



Hemyock Parish Council

29 September 2026

To: All Members of Hemyock Parish Council

Dear Councillor

You are duly summoned to attend a meeting of **Hemyock Parish Council** to be held at The Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Riverside, Hemyock on **Wednesday, 7 October 2026**. The meeting is open to the press and the public.

This meeting is scheduled to last one hour.

Yours sincerely
Susan McGeever
Parish Clerk

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To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted at this meeting and

To consider any dispensation requests and confirm any relevant dispensations.

- Agenda Item 7 Planning – Mr Clist is a member of the planning committee of Mid Devon District Council and chooses not to participate in any planning application consultation.

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4	To approve the minutes of the meeting on 2 September 2026	4 - 12

Hemyock Parish Council
Meeting of the Parish Council
held at Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 2 September 2026

Present

Councillors P Doble (Chair), Atkinson, A. Doble, Moon, Povah, Summers, Talbot (Vice-Chair) and Ward together with Mrs S McGeever (Clerk).

Councillor P Doble (Chair) opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present.

006/1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were approved for Parish, District & County Councillor Clist.

It was noted that the Parish Council had one vacancy and that a co-option form had been completed and the candidate would be present at the October meeting.

006/2. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

Councillors P Doble and Ward declared an interest as per Item 2 of the agenda.

006/3. Public Participation

Members of the public raised the following points:

Longmead Environmental Area Project

After many years, of running the project T. Slater advised that she would be stepping down from the role but would continue to look after the raised beds.

Despite her best efforts, she had not been able to find a replacement and thus the Parish Council would need to take over the role through the Longmead Advisory Committee.

She felt it was important to remind residents that the purpose of the area was to provide a wildlife habitat and, as such, it was allowed to grow wild and not kept manicured.

The moving of the Purple Peril had meant a significant increase in the amount of litter in particular cans, aerosols and vapes.

The Parish Council thanked T. Slater for her work over the years and thanked her for her continuing contribution. LEAP would be on the next agenda of the Longmead Advisory Committee as it played an important role in the Parish Council's biodiversity net gain.

Litter Picking Equipment

A request for litter picking equipment was received and the details would be forwarded to the Clerk who would also provide Risk Assessment Forms. The purchase of the equipment would be put onto the next agenda.

Action: Clerk

Concern over the erection of a building in Castle Park

A large building had been commenced in this location and it was not known if planning permission had been granted.

Action: The Clerk would contact MDDC and, if necessary, report a potential breach of planning.

Village Maintenance

It was noted that the Village Maintenance man would be restricted in the jobs that could be undertaken in the run-up to Christmas.

Road Closures

Concern was raised that a number of roads had been closed in the area at the same time restricting traffic movements.

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The matters were noted by the Parish Council and, where possible, the Clerk would follow up on the concerns or they would be discussed during the meeting if already on the agenda.

006/4. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 1 July 2026

PROPOSAL: The council minutes of 1 July 2026 are approved as a true record of the meeting.

PROPOSER: Councillor Ward
SECONDER: Councillor Povah

It was RESOLVED by those who had been present at the meeting that the minutes were a true record of the meeting, and they were duly initialled and signed by the Vice Chair.

006/5. Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements to make.

006/6. Finance

Councillor Summers ran through the financial report prepared by the Clerk. It covered the months of July and August.

6.1 To agree income and expenditure and bank reconciliations:

INCOME (to 31 July 2026)

Account ending 1298 £ 0.00
 Account ending 1308 £ 0.00
 Account ending 1311 £ 0.00
 Account ending 1324 £520.00 (cemetery/pizza van)

A transfer of £5000 was made from the deposit account to the current account on 3 July 2026.

INCOME (to 31 August 2026)

Account ending 1298 £ 6.50 (planning refund)
 Account ending 1308 £ 0.00
 Account ending 1311 £ 0.00
 Account ending 1324 £ 20.00 (pizza van)

A transfer of £5000 was made from the deposit account to the current account on 9 August 2026.

EXPENDITURE – Invoices received 2026/27

Payments made to 31 July 2026

01-Jul-26	HUSQVARNA UK LIMIT	8QNN4F.Z10000TCXK9	-437.29
01-Jul-26	MDDC DIRECT DEBITS	1251581	-56.00
06-Jul-26	VALDA ENERGY LIMIT	VALDAENERGY	-29.06
06-Jul-26	VALDA ENERGY LIMIT	VALDAENERGY	-134.66
07-Jul-26	B/P to: I R Pike	CEMETERY GRASS	-544.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: e ingledew	P COUNCIL	-162.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	EXPENSES	-26.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	WAGES JUN26	-1086.65
07-Jul-26	B/P to: hmrc cumbernauld	120PW00334133	-412.79
07-Jul-26	B/P to: Chrissie Parker	HPC/0016	-220.58
07-Jul-26	B/P to: T P Slator	INV 833	-140.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: blackdown healthy	INVOICE 4373	-40.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: Open Spaces new	65270	-45.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: J Stevens Contract		
07-Jul-26		INVOICE 0406	-360.00
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07-Jul-26	B/P to: Mark Upcott	LONGMEAD JUN 26	-255.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: R Taylor	PARISH COUNCIL X 2	-140.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	GIFF GAFF	-6.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: metcalfe allen	13352	-126.00
07-Jul-26	B/P to: Stuart Summers	FLOWERS	-50.00
27-Jul-26	B/P to: Blackdown Support	GRANT HEMYOCK PC	-2821.00

27-Jul-26	B/P to: Defib Warehouse	194850	-366.00	
28-Jul-26	B/P to: mddc	26/00914/FULL	-548.00	
30-Jul-26	HUSQVARNA UK LIMIT	8QNN4F.Z10000TQELK	-437.29	
31-Jul-26	Service Charge		-7.00	-8450.32

Payments made to 31 August 2026

03-Aug-26	Direct Debit (VALDA ENERGY LIMIT)	VALDAENERGY	-133.74	
03-Aug-26	Direct Debit (MDDC DIRECT DEBITS)	1251581	-56.00	
05-Aug-26	Direct Debit (VALDA ENERGY LIMIT)	VALDAENERGY	-28.69	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: Chrissie Parker	HPC/0017	-222.45	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: e ingledew	P COUNCIL	-180.00	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: Blackdown Healthy	PARISH COUNCIL	-20.00	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: I R Pike	CEMETERY GRASS	-456.00	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: hmrc cumbernauld	120PW00334133	-340.67	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: inspired partnersh	IPL2026/4377/315	-270.00	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	WAGES JUL 26	-921.73	
11-Aug-26	B/P to: c houghton	HEMYOCK	-860.00	
12-Aug-26	B/P to: fw3 ltd	11389019	-139.97	-3629.25
31-Aug-26	Service Charge		-7.00	3636.25

Invoices to pay for August (approval at the September meeting):

Rates:

Car Park £636.23 1 x £53.23 11 x £53.00 Amount payable £636.23
(Direct Debit)

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	189.82	I Pike	Village maintenance £160.00 Materials £29.82
2.	180.00	E Ingledew	Public Convenience
3.	6.00	S McGeever	Giff Gaff subscription
4.	TBA	S McGeever	Wages
5.	TBA	HMRC	PAYE/NI
6.	12.50 27.50	S McGeever	Mileage 125@ 10p plus August
7.	26.00	S McGeever	Expenses
8.	437.29	Husqvarna DD	Robot mowers
9.	29.85	Valda DD	Electricity – public convenience
10.	209.47	C Parker	Inventory
11.	111.64	Valda DD	Longmead
12.	200.00	Ben McCaulay	Longmead
13.	60.00	DALC	Conference attendance
14.	70.00	Rod Taylor	Bike track
15.	75.00	Rod Taylor	Footbridge
16.	48.19	Cloud Next	Website
17.	20.00	BHLAC	Meeting room - July

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The
Clerk

advised that she had submitted her hours to the Chair and Accountant and was awaiting the Payslip and P32 information.

Due to the imminent start of the football season, the purchase of line paint had been authorised by the Chair and Finance Chair. This year the amount was 10 tins of white and 10 tins of blue as 14 tins of white remained in stock. The paint had been in sale and a price of £575.00 including VAT had been paid.

The Parish Council's insurance would also fall due before the next meeting and the Clerk was awaiting the renewal quotation. This would form part of the three-year agreement with the insurance company.

PROPOSAL: The above payments including the Clerk's wages should be made by the Parish Council.
PROPOSER: Councillor Talbot
SECONDER: Councillor Ward

It was RESOLVED that the above payments should be made.

Bank Reconciliations

To 31 July 2026

Bank account	Closing balance 30/06/2026	Monies in	Monies out	Closing balance 31/07/2026
Unity Trust Bank current 298	6814.15	5000.00	8450.32	3363.83
Unity Trust Bank deposit	167852.79	520.00	5000.00	163372.79
Unity Trust Bank GF	778.45			778.45
Unity Trust Bank P3	1348.12			1348.12

To 31 August 2026

Bank account	Closing balance 31/07/2026	Monies in	Monies out	Closing balance 31/08/2026
Unity Trust Bank current 298	3363.83	5006.50	3636.25	4734.08
Unity Trust Bank deposit	163372.79	20.00	5000.00	158392.79
Unity Trust Bank GF	778.45			778.45
Unity Trust Bank P3	1348.12			1348.12

All bank accounts to 31 July 2026

HSBC Comm Acc 51082116	317.72	Monthly statement 22/7/26
HSBC Deposit 51082132	100232.27	Monthly statement 22/7/26 Interest 108.63
United Trust Bank	90349.21	Matured 27/8/25 – interest given Oct 25 next interest Oct 26
Unity Deposit 20371324	163372.79	Monthly statement
Unity GF 20371311	778.45	Monthly statement
Unity P3 20371308	1348.12	Monthly statement
Unity Current 20371298	3363.83	Monthly statement
Nationwide Instant Access	5295.96	Matured 31/3/26
Nationwide 35 day	87541.93	Matured 31/3/26
Cambridge Building Society CB01452546	85196.93	Matured 31/3/26
Total in Banks	537797.21	

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HSBC Comm Acc 51082116	317.72	Monthly statement 22/8/26
HSBC Deposit 51082132	100344.64	Monthly statement 22/8/26 Interest 112.37
United Trust Bank	90349.21	Matured 27/8/25 – interest given Oct 25 next interest Oct 26
Unity Deposit 20371324	158392.79	Monthly statement
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Work is ongoing to achieve online banking for all accounts and paperwork will be brought to the meeting for signature.

6.2. Mileage Rates

The Clerk's updated mileage to reflect the increase from 0.45p to 0.55p per mile is: £12.50 for the months April, May and June. July and August reflected the new rate.

This amount is reflected in the August payment for approval at the September meeting.

6.3 2026-27 National Salary Award

The Parish Council noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) had agreed the new pay scales for 2026-27 to be implemented from 1 April 2026 and that employers were encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

The Clerk's current pay scale was 30 at a rate of £21.14 per hour and under the new pay scales the amount would be £21.83 per hour.

PROPOSAL: The new pay scale amount of £21.83 should be implemented from 1 April 2026.

PROPOSER: Councillor Summers

SECONDER: Councillor Talbot

All present were in favour.

6.4 VAT

The VAT reimbursements were being prepared with the Clerk reviewing the VAT for 2023/24 before its submission. 2024/25 and 2025/26 were ready to be submitted.

6.5 HSBC

Following emails from HSBC, a payment of £100 into each account has been made to keep the accounts open. This action had been approved by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Finance Chair given the time it had taken to gain access to the accounts.

006/7. Planning

7.1 To consider the following applications:-

26/01046/FULL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 26/01046/FULL (Conversion and extension of barn to self-build dwelling and erection of a link-to garage with store) to allow the substitution of approved plans to incorporate integrated solar panels on the main barn roof Location:

Land and Buildings at NGR 311821 115118 (Cracklehayes Barn) Hemyock Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 311843 / 115067

Parish: Hemyock 26

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Councillor Povah advised that the only change was the incorporation of solar panels.

PROPOSAL: The Parish Council is content with this application.

PROPOSER: Councillor Povah

SECONDER: Councillor A Doble

All in favour

26/00727/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension to include installation of solar PV panels

Location: Sweetgale Cottage Hemyock Cullompton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 312829 / 112177

Parish: Hemyock 26

Councillor Povah advised that the extension would be built with the same materials as the cottage itself and that there was no affect on tress and hedges and both Biodiversity Net Gain and the Wildlife Trigger were not applicable.

Provision was being made for birds and bats.

PROPOSAL: The Parish Council is content with this application.

PROPOSER: Councillor Moon

SECONDER: Councillor Atkinson
All in favour

26/00886/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a storage/workshop/home office outbuilding
Location: Churchills Barn High Street Hemyock
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 313684 / 113085
Parish: Hemyock 26

Councillor Povah advised that this application had no affect on trees and hedges and that both Biodiversity Net Gain and the Wildlife Trigger were not applicable. That said, a new hedge and trees planning were proposed. Pre-application advice had been sought and the proposal submitted in accordance with the advice received from MDDC.

The workshop would be used by the applicant and included solar panels.

PROPOSAL: The Parish Council is content with this application.
PROPOSER: Councillor Moon
SECONDER: Councillor Summers
All in favour

Station Road Pavement

The Station Road pavement application has been lodged with MDDC - **26/00914/FULL - 27 & 29 Station Road**. It had not been sent out for consultation at the time of writing the agenda.

7.2 To receive the following decision notices/appeal decisions:-
The Parish Council noted the following decision:

26/00420/HOUSE – APPROVED – 26 June 2026

Proposal: Replacement and relocation of north boundary fence
Location: 3 Station Road Hemyock Cullompton Devon

26/00817/HOUSE – APPROVED – 11 August 2026

Proposal: Installation of an air source heat pump
Location: 3 Logan Way Hemyock Cullompton Devon

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26/00822/HOUSE – APPROVED – 11 August 2026

Proposal: Erection of a garden implement store
Location: Culm Pyne House Hemyock Cullompton Devon

7.3 To receive information regarding enforcement issues:
No update has been received on any ongoing Enforcement issues.

006/8. Asset Management Reports

8.1 Longmead

The Clerk had prepared a document reflecting items pertaining to Longmead which would be discussed after the Parish Council meeting and brought to the October meeting following advice from the Longmead Advisory Committee.

