

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

Chaired by: Councillor Zarza		Clerked by: Sue Mackenzie-Shapland
Present: Councillors N Zarza (Chair) E Williams S Maddocks (GPC and District) R Hare C Dennis G Bell (County)		Agenda: - Representations from the public Apologies Declarations of Interest Approval of the Part I and part II the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 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 16 July 2026 Correspondence Urgent items raised by the Chairman Items raised by Councillors / Clerk Part 2 confidential Date and time of next meeting
296	Apologies. Councillors Maskell, Luxton, Young and Cox were unable to attend and made their apologies. Warm welcome to new councillor, Chris Dennis.	
297	Representations from the public.	
297.1	Email from a member of the public regarding hazardous roads (circulated)	
297.2	Email regarding issues with food trading from a van in Limekiln Field.	
298	To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation.	
298.1	Refer to item 299.1	
298.2	Refer to item 306.1	
299	County and District reports	
299.1	County Councillor Bell Councillor Bell sent in his report, which was circulated in advance of the meeting. Both Councillor Bell and Councillor Cox spoke at the recent meeting regarding the closed maternity unit at ND Hospital. There is cautious optimism it will reopen by the end of September. New road signage. Highways have agreed GPC can expand our signs to say UNESCO Bioshere, and potentially add further detail. The parish would fund this at approximately £1,500 a sign. Councillor Bell has replied to the member of the public's concerns about speeds on the road between Croyde and Georgeham. He is looking at possible County funding.	
299.2	District Councillors Maddocks and Maskell Councillor Maskell was unable to attend the meeting.	

	Ongoing issues with street vendors in Moor Lane and cars parking in the bus turning circle. A representative from the speed watch group in Braunton has been invited to give a talk before the 15 October meeting.	
300	Declarations of Interest. None.	
301	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.	
301.1	81901 – responded 21.08.26 24 St Marys Road, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PG Retrospective single storey rear extension and associated works Councillor Williams proposed refusal of this application, seconded by Councillor Maddocks. The vote to refuse was carried unanimously.	
302	Other Planning Recently decided applications 81822 16 Orchard Grove, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1NF Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension, alterations to dwelling to include full width dormer and solar panels together with associated works Decision: Approved 81884 9 Burrows Farm West, Watery Lane, Croyde, Braunton, 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) Decision: Approved 81431 Garden Lodge, North Buckland, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1HY Erection of a holiday let unit (Amended plans) Decision: Approved 81964 Montague Vineyard, Land adjacent to Broadway Lane, Croyde, Braunton, Devon Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of water filtration plant Decision: Prior approval not required 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 Decision: Approved 81396 Ocean Pitch Campsite, Moor Lane, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1NZ	

	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) - Part Retrospective. Decision: Approved																																					
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	EDF 12.08.26	Georgeham toilets inc, cctv and maglocks	£27.89	
	EDF 15.08.26	Georgeham carpark	£123.07	
	Source water 03.08.26	Cemetery	£29.02	
	Source water 03.08.26	Toilets	£166.88	
	Source water 17.08.26	Pavilion	£84.17	
	Card payments			
	Argos	Wrist pad for laptop	£9.99	
	PO Counters	Postage	£3.30	
		Proposed by Councillor Hare Seconded by Councillor Maddocks Vote all in favour		
		Bank reconciliation July circulated and signed by Bank statements July circulated		
303.4	Review of financial reports (circulated) Payments and receipts as at end of July and month, budget as at end of July VAT reclaim for first financial quarter submitted and payment received. £2,309.04 Rebate from EDF for pavilion £353.54			
303.5	Increase Zoho storage for Councillor Young – cost £42 + VAT p.a. each Councillor Zarza to look at the archive options Proposed Councillor Maddocks Seconded Councillor Hare Vote - all in agreement			
304	Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting			
304.1	Councillor Zarza – pop up pizza stand request. Response sent to the member of public. To note – this is not on GPC land and not a GPC responsibility			
304.2	Croyde carpark – email circulated regarding issues with car park maintenance which have been passed on to NDC. Their acknowledgement and response also circulated.			
305	Correspondence			
305.1	Beach quality information, new website. Email circulated. Agreement to only take information through the Environment Agency and ND Biosphere so we know its correct and up to date.			
306	Urgent items raised by the Chair.			
306.1	Email from a member of the public regarding a pizza van at Limekiln Field Issues include going beyond their 28 day limit, rubbish not being managed and on street parking blocking the road. This was the same issue last year, also reported.			

	Clerk to contact Enforcement, and also the National Trust, to highlight the issues and invite NT to attend a GPC meeting to discuss further.	
307	Items raised by the clerk/Councillors.	
307.1	Councillor Dennis – proposed a letter to ND Healthcare regarding the closing of the maternity unit. Councillor Dennis to draft a letter. To be sent to Ian Room MP to forward on to relevant parties.	
307.2	Councillor Williams – expressed concerns about the traffic congestion between Croyde and Georgeham, particularly delivery vans and buses. Suggestion to have extended double yellow lines on sharp bend after Manor. In the next Crydda ask people not to put bins out. Issues passed to Councillor Bell.	
307.3	Handyman now in post. To do list to be reviewed and updated as required.	
307.4	Co-option of a new councillor. Following the advertising for a new councillor by ND Council with no responses, GPC now move to co-option. An advert will be deployed, with the expectation that a new councillor to be agreed at the meeting on 10 September.	
308	Reports	
308.1	Croyde Play Park. Councillor Zarza Damaged wooden equipment now removed, the ground made good and the playpark open. Working group formed – Councillors Zarza, Maddocks and Dennis. A public meeting needs to be convened to discuss the options and get community involvement. Crow funding to be set up, clerk to look into the options. Also canvassing local businesses for sponsorship, clerk to get some informational flyers printed. Local business sponsorship to be sought. Councillor Williams made the point that the loan taken out for the previous playpark is still being serviced. Councillor Maddocks highlighted the importance of the pay park as a free inclusive asset for local children all year round.	
308.2	Croyde Skate Park. Councillor Maddocks The new waste bin has been installed and is working well.	
309.3	Georgeham Play Area. Councillor Zarza Rubbish bin is being heavily used. Agreement for a waste bin managed by the pavilion/play area similar to outside Croyde skatepark. Proposed Councillor Maddocks Seconded Councillor Hare, all in agreement. Clerk to speak to SWM Wooden panels in play equipment have been replaced. Handyman to be asked to paint them with child safe exterior paint	
309.4	Potholes. Councillors Cox and Hare Nothing to report.	
309.5	P3 Parish Footpaths. Councillor Young	

	Nothing to report.	
309.6	Defibrillator check. Councillor Luxton Everything is working correctly.	
309.7	St George's Churchyard. Working group. The working group inspected the wall on 10.08.26 as part of an ongoing observation and monitoring program. Some maintenance work for the churchyard was identified and the contractor informed.	
309.8	Cemetery. The old summerhouse has been removed. Any replacement will need to be budgeted for in the next financial year. The damaged bench has been repaired but will need replacing at some point. This will also be budgeted for in the next financial year.	
309.9	Councillor advocate scheme. Councillor Cox Nothing to report	
309.10	Speed camera update – Councillor Hare Councillor Hare to liaise with Councillor Bell on this point, once the areas of concern have been identified Councillor Bell will speak to Highways regarding permission to put up a speed check device.	
310	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 16 July 2026 Proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Maddocks, unanimously approved	
311	Part II Confidential meeting. Approval of the minutes held on 16.07.26 Proposed by Councillor Maddocks, seconded Councillor Hare, unanimously approved	
312	Date of next GPC meeting: Thursday 10 September in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm The meeting ended at 19.35	

Summary of Decisions:

- **Part I Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 16 July 2026**
- **Part II Minutes of confidential meeting on 16 July 2026**
- **Planning**
- **Payments**
- **Croyde Playpark working group convened**
- **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: