

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

Chaired by: Councillor Zarza		Clerked by: Sue Mackenzie-Shapland
Present: Councillors N Zarza (Chair) R Hare E Williams S Maddocks (GPC and District) J Young C Dennis J Cox 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 10 September 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 10 September 2026 Correspondence Urgent items raised by the Chairman Items raised by Councillors / Clerk Part 2 confidential Date and time of next meeting
331	Apologies. Councillors Maskell (District), Luxton and Hale were unable to attend and sent their apologies.	
332	Representations from the public. 332.1 Councillor Luxton was contacted by a member of the public regarding an abandoned car 332.2 Planning application 82238. The applicant spoke on behalf of application 82238 and answered questions from the councillors. Another member of the public spoke on behalf of 5 owners of neighbouring properties outlining their concerns with the application. 332.3 Application 82100. Two members of the public spoke regarding their opposition to this application. 332.4 Application 82100. Several written responses were submitted in advance of the meeting by members of the public opposed to this development. They were circulated to the councillors to read.	
333	To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation. 333.1 Reported to NDC by the clerk. The car has since been removed. 333.2 Please refer to item 336.2 333.3 Please refer to item 336.5 333.4 Councillors confirmed they had read the written submissions in advance of the meeting, by a show of hands. Please refer to item 336.5	
334	County and District reports	
334.1	County Councillor Bell Councillor Bell is now producing more targeted email reports that are being sent out on an ad hoc basis.	

	LGR is currently off the table and DC are awaiting further announcements. There will be a further announcement shortly but it is not anticipated that there will be any significant movement until the next parliament. Double yellow line feedback was very positive. Requested mirror on Rock Hill not supported by Highways, it would need to be funded privately or by GPC an sited on private land.	
334.2	District Councillors Maddocks and Maskell Councillor Maskell was unable to attend the meeting. Nothing further was reported.	
335	Declarations of Interest. None.	
336	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.	
336.1	82185 – a response has been sent 5 Croyde Sands Bungalows, Sandy Lane, Croyde, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1PS Application for a lawful development certificate for use in breach of a planning condition in respect of use as permanent dwelling	
336.2	82238 7 Putsborough Close, Georgeham, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1JX Alterations and extensions to include replacement first floor and roof, replacement raised rear decking, demolition of garage and erection of car port and widening of driveway access Councillor Williams proposed refusal of this application, seconded by Councillor Maddocks. The vote to refuse was carried unanimously.	
336.3	82247 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 78116 (Renovation together with side and rear extensions to dwelling) to allow amended design at White House Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1PA Councillor Hare proposed support for the application, seconded by Councillor Cox. Votes – 2 in favour of support. Councillor Young proposed refusal of the application, seconded by Councillor Williams. Votes – 5 in favour of refusal. The vote to recommend refusal of this application was carried by 5 votes to 2.	
336.4	82270 Demolition of one dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings, together with associated works at Sandbourne Croyde Braunton Devon EX33 1QE Councillor Young proposed acceptance of the proposal, with comments. Seconded by Councillor Maddocks The vote to accept was carried unanimously	
336.5	82100 Outline application for the erection of two dwellings with all matters reserved at Land Opposite Fairleigh Crowborough Road Georgeham Devon EX33 1JZ	