8.2 War memorial

Councillor Povah advised he had nothing to report.

8.3 Cemetery

The documentation relating to the cemetery was under review and this information would be combined with the report written by Councillors Atkinson and Povah and brought to the next meeting.

Councillor Ward believed that the Parish Council should apply for a TPO on the two big yew trees on the boundary fence with the new development in order to ensure that the roots were not damaged.

The Clerk had circulated the S106 agreement pertaining to the new development to the Parish Council for review.

The Parish Council had received an offer of a beech tree for the cemetery and it was RESOLVED that the tree would be planted in the autumn.

Action: Councillors A Doble, Povah and Ward

8.4 Blackdown Healthy Living and Activities Centre

Councillor P Doble advised that the BHLAC were looking at cost saving measures through a heating app and additional solar panels. The AGM would take place on 9 September 2026.

The Clerk had circulated the new under-let lease for the BHLAC and the Parish Council noted that it meant the requirements of the BHLAC.

8.5 The Parish Store

Councillor P Doble advised there was nothing to report.

8.6 The Commons

Councillor Moon advised that Gun Club still wished to move the gun stands. They did not feel the information provided by MDDC was sufficient to take this forward.

Action: Clerk to follow up

Councillors P Doble and Moon would repair the gate at Shuttleton.

The Clerk had also written to the Devon Wildlife Trust and the response circulated to Parish Councillors. DWT would be asked to attend the next Commons meeting.

8.7 Public Conveniences

Councillor Povah advised that the Village Hall would be happy for CCTV cameras to be mounted on the Village Hall.

Action: Clerk to obtain three quotes

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8.8 Car Park

The Clerk advised that she was still waiting to hear from MDDC as to when the car park would be resurfaced.

DCC have awarded a contract to an electric car charger company. IT was understood site visits would be organised.

Lighting on footpath from the Car Park to Redwoods Close plus trip hazard were ongoing

The Baptist Church was taking action on the wall, Councillor Doble to update at the next meeting.

8.9 Village Maintenance

Maintenance continued around the village.

DCC had advised that the repairs to the footbridge was on their work list. The Clerk would also contact them about the dog bin that was unstable.

Councillor Povah advised there was some work required to the Parish Council part of the footbridge and this would be costed.

A quote of £350 had been received to clear the Himalayan Balsam from St Margaret's Brook and the Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the quote and get the work done. It was noted that the Young Farmers and the Scouts had assisted in this work before and Councillor Atkinson would approach the Young Farmers regarding assisting with village maintenance going forward.

A disposal licence was required for the Himalayan Balsam.

Action: Councillors Atkinson and Povah

8.10 Ground Maintenance

Councillor Povah and the Clerk were continuing their work to put together a document of current hourly rates for those undertaking ground maintenance in the village and looking for new contractors.

006/9. Project Reports

9.1 Community Land (Cavanna)

Councillor P Doble and the Clerk would be meeting with Cavanna on 17 September 2026 to review the reinstatement of the land particularly given the impact of the fire.

Responses were still awaited from the Parish Council's solicitor on the questions raised regarding the transfer documentation

9.2 Station Road Pavement

Councillor Povah advised that the planning application had been submitted and he had met with DCC Highways to discuss the proposal. It was likely that bollards would need to be placed at either end of the pavement.

9.3 Connecting the Culm/DRIP

The Clerk advised that there was nothing to report.

9.4 Purchase of Land

The Clerk had circulated information on the wayleaves connected to the land and the Parish Council noted the need to contact suppliers once the land purchase had been completed.

The Clerk would advise the solicitor look towards organising for contracts to be exchanged.

Once the Parish Council was responsible for the land, insurance would be put in place and signage would be erected and a public meeting would be called.

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It was noted that the land was agricultural land and the Parish Council could provide permission for walkers on the land. Any activity of a non-agricultural nature would be subject to change of use.

Given the river frontage the question was raised about lifebuoys and it was believed one was in place at the footbridge.

9.5 Building Maintenance

Councillor Povah advised that the information provided by Miss Lawrence was very comprehensive. The next task would be to measure the buildings but it was felt that this might be able to be obtained from the various building plans. Artificial Intelligence might then be able to be used to cost out the various works such as painting which would take away the need to purchase a construction price book.

Action: Councillor Povah to investigate

9.6. Biodiversity

Consideration of ways biodiversity can be increased in the parish and it was agreed to ask an expert to come and speak to the Parish Council noting the various ongoing projects at Longmead and on the Commons.

Action: Clerk

006/10. Community Matters

10.1 Garages Youth Project

Councillor Atkinson advised that there was nothing to report.

10.2 Hemyock Community Larder

Councillor P Doble advised there was nothing to report.

10.3 Hemyock Day/Lights Brigade

Nothing to report.

10.4 Footpaths

Councillor Povah advised that the installation of the new bridge on Footpath 19 was ongoing.

10.5 Speedwatch

The Parish Council would put a call for volunteers in the next edition of the Pump.

006/11. Highways

11.1 Road Warden Scheme

a. Road Warden

The Clerk advised that further tarmac had been ordered.

The Clerk was awaiting confirmation that the signs proposed by the NHO met Councillor Clist's requirements.

b. 20mph applications/speed limits

The Clerk had still been unable to obtain costings for a Parish Council led 20mph limit.

c. Flood Warden Scheme

Information had been circulated to Parish Councillors – bring forward to the next meeting

d. Hedgerow reports

Overgrowth on hedgerows has been reported and the DCC letter has been prepared to be delivered to the three properties concerned by Councillor Povah.

e. Road by the footbridge

Councillor Clist and the Neighbourhood Highways Officer have emailed the rapid response team to see if this section of road can be escalated.

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11.2 Lengths Man

The Lengths Man had repaired potholes in July and kept within the £300 monthly budget having issued invoices in April and July.

11.3 Highways matters

DCC Highways policy on mirrors

The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting a meeting date from the NHO.

Barriers

The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting a meeting date from DCC Footpaths and Highways as to how the barriers could be adapted to provide better access for prams/wheelchairs etc.

The Parish Council felt they had a duty to improve access for residents and that this could come at a cost.

006/12. Police matters

12.1 Crime

The Neighbourhood Police Officer had forwarded a report on the anti-social behaviour reported to the police in Hemyock and invited a member of the Parish Council to accompany the police on a patrol. In addition, there were a number of incidents such as the fire on the Cavanna land that the police were following up.

Incidents reported to the police did not correspond with the information received from the Parish Council and the Clerk was preparing a press release to inform residents of how to report an incident.

Councillor Ward volunteered to accompany the police on patrol.

Action: Clerk

12.2 Councillor Advocate Scheme

In the absence of Councillor Clist, no report was given.

006/13. MDDC Report

In the absence of Councillor Clist, no report was given. The Clerk would forward Councillor DuChesne's monthly MDDC report to councillors.

006/14. DCC report

In the absence of Councillor, no report was given.

Members of the Parish Council felt it was important to receive reports in advance of the meeting so that due consideration could be given to them. This did not preclude the individual speaking to that report but it did allow Parish Councillors time to digest the report and raise any relevant questions.

006/15. Public Relations

Councillor Talbot advised that the Pump article was coming up and called for information.

006/16. Clerk Update/Correspondence

The Clerk brought the following information to the attention of Parish Councillors:

Station Road Drainage

Ongoing but drains cleared.

Emergency Plan

Draft Emergency Plan and details of Emergency Community Hubs circulated to Parish Councillors.

Date to be set for a public meeting

Bring forward to the next meeting.

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Neighbourhood Plan

Further information on drafting a Planning Statement circulated to Parish Councillors.

MDDC funded Housing Needs Survey:

The survey had now closed with 44 responses received (20 by post and 24 online). The draft report would be made available in September.

Blackdown Hill Parish Network

Information circulated on Annual General Meeting.

MDDC Assets

Expression of interest submitted, further information awaited.

Proposed Ward Boundaries

The email containing maps etc had been sent to Parish Councillors.

MDDC is proposing that Hemyock become a ward that is known as 'Hemyock and Rural'. It would include the parishes of Clayhanger, Clayhidon, Culmstock, Hemyock, Hockworthy, Holcombe Rogus and Huntsham and would be represented by one councillor in the new unitary.

006/17. Matters raised by Councillors/meetings attended (not for decision)

Parish engagement

Councillor A Doble raised the issue of engagement with parishioners and the need to modernise the website and put more information relating to the Parish Council on the site. An example would be the location of defibrillators.

The Clerk advised that there were a number of providers with specific knowledge of the needs of Parish Councils and the Parish Council requested that further information and quotes be provided.

Action: Clerk

It was also felt that greater use of social media including Instagram should be looked into.

Manhole Cover at Longmead

The Parish Council RESOLVED that this issue should be attended to as quickly as possible.

Kissing Gate

The Kissing Gate had been repaired but needed to be painted.

006/18. Items for the next agenda

As listed in these minutes.

006/19. Dates of the next meetings:

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on:

7 October 2026

It was noted that the following meetings were still required:

Commons Meeting

Finance Committee

Longmead Meeting with the Advisory Committee

Signed _____ Date _____
Chair

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6	Finance	14

6.1 To agree income and expenditure and bank reconciliations:

The information provided reflects the bank transactions to 31/07/2026 and to 26/08/2026.

An update will be made at the meeting to cover payments/receipts to 30/08/2026.

INCOME (to 30 September 2026)

Account ending 1298	£	0.00
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A transfer of £5000 was made from the deposit account to the current account on 11 September 2026.

EXPENDITURE – Invoices received 2026/27

Payments made to 30 September 2026

01-Sep-26	Direct Debit (MDDC DIRECT DEBITS)	1251581	-56.00	
03-Sep-26	Direct Debit (HUSQVARNA UK LIMIT)	8QNN4F.Z10000U2K6L	-437.29	
03-Sep-26	Direct Debit (VALDA ENERGY LIMIT)	VALDAENERGY	-111.64	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: HSBC 2116	PC TRANSFER	-100.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: HSBC8124	PC TRANSFER	-100.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: HSBC 2132	PC TRANSFER	-100.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: net world sports	Q00125139	-575.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	WAGES MONTH 5	-811.72	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: hmrc cumbernauld	120PW00334133	-292.66	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	EXPENSES	-32.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Mrs S M McGeever	MILEAGE	-40.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: I R Pike	CEMETERY GRASS	-160.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: I & Y Pike	REIMBURSEMENT	-29.82	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Chrissie Parker	HPC/0018	-209.47	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: dalc	7816	-60.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: R Taylor	PARISH COUNCIL	-145.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Cloud Next	208062	-48.19	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Blackdown Healthy	PARISH COUNCIL	-20.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: e ingledew	P COUNCIL	-180.00	
07-Sep-26	B/P to: Ben Macaulay	121	-200.00	
07-Sep-26	Direct Debit (VALDA ENERGY LIMIT)	VALDAENERGY	-29.85	
14-Sep-26	B/P to: Rebecca Thomson	AUGUST HOURS	-143.00	
29-Sep-26	B/P to: ajgibl gbp client	561089388	-4218.24	
30-Sep-26	Service Charge		-7.00	-8106.88

Unity Accounts to 30 September 2026

Bank account	Closing balance 31/08/2026	Monies in	Monies out	Closing balance 30/09/2026
Unity Trust Bank current 298	4734.08	5000.00	8106.88	1627.20
Unity Trust Bank deposit	158392.79	803.80	5000.00	154196.59
Unity Trust Bank GF	778.45	3.83		782.28
Unity Trust Bank P3	1348.12	6.63		1354.75

Invoices to pay for September (approval at the October meeting):

Rates:

Car Park £636.23 1 x £53.23 11 x £53.00 Amount payable £636.23
(Direct Debit)

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	360.0	I Pike	Village maintenance £112 Cemetery maintenance £248..
2.	144.00	E Ingledew	Public Convenience
3.	6.00	S McGeever	Giff Gaff subscription
4.	TBA	S McGeever	Wages
5.	TBA	HMRC	PAYE/NI
6.	TBA	S McGeever	Mileage
7.	26.00	S McGeever	Expenses
8.	437.29	Husqvarna DD	Robot mowers
9.	28.31	Valda DD	Public convenience
10.	96.30	Valda DD	Longmead
11.	50.00	Devon Communities	Membership
12.	485.20	S Aldworth	Internal Audit / Payroll
13.	792.00	Scribe	Accounts package
14.	20.00	BHLAC	Meeting room
15.	351.34	C Parker	Inventory
16.	182.00	R Thomson	Longmead cleaning
17.	264.00	Scott Reed Supplies	Gate and post (Commons)
18.	200.00	B Macaulay	Longmead
19.	390.06	Brookridge	Handrail
20.	756.00	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit

Bank Reconciliation

All bank accounts to 30 September 2026

HSBC Comm Acc 51082116	417.72	Monthly statement 22/9/26
HSBC Deposit 51082132	100557.19	Monthly statement 22/9/26 Interest 112.55
United Trust Bank	90349.21	Next interest Oct 26
Unity Deposit 20371324	154196.59	Monthly statement
Unity GF 20371311	782.28	Monthly statement
Unity P3 20371308	1354.75	Monthly statement
Unity Current 20371298	1627.20	Monthly statement
Nationwide Instant Access	5295.96	Matured 31/3/26
Nationwide 35 day	87541.93	Matured 31/3/26
Cambridge Building Society CB01452546	85196.93	Matured 31/3/26
Total in Banks	527319.76	

6.2 VAT

The VAT reimbursements are being prepared – 2023-24 ongoing, 24-25 and 25-26 ready to send.

