



**St Giles on the Heath with Northcott Hamlet
Parish Council**

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(Draft) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7.00pm

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Atkinson (Chairman), Cllr K Hamlyn, Cllr Bowyer, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Russell, Cllr Paulger, Cllr Dimmock, Cllr Gearing (co-opted under item 3), Cllr McIlmurray (co-opted under item 3). **In attendance:** Clerk Kayleigh Walker, members of the public: 0.

1. PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 None.

2. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllrs Williams, Stott and Curtis, District Cllr Hackett - apologies accepted.

2.2 Cllr Russell declared an interest in a quote received relating to item 7.2.

3. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

3.1 Cllrs reviewed the two co-option applications ahead of the meeting. Cllr Paulger proposed that both applicants were co-opted, seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed by all. The new councillors were welcomed to the meeting and each signed an acceptance to office document.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2025, were previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Fisher as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn and agreed by all. The Chairman signed a copy.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 None.

6. REVIEWING ONGOING MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 County Cllrs Report - None. The Clerk was asked to write to the county and district councillors welcoming their attendance and requesting a written report if they were unable to attend.

6.2 District Cllrs Report - None.

6.3 New website update from Cllr Williams - an email update was shared. Cllr Williams had proposed a working party group was established to work on the content of the website. Cllrs Fisher, Russell, McIlmurray and the Clerk agreed to work with Cllr Williams to progress the website. A community newsletter was suggested that could be shared on the website as well as in the shop and noticeboards. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting date with the working party group.

6.4 Discuss road to Tower Hill speed limit - Cllr McIlmurray shared a response received from the County Councillor that included suggestions such as a self-funded TRO and self-funded signs erected on private land. The estimated cost of a TRO was shared as £7-9,000. Cllrs discussed that if any self-funded action was to be taken a significant increase in the precept would be needed. Some community engagement would be sought to obtain feedback prior to any decision being made. Cllrs referred to recent publications that proposed a 20mph limit in and around Launceston. The clerk shared a response from Holsworthy Police who stated they have carried out speed checks in St Giles 8 times in 2025 with an average of two vehicles being captured speeding which does not indicate a major issue. The Clerk will respond to County Councillor Rowsell and include a request for a new village sign that states the speed limit.

6.5 TDC Rough Sleeper Estimate - Cllrs agreed there were no known rough sleepers in the parish.

6.6 OPCC’s CCTV funding scheme 2025 - Cllrs requested that the clerk should submit an expression of interest as it was thought that a joint project between the parish council, Coronation Hall and the shop to obtain CCTV in the car park could be a valuable asset for the community.

6.7 Unified Support for Fire-Co-Responders in Devon - Cllr Fisher proposed that the parish council supported the cause. Seconded by Cllr Paulger and agreed by all. The Clerk will send a letter of support.

7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

7.1 Speedwatch update - Cllr Atkinson shared a report following a session that took place on 24/09/25. 153 cars were recorded travelling through the village from Launceston with 27 captured above the speed limit. 76 cars were recorded travelling through the village from Chapmans Well with 1 captured above the speed limit. Cllr McIlmurray agreed to sign up to the speedwatch scheme. Cllr Atkinson will request approval of a site along the road leading to Tower Hill.

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7.2 Playground update - The Clerk shared details of 3 quotes received for repairs/replacement of the playground gate. One also included replacment of the playing field gate. It was suggested that clarity was needed to confirm how each contractor planned to achieve the required 1/2 inch finger space within the playground gate. The Clerk will request this information and share it via email. The Clerk provided a sign that states the double gate in the playground is only for use by the grass cutter and emergency services. Cllr Hamlyn expressed concerns over children needing a second gate to exit in the event of bullying. Cllrs agreed the gate could still be used in this instance and the sign was simply a polite reminder that the pedestrian gate should be used in the first instance.

7.3 Grass cutting - Cllrs agreed not to request any additional cuts for the time being. Cllrs discussed the tender and agreed to advertise it on a 3 year basis as per previous occasions.

7.4 Agree community christmas tree arrangements/funding - Cllrs agreed a budget of up to £100 for the purchase of the tree and lights. Cllrs Paulger, Fisher and Atkinson agreed to arrange this. Proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr Bowyer and agreed by all.

8. FINANCES

8.1 Authorisation of expenses – Coronation Hall hall hire for meeting £18, grass cutting £480 x2, playground gate sign £28.24. Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Russell and agreed by all.

8.2 Current account as of 29th September 2025 - £12683.81.

8.3 Monthly budget sheet – circulated for Cllrs information only. Cllr Fisher pointed out a cell error that the Clerk will amend.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Cllr Paulger suggested a parish council christmas social. Cllr Atkinson agreed to discuss this with the Pint & Post.

9.2 HELAA publication - Cllrs discussed the land shown on the assessment for potential development. The areas are noted as Sladesmoor, Stanbury Close and Box’s Shop. The Clerk will share this with the new cllrs.

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10.1 Next Parish Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 18th November 2025 7:00pm followed by Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7:00pm.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

11.1 Meeting closed 8:15pm.