336.6	Councillor Zarza proposed refusal of this application, seconded by Councillor Williams. The vote to refuse was carried unanimously. 82233 Erection of a single storey dwelling at 26 Longland Lane Georgeham Branton Devon EX33 1JR Councillor Dennis proposed refusal of this application. Councillor Cox proposed acceptance of the proposal, with comments. Seconded by Councillor Hare. Vote – 8 in agreement, 1 against. The vote to recommend acceptance of the application was carried.																								
337	Other Planning Recently decided applications Devon County Council (Various Streets, Devon) (Disabled Parking & Control of Waiting) (No.45) Amendment Order Newberry Cottages by 26 Oct Email circulated. Not clear on whether 2 permanent spaces are required. Suggestion that there is one advisory and one permanent. Clerk to send an email and copy Councillor Bell in. Completed applications 82143 Old Cottage, Putsborough, Branton, Devon, EX33 1LB Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of crown reduction and crown lifting of 1x Sycamore tree (marked in red on map) and the felling of 1x Ash tree (marked in blue on map) Decision: Approved																								
338	Finance.																								
338.1	Balances. Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account as at 09.10.26 £9,802.04 Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access Savings Account as at 09.10.26 £137,973.54																								
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338.3	Guarantor security	Security at play park. Now suspended until Easter 27	£246.53
	Contractor 2	Croyde cuts x 2	£972.00
	Reimbursement	Work from home allowance	£26.00
	Cleaner	Pavilion £49.50 Georgeham toilets £31.50	£81.00
	NDC	Dog waste collection July – Sept	£1,062.36
		Proposed by Councillor Maddocks Seconded by Councillor Hare Vote all in favour Authorised by Councillor Zarza	
	Bank reconciliation August circulated, signed by Councillor Zarza		
	Ratification of the following DD and card payments:		
	DD payments		
	EDF	Electricity car park	£109.73
	EDF	Electricity pavilion	£24.80
	EDF	Electricity toilets – increase due to electronic locks and CCTV	£31.36
339.4	Source	Water – cemetery	£25.41
	Source	Water – Georgeham toilets	£39.45
	BT	Broadband GVH	£50.33
	Card payments		0
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		Bank statements and bank reconciliation September circulated, signed by Councillor Zarza	
	Review of financial reports (circulated) Payments and receipts for September 26 Budget comparison Received second precept payment £51,327.50 on 28.09.26 Budget planning meeting – working party councillors Zarza, William, Maddocks, Hare, Clerk scheduled for 2pm Mon 16 November		
	Request for funding support for ND Record Office – email circulated £50 donation. Proposed by Councillor Williams Seconded by Councillor Zarza Vote all in agreement.		
	Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting		
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340.1	Parking above the Manor pub. Councillor Williams. Now with Councillor Bell to progress	
342	Correspondence	
342.1	Email circulated from Ian Roome MP regarding the closed maternity unit at ND Hospital.	
343	Urgent items raised by the Chair. None.	
344	Items raised by the clerk/Councillors.	
344.1	Councillor Williams. Email circulated. Email circulated regarding National Highways - free trees 26/27 launch - applications open. Agreed to advertise on socials for any local interest	
344.2	Councillor Dennis. Email circulated. Yellow Fish Campaign – potential to implement in Croyde next Summer. Councillor Dennis to progress. https://oilcare.org.uk/avoid-pollution/yellow-fish/ Sewage Discharge Agreement to draft a letter on why the discharge has taken place over such a prolonged period Important issue. Lots of sewage pumped out to Croyde beach. Still holiday time. Councillor Dennis to draft a letter, to send to SWW, Planning and Ian Roome MP, plus anyone else who would be appropriate. To be sent by the clerk on behalf of GPC.	
344.3	Councillor Luxton. Email circulated. Issues around parking on double yellow lines and the pavement in Georgeham. Rock Hill and Longland's Lane. Councillor Luxton to liaise with Councillor Bell.	
344.4	Plota.co.uk Email circulated. Planning application website to add to GPC website. Deferred to next meeting.	
344.5	Clerk. Review and update roles and responsibilities. Deferred.	
345	Reports	
345.1	Croyde Play Park. Councillors Zarza and Maddocks. The initial working group meeting has now taken place. A public consultation event is scheduled for 5 December in Croyde Village Hall. It is anticipated that some additional members of the public will be asked to join the working group beforehand to extend its appeal and reach.	
345.2	Croyde Skate Park. Councillor Maddocks Nothing to report.	
345.3	Georgeham Play Area. Councillor Zarza Nothing to report.	
345.4	Potholes. Councillors Cox and Hare Nothing to report.	

345.5	P3 Parish Footpaths. Councillor Young Nothing to report.	
345.6	Defibrillator check. Councillor Luxton Everything is working correctly.	
345.7	St George's Churchyard. Working group. Clerk and Rev Solosy continue to work together to ensure the churchyard grounds remains in good order, with some tree work scheduled for November. Verbal report and recommendations from the churchyard working group following a meeting on 15.10.26 The working group expressed their concern at having received no formal communication or reply to the letter GPC sent to the PCC on 6.07.26 explaining the reasons why GPC, on the evidence available to it, had concluded that no transfer of statutory responsibility for the churchyard had passed to GPC to date and proposing solutions with the PCC. GPC RESOLVED to follow the group's recommendations that: 1. A further follow up letter should be sent on behalf of the parish council to the PCC. GPC are keen to find a way forward, working together with the PCC to resolve the situation. 2. In the meantime to investigate some temporary measures to shore up the wall and keep it safe. Any such work to be done on a voluntary basis under GPC's discretionary powers under section 137 Local Government Act 1972, without any capital expenditure and without prejudice to GPC's position that statutory responsibility has not passed to date. 3. To obtain more specialist legal advice Proposed Councillor Hare Seconded Councillor Williams Vote – all in agreement. Letter sent 21.10.26	
345.8	Cemetery. Nothing to report.	
345.9	Councillor advocate scheme. Councillor Cox Nothing to report.	
345.10	Speed camera update – Councillor Hare Deferred.	
346	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 10 September 2026 Proposed by Councillor Young, seconded Councillor Williams, unanimously approved	
347	Part II Confidential meeting. Not required	
348	Approval of part II confidential meeting minutes held on 10.09.2026	
349	Date of next GPC meeting: Thursday 19 November in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm The meeting ended at 20.18	

Summary of Decisions:

- **Part I Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 10.09 2026**
- **Part II Minutes of confidential meeting on 10.09 2026**
- **Planning**
- **Payments**
- **Georgeham Church resolution passed**

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

Signed:

Chair of Georgeham Parish Council.

Date: