

HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 21st January 2025, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's Dr A Nolan (Chairman), S Bartlett, J Baker, D Searle T Greenshields and, J Dobson,

In Attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr M Mackinder (EDDC) and two members of the public.

169	Apologies An apology had been received from Cllr I Hall.
170	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
171	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 th November 2024 were adopted as a true record; and duly signed by the chairman.
172	Matters Arising A company had surveyed the War Memorial and had urged caution on cleaning it as it could cause damage. We now await quotations for the work. The chairman informed the meeting that she would be leaving the area, possibly in April. The next meeting of the council in March would therefore be her last one. She was hopeful that a person in the village would be willing to take on the administration of the website. Another person had indicated that he would be willing to provide technical support.
173	Democratic Period No items
174	County Council Report A report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

175	District Council Report Cllr Mackinder informed the meeting that the East Devon Local Plan was progressing. There had been an emergency meeting of the district council to discuss the Governments intention to push towards Devon having Unitary authorities. He stated that EDDC was concerned that any proposed authority might be too large. At present no further information is available as to how things might be																					
176	Accounts for Ratification The following accounts were ratified: <table><tr><td>Total Energies Jan</td><td>61.55</td><td>Utility</td></tr><tr><td>Total Energies Nov</td><td>62.00</td><td>Utility</td></tr><tr><td>Total Energies Dec</td><td>60.02</td><td>Utility</td></tr><tr><td>Ian Churchill</td><td>1400.00</td><td>P/field/war memorial/verges</td></tr><tr><td>South West Water</td><td>56.38</td><td>Utilities</td></tr><tr><td>Strutt and Parker</td><td>779.00</td><td>Annual Rent Play Field</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC PAYE</td><td>234.60</td><td>PAYE</td></tr></table>	Total Energies Jan	61.55	Utility	Total Energies Nov	62.00	Utility	Total Energies Dec	60.02	Utility	Ian Churchill	1400.00	P/field/war memorial/verges	South West Water	56.38	Utilities	Strutt and Parker	779.00	Annual Rent Play Field	HMRC PAYE	234.60	PAYE
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177	Financial Update The financial update sheet was agreed. The bank reconciliation as at the 12 th January 2025 was £31,253.61																					
178	Budget and Precept 2025/26 The Clerk had prepared a draft budget, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members examined his proposals and agreed that the budget for 2025/26 be set at £16,560 and the Precept Demand would be £10,800. The D rate will be £37.48, which is a £2 decrease because the base rate of payers has increased by 17.																					
179	Local Plan and Survey Update The survey plan will be distributed to parishioners by volunteers																					
180	Planning It was noted that there is a planning application for Axminster for a battery Farm. This application will be discussed by Axminster Town Council on Monday 3 rd February. Amended information had been received in respect of the Rowans application which was noted.																					
181	Determinations The Deanwood vehicular access application had been approved The Old Bakery had been issued with a discharge of conditions																					
182	Highways and Rights of Way Cllr T Greenshields had met with the Highway Officer at Damas Lawns. Defects had been noted. The bridge is owned by Dorset Council.																					

	The grit bin by the school is empty and will be reported. There is a problem with a overhanging tree at Hawkwell Park. Cllr Greenshields will speak to the owners about this.
183	Correspondence Correspondence had been circulated via email by the clerk when received
184	Items of Urgency Nil
185	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.
186	Next Meeting: Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7pm

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