PARISH OF CLYST HYDON

Minutes of Clyst Hydon Parish Council Meeting
held at 19:00 on 14th September 2026

Present: Cllr. B. Thrussell - Vice Chair -Acting as Chair (BT), Cllr Barry Thompson (BVT), Cllr Steve Walton (SW), Cllr Ken Smith (KS). Cllr Elanor Rylance (ER)

1. **Apologies** – Cllr D. Mitchem , Cllr H Gent, Cllr Paula Fernley.
2. **Risk Assessment** – adopt Village Hall
3. **Declarations of interest/requests for dispensation** – None received.
4. **Open Session** – No public present
5. **District and County Councillors Reports -** Received via email from H GEnt and circulated. ER updated us on LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) Westminster has now paused or LGR whilst the Secretary of State checks that the process followed to date has been lawful and carried out correctly.
   District Council elections are now back on for May 2027.
   Suggestion that the Parish Council's start to take on more responsibilities ahead of any LGR and potential further lack of funding from District / County. Parishes can only do this however if the have "General Power of Competence" - to qualify for this the majority of Councillors must have been elected (not co-opted) and the Clerk must have a minimum level of certified training. (Clerk is in process of gaining the relevant training, Parish Council Elections will be next May 2027). Tasks / responsibilities that the PC could potentially take on - maintaining footpaths and rights of way, employing a lengthsmen to check and maintain gullies, drainage and some highways duties - suggestion we could club together with other neighbouring Parishes to share the cost?

6. **Minutes -** Minutes from the Annual Meeting held in July approved and signed by BT.
7. **Planning Applications**

Application Ref:	Location	Proposal (link to planning portal)	Date	Comments
26/1504/NMA	Land Adjacent To Peradon Farm Clyst Hydon	26/1504/NMA | Minor amendments to 21/3120/MFUL: 1. To locate the substation where the construction compound was approved, and; 2. Install a wellfare cabin in on the land where the substation was approved. | Land Adjacent To Peradon Farm Clyst Hydon		No objections.

Planning Decisions - No recent decisions

8. **Finance**

8.1 HD has completed the application for new bank account with Unity Bank - waiting on confirmation from Unity on completion and transfer of funds.

8.2. BT has stepped down as a signatory to new account. SW agreed to be 3rd Signatory on new account.

8.2 The National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services has agreed on pay rates applicable from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. The new pay rates are each increased by 3.3 per cent per annum. This will be picked up by new payroll provider and Clerk pay adjusted accordingly

8.3 New CIL Grant application received from Clyst Hydon Cricket Club - copies of latest quotes given to PC. Total costs are going to exceed the Grant amount that the Parish Council can offer, but the Council **RESOLVED** to grant the maximum £2000 to the cricket club to go towards their new fencing.

8.4 Initial budget discussions for upcoming year - copies of spending this year compared to budget and notes on what needs to be allowed for next year shared with all Councillors in order for them to take away and review ahead of next meeting. Potential election, update salary payments and costs associated with external payroll company need to be allowed for. Also consider including a more formal training budget.

8.4 Expenditure

- BT has received a Purchase Order from DCC to purchase 2no. tampers/compactors to aid in pot hole repairs by our local team. BT purchased for £91.96 due to the PC not having a debit/credit card and be refunded via PC and then DCC via the purchase order provided.

Who	Service / What	Amount £	Approved
SLCC	ILCA - CILCA course fee	168	
EDF	Electricity charges for phone box and defib	17.13	
BT	Mileage for BT collecting tampers	35.75	
DALC	Finance Course fee for Clerk	42	

8.5 Income

- Second instalment of precept received on 1st September £2090
- Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information
- Council – **RESOLUTION -** payments were made this month / the above to be set up this month.

9. **Clerks Report:**

9.1 2no. complaints made to the Church Warden in relation to church bells being rung outside of the normal Wednesday practice times and other services with little or short notice warning / notice given to immediate neighbours of the church. All practices now being held on the Wednesday evening. A diary of upcoming additional services and any additional visiting ringing would be appreciated.

9.2 HD has chased Aura Power twice for a meeting date with Chloe Hood's maternity cover, and Grantscape representative to further discuss the Community Benefit Fund related to Horton Solar farm. Also chasing Whimple Clerk or any rep from their PC - no reply to any emails to date. Clyst St Lawrence Clerk to help.
9.3 HD submitted CIL spending report to EDDC CIL Team - no spending of funds received in the year 25/26
9.4 HD received correspondence from Cllr Fernley regarding National Grid needing to replace an electricity pole within the (EDDC) playground behind Park Close - the playground will need to be cordoned off for a full day on 30th September - hope to receive more information and have requested that the residents of Park Close are given formal notice from either National Grid or EDDC should any parking or driveways need to be blocked / obstructed during the works. Note that 2no. New poles have been dropped off near to the car park behind Park Close.
9.5 - Complaint letter sent to National Grid regarding the recent and frequent power outages in the Parish and surrounds - reply received stating that upgrading works are due to start in September for 6 weeks that will hopefully mean a more reliable service. SW to reply to resident that originally wrote to the PC asking for help on the matter.
9.6 Current Neighbourhood Highways Officer (Ricky Cowtan) has notified us that he will be leaving his post as our officer as of 10th August, new NHO has now been appointed Simon Hendry - Simon.Hendry@devon.gov.uk .
9.7 Parish Council have agreed to buy a remembrance poppy wreath from Royal British Legion - a Type C £27 - we will arrange for it to be laid at the Church on Remembrance Sunday.

9.8 Correspondence regarding tree overhanging footpath close to bus stop - adjacent resident has been in touch with the PC to request the PC organise pollarding the tree as there is sign of more movement (form when this was originally raised in December 2025) and there is safety risk should the tree lean and fall onto the footpath. It is suggested that the tree is on adopted land and therefore the Parish Council's responsibility; however deeds have not been provided in order to confirm who is responsible for this bit of land - it has been maintained by the PC, but the PC do not have any deeds to say the land is ours.
HD to contact both EDDC tree team and DCC Highways to report the tree and see if either District / County Council will help seeing as it over hangs a public right of way and road.

10. **10) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only) none**

11. Correspondence/matters arising since last meeting/ Items for information –

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 9th November 2026.

Meeting Minutes Accepted By:

Chairman:.....

Clerk: .....