
275.5	P3 Parish Footpaths. Councillor Young It is that time of year when all the hedges and undergrowth grow up and out into the roads and footpaths. There has been a lot of good work going on in and around the Parish to improve the footpaths and rights of way from Devon Highways, local volunteers, the Parish Council and others The Devon Highways annual maintenance work is well under way. Their contractor has received particular praise for excellent work on Footpath 16. There is a new section of footpath which has been completed off Croyde Road (Down End) which goes up the north flank of Saunton Down and over to the southern side of the Down. There are some new and spectacular views to enjoy. It is part of the King Charles III England Coast Path. There is a beautifully crafted new dry stone wall running along FP23 at Down End. There is work going on to replace the fencing along FP 18 - the part of the coast path that goes along the edge of the cliffs at Down End Parish Contractors have cut back growth on the Jones's Hill Footpath, Croyde and the refugia from Cross towards Georgeham has been cut back A tree that had died and fallen onto FP7 has been dealt with Thank you to a local parishioner who has cleared an intrusive section of nettles and hedge growth that was affecting the footpath along Moor Lane in the Pathfields area with Councillor Maddocks taking away the cuttings.	
275.6	Defibrillator check. Councillor Luxton	

	Everything is working correctly.	
275.7	St George's Churchyard. Working group. GPC discussed a report from the Churchyard Working Group (June 2026) and considered written notices pursuant to section 215 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972 from the PCC in February 2023, and related correspondence regarding responsibility for maintenance of St George's Churchyard. GPC has high regard for the PCC and St George's Church and its environs: the significant contribution the PCC makes to the Parish community and the important role the Church and its environs plays in that and the history and heritage of this Parish. GPC considers that maintenance of St Georges churchyard is important and that funds it expends on this is justified given the value of this heritage asset both to the community and farther afield. GPC RESOLVED - Having carefully considered the Churchyard Working Group Report (June 2026) and the section 215 notices and other documentation it refers to, GPC considers there is insufficient evidence at this time to support there having been a transfer of legal responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard pursuant to section 215(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the Act). - GPC would welcome further engagement with the PCC on this issue and the Parish Clerk/Chair are to respond to the PCC's email of 17 June 2026, the response to include an invitation to meet and for the PCC to: - provide any further relevant information and evidence on this issue and - consider appropriate action to effect a legal transfer of responsibility in accordance with section 215(2) of the Act by serving a fresh written request pursuant to section 215(2) properly with the notice being addressed to Georgeham Parish Council - GPC wishes to carry on with its involvement in the maintenance. of the churchyard and considers that any involvement in that maintenance, continues as it started in 2014: under its general and discretionary powers, and is without prejudice its position on section 215 of the Act - GPC Standing Order 7 is suspended for matters related to the churchyard to allow changes to any decisions taken following further engagement with the PCC on this matter. Councillor Hare Proposed this Resolution Seconded by Councillor Maddocks Vote – all in agreement	
275.8	Cemetery. Emails circulated regarding slumped bank. Contractor to strim and clear along the bank so the extent of the slump can be reviewed. Dismantled summerhouse to be removed and bench repaired. With clerk to action. Damaged bench – with contractor for a quote.	
275.9	Councillor advocate scheme. Councillor Cox	

	Nothing current to report. There is a meeting in July in Exeter.	
275.10	Speed camera update – Councillor Hare On hold due to pressure of other activities.	
275.11	Summer Party 12th June. Funds raised £200 split between FROGs and Churchyard fund. CARA asked for their Tombola takings to go towards the defibrillator fund. Propose Councillor Hare Second Councillor Luxton Vote all in favour	
276	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 21 May 2026 Proposed by Councillor Young, seconded Councillor Williams, unanimously approved	
277 277.1	Part II Confidential meeting. Approval of the minutes held on 21.05.26	
278	Date of next GPC meeting: Thursday 16 July in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm The meeting ended at 19.18pm.	

Summary of Decisions:

- **Part I Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 21 May 2026**
- **Planning**
- **Payments**
- **Churchyard notice documentation under section 215 Local Government Act 1972 and maintenance**
- **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: