

**UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.30pm
In the Bittaford Village Hall**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Slater (Chair), Beable, Fletcher, Hart, Holway, Hosking, May, Nelson and Wells

Also present: Vic Abbott (SHDC) (DCC)

1 member of the public was in attendance

Questions from the public:

A member of the public raised the on-going issue of speeding traffic on the A3121 and the danger it presents not only for the junction at Parsonage Lane but for the other junctions at Haredon Cross, Ware and Ludbrook. He recounted numerous accidents he has witnessed and/or has knowledge of and noted that official records (recording only very serious or accidents with fatalities) do not reflect the real situation. It was also noted that the situation has a particular impact on horse riders attempting to cross the road. The installation of a speed restricted area on the same road at Ermington was raised as a possible precedence for action at Ugborough. **It was agreed that the clerk would raise the matter with DCC Highways and this would be discussed further at the meeting in February.**

Report from Devon County Councillor Vic Abbott is available on the website. Summary:

Cllr Dan Thomas had sent his apologies.

- Local Government Review update
- Youth participation briefings
- Auto-enrolment of those entitled to free school meals
- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for the Winter break
- Four new coworking spaces have joined Devon's Work Hub network.
- The successful child pedestrian safety training for primary schoolchildren has received additional funding from Vision Zero South West to continue through to March 2028.
- Improved fees and allowances for foster-carers
- Launch of a new employment scheme
- He also requested support from UPC regarding 2 issues that DCC are currently unable to deal with:
 - a tree overhanging a road sign in North Filham
 - the condition of the footpath at North Filham

It was agreed that the clerk would request the Lengsthman to cut the tree and work would be done to establish if there is any S106 monies available to pay for repairs to the footway.

Report from South Hams District Councillors is available on the website

Cllr Alison DeWynter had sent apologies

Summary:

- Local Government Review
- South Hams Christmas Events
- Visitor Economy Update
- Citizens Advice Newsletter

- Reporting Dog Fouling
- NHS APP

25.135 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Denise Cooper

25.136 There were no declarations of interest

25.137 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November, as previously circulated, were approved

Matters arising:

- Grass cutting arrangements for the Church Burial Ground – clerk to chase in the spring
- Overgrown vegetation on the walkway at Seldon's Court – Cllr Hosking is pursuing this matter

Cllr Abbott left at 8.10pm

25.138 Planning

1. The following applications were considered:

- a) [3250/25/HHO](#) Location Address Bowcombe Barn Ugborough PL21 0HJ Householder application for an outbuilding to be used as a garage and for storage

Support

- b) [0392/25](#) Mr Paul Whitely Create first floor extension above garage, garage alterations and ground floor horticulture area. Peldon House Hillside, Bittaford, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0EJ

Support

- c) [0391/25](#) Change of use of land for the siting and residential use of 3 touring caravans, the siting of a mobile home, the construction of a track, hard standing and associated buildings (retrospective) Mr Stephen Rose, The Old Pony Paddock Ugborough Road, Bittaford, Ivybridge, PL21 0ER

Object – inappropriate development in the open countryside.

- d) [3343/25/FUL](#) Extension to an existing Agricultural Building Land At Sx 706 549 Ugborough

Support

- e) [3227/25/FUL](#) Land At Sx 642 554, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge Erection of timber stable building & access track

UPC consider that 2 stables are adequate for the size of the field. UPC also requests that SHDC ascertain the reason for locating the stables at the far end of the field to the access.

- f) [3480/25/ARC](#) Fowlescombe Farm, Ugborough, PL21 0HW Application for approval of details reserved by condition 19 (Natural England Licence) of planning consent 3235/22/FUL

Support

2. The decisions made by SHDC and DNP were noted:

- a) **2982/25/ARC** Land At Sx 665 563, Bittaford. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Sustainable Drainage Option) to planning consent 1396/25/FUL

Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved

- b) **2363/24/FUL** Aldi Stores Limited. Land at SX 647 562, Ivybridge. READVERTISEMENT (amended drawings to show lowering of rear of building) development of new retail foodstore (Use Class E) together with associated works including provision of parking & servicing area, access works & landscaping

Decision: Refusal

c) **3021/25/HHO** Householder application for two storey & single storey extensions, demolition of existing detached garage, erection of new detached garage & external kitchen Newcombe, Ugborough. PL21 0HQ

Decision: Conditional Approval

25.139 Finance and HR

1. The following payments were approved:

	Gross	VAT	NET
Clerk (speed camera bolts)	21.80	3.63	18.17
Clerk (Printer and cartridges)	89.20	14.88	74.32
Salary	689.99		689.99
DCC Pension	229.84		229.84
Ugborough village planters	284.94	47.49	237.45
Bank Charge	4.25		4.25
J Widdicombe	264.00	44.00	220.00
Cutting Crew	36.00	6.00	30.00
Cutting Crew	91.20	15.20	76.00

2. The income was noted:

Burial