6.3 Insurance

The insurance policy has been renewed at a cost of £4218.24.

This is based on index linked increases (5% on buildings and 3% on contents).

Stone walls are insured as a separate "building" if they are not part of an insured building area (such as the toilets).

Their recommendations:

Hiscox Risk Academy

Use the risk academy to insure that knowledge is up-to-date.

- [Risk Academy Platform Demo Video](#)

Multiple users can be added via a bulk upload.

Get renewed valuations for each building:

Cardinus Risk Management provide desktop valuations which usually cost £180 + VAT'

Trees – recommendation is an autumn review

Footbridges generally are owned and maintained by the Highway Authority as it carries the Highway and there is a statutory duty to maintain them.

6.4 Annual Return

The External Auditor's report has been circulated to Parish Councillors and posted on the website.

The only point raised was that there was no contract between the Parish Council and the Internal Auditor. Approval of the proposed letter of contract is required.

6.5 Website

Quotes for the website have been circulated:

Quote 1

Annual Subscription - £400 ex vat per year

No set up fee

Quote 2

Annual subscription for equivalent to Quote 1 - £440 ex vat per year

£699 set up fee

Quote 3

Costings The following table breaks out the cost of the overall package. Parish Council using Eyelid productions (using cloudnext.uk for hosting) (based on standard template for base site)

Year one costs

Setup fee to Eyelid (one off)	£680.00
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Support Charge to EyeLid (annual)	£100.00
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Total	£780.00
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Ongoing charge	£100.00
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7.1 To consider the following applications:-

There have been no planning applications received in September.

7.2 To receive the following decision notices/appeal decisions:-

25/00881/OUT – APPROVED – 16 September 2026

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved, other than the point of access for the erection of up to 9 self or custom-build dwellings

Location: Land at NGR 313524 113461 Culmstock Road Hemyock Devon

The access to the cemetery extension is in the S106 agreement together with a Public Open Space contribution.

26/00914/FULL – APPROVED – 22 September 2026

Proposal: Creation of footpath and relocation of boundary walls (Revised Scheme)

Location: 27 & 29 Station Road Hemyock Cullompton Devon

7.3 To receive information regarding enforcement issues:

Any update from Enforcement would be dependent on if action has been taken or a retrospective planning application is received.

Other matters:

Plan Mid Devon – Local Green Space consultation

The consultation will run from **17 September 2026 to 30 October 2022**.

Mid-Devon District Council – Housing and Economic Needs Assessment

Deadline for responses: 13 October 2026

Plan Mid Devon

Next full consultation – January 2027

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8.1 Longmead

A separate report will be issued and circulated and posted on the website.

8.2 War memorial

Nothing to report.

8.3 Cemetery

A separate report has been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the July meeting.

8.4. Blackdown Healthy Living and Activities Centre

Report from Councillor Doble

- The Annual General Meeting of Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre held on Wednesday 9 September 2026.

Report on

- Riverbank (report received - Connecting the Culm are looking at funding and this will be tied in to other projects in the village)
- Renewal of DCC lease for offices. Authorisation to complete the lease sent to the solicitor.

8.5 The Parish Store

Councillor P Doble – nothing to report

8.6 The Commons

Report from Councillor Moon – gate post

Inventory carried out on documents relating to the Commons and this information has been circulated to Parish Councillors.

8.7 Public Conveniences

Councillor Povah

CCTV cameras

8.8 Car Park

Report from the Clerk

Awaiting dates for the works to commence.

- Lighting on footpath from the Car Park to Redwoods Close plus trip hazard – ongoing
- DCC are moving closer to appointing an electric car charger contractor/partner – online meeting on
- Baptist Church are taking action on the wall in October.

8.9 Village Maintenance

Maintenance continues around the village.

Outstanding issues:

- Handrail at Eastlands.

One quote has been received: £650

8.10 Ground Maintenance

Councillor Povah and the Clerk are putting together a document of current hourly rates for those undertaking ground maintenance in the village. This is an ongoing process.

As part of this process, the Longmead Advisory Committee are mapping out all areas that require maintenance at Longmead.

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9.1 Community Land (Cavanna)

Report from the Clerk

- The Parish Council is still awaiting a response from its solicitor to clarify further points raised.
- The Parish Council has a new contact at Cavanna Homes and met on 17 September 2026.

Work is ongoing on the restoration of the land.

Work is ongoing on the contract.

There appears to be a willingness on both side to exchange contracts and, if necessary, with a clause that work is ongoing on the land restoration which might not be complete until Autumn 2027.

9.2 Station Road Pavement

Councillor Povah

See planning.

9.3 Connecting the Culm/DRIP

Nothing to report.

9.4 Purchase of Land

Information has been circulated to the Parish Council.

9.5 Building Maintenance

Councillor Povah to provide an update.

9.6. Biodiversity

Consideration of ways biodiversity can be increased in the parish.

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10.1 Garages

Councillor K Atkinson

10.2 Hemyock Community Larder

Councillor P Doble - Nothing to report

10.3 Hemyock Day/Lights Project

10.4 Footpaths (P3)

Report from Councillor Povah

Closure of footpath 19 for repairs

State of footpath 23 – have requested it be cleared

10.5 Speedwatch

Call for volunteers

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Road Warden

Report from Clerk

- Road Warden/Flood Warden
Delivery of cones awaited – should be delivered before the meeting
- 20mph applications/speed limits
Update from Councillor Clist
- Flood Warden Scheme
Information circulated to Parish Councillors
- Hedgerow reports
Overgrowth on hedgerows has been reported.
Update from Councillor Povah on delivery of letters to the three properties concerned.
- Road by the footbridge
Councillor Clist and the Neighbourhood Highways Officer have emailed the rapid response team to see if this section of road can be escalated.

Lengths man

CH is continuing to carry out work.

Is more tarmac required – half has been used.

Highways Matters:

Change of speed limit request

DCC Highways have had a proposal from an MP to change the speed limit from Black Pit Cross on Culmstock Road, heading to Hemyock to a 30 mph zone, with the justification that pedestrians from the properties walk along here.

Would the Parish Council be in support of the change?

DCC Highways policy on mirrors

Meeting requested.

Barriers

DCC have responded and the situation is quite complicated.

Discussed with DCC P3 and a meeting is being arranged.

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12.1 Crime

ASB

The police have provided information on the number of ASB incidents reported and given the indication that there are a number of ongoing investigations.

A social media post encouraging residents to report incidents on line has been published.

The Parish Council is organising an 'Observes on patrol, Mid Devon' for a Parish Councillor.

12.2 Councillor Advocate Scheme

Report from Councillor Clist

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Items received have been circulated to the Parish Council and included on the agenda as appropriate.

Station Road Drainage

Ongoing but drains cleared.

Emergency Plan

Draft Emergency Plan and details of Emergency Community Hubs circulated to Parish Councillors.

Date to be set for a public meeting

Neighbourhood Plan

Further information on drafting a Planning Statement circulated to Parish Councillors.

The draft report for the MDDC funded Housing Needs Survey has been circulated – any responses are required by 16 October 2026.

MDDC Assets

Expression of interest submitted. It is understood that further information will be received shortly and that MDDC is going ahead with the disposal of assets.

Neighbourhood Health: The Rural Picture

Swimbridge Village Hall | 2nd December, from 2pm

This event will be followed by **Devon Communities Together's AGM**, with

Giant Tree Circle

The [Giant Tree Circle](#) is a community tree planting project building a Giant Circle of Trees across England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland, with its centre on Anglesey in North Wales. A symbol of hope, sustainability and togetherness.

They are looking to plant 5,000 trees in 2026/2027

Parts of the Hemyock Parish Council area sit on the [Circle](#), and they would like to look at community involvement which could include planting native trees on community or council land, connecting us with landowners, schools and community groups, or simply helping us spread the word.

Litter picking equipment

The equipment has been sponsored by a local company, AltEnergy.

Hemyock junior parkrun

The Parish Council has been approached to look at providing a junior and/or senior parkrun.

What is junior parkrun

Junior parkrun is held every Sunday at 9am start, it is for 4 to 14yr olds.

It's organised by volunteers and a great way for all the community to get together.

The distance is 2k and children can walk/run/volunteer.

How do you set up?

The cost is £4,800 and this can come from grants and donations from organisations & businesses.

Identify land/park/woodland that would be suitable, laps is fine ideally two.

Two volunteers that are Event directors and look after the event have DBS, and safeguarding training via NSPCC.

6 Run Directors who are DBS checked and look after the event Sunday morning.

Lots of community members to volunteer as and when they are available- roles timekeeping, marshalling, tailwalking so no one is last. Plus lots of other roles that are available for all abilities this does not need to be runners or people with children.

Remembrance Wreath

Purchase of a wreath and attendance at the Remembrance Service

Nationwide National Allotment Society Council Survey

Survey completed

Rural and Community Housing Seminar 2026

Friday 2 October 2026 in Crediton. There are a limited numbers.

DCRF Autumn Forum Event:**Emergency Planning, Skills Mapping and Networking**

Thursday 22nd October, 10am - 4pm

Totnes Civic Hall, Market Square, Totnes. TQ9 5SF

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Date of the next meetings:

4 November 2026

Dates to be decided:

Asset Management Working Group (consider documentation from Miss Lawrence)

Action Plan Meeting

Finance Committee

Emergency Plan