

Alwington Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Alwington Village Hall on 12 May 2026, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Brian Adams (Chair), Elaine Beresford, Alison Browning, Neil Rothney and Bill Slee.

In attendance: Michael Olley (Parish Clerk).

1. Min. 13:26/27 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Moore and Cllr Julian (Devon County Council - DCC).

2. Min. 14:26/27 Declarations of Interests

No declarations were received in respect of personal or prejudicial interests.

3. Min. 15:26/27 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24 March 2026 were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Beresford, and seconded by Cllr Rothney.

4. Min. 16:26/27 Correspondence and Communication:

a) Correspondence

Various bulletins and correspondence including those from Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC), DCC, Torridge District Council and Devon Wildlife Trust were received and circulated to Councillors. Correspondence from The Rt Hon. Sir Geoffrey Cox KC MP had also been circulated.

b) County/District Council Reports

No reports were given.

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5. Min. 17:26/27 Financial Matters:

As at 4 May the total held in the bank was £9720.29. The Clerk had purchased ink cartridges at a cost of £37.98, bank charges of £4.25 had been incurred, alongside £110 audit fee, £1739.80 Salary recharge and £150.69 for the DALC subscription. Payments of bank service costs will continue, partially offset by interest received. £2.98 was received in interest payments and £3065 as first precept payment.

No other matters were raised. The financial matters/accounts to pay were approved, proposed by Cllr Beresford, seconded by Cllr Browning.

6. Min. 18:26/27 Planning Matters:

A planning application for a temporary agricultural workers dwelling at grid reference 239547 123390 was discussed. The Council had submitted concerns to the application.

7. Min. 19:26/27. Maintenance and highways

Cllr Rothney updated the council that he had reported 14 potholes and 2 blocked drains, with 7 potholes filled and 2 blocked drains cleared. The road to Babbacombe Dairy had unexpectedly had 10 potholes filled with a further 4 graded in. The tarmac supplied by DCC had been used to repair 3 large potholes within the parish, with more tarmac ordered for use by the council to fill further potholes. He had chased a date to undertake the strimmer training and was still awaiting confirmation of the Council's membership of the P3 scheme.

8. Min. 20:26/27. To approve continued use of previously approved Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and other policies and procedures

Continued use of the existing Risk Register, Statement of Internal Control, Accessibility Statement, Privacy Policy, IT Policy, Publication Scheme, Data Protection Policy, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved. It was agreed the new finger posts should be added to the Asset Register but Councillors thought insurance inappropriate. Proposed Cllr Rothney, seconded Cllr Slee.

9. Min. 21:26/27. Parish Priorities

Cllr Rothney gave details of an upcoming meeting of the North Devon and Torridge Maritime Network. He had attended a previous event and found it insightful. He was unfortunately unable to attend the next meeting. Cllr Slee offered to attend in his absence.

Date of next meeting: 7 July 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Alwington Village Hall.

Signature _____ (Chair) Date _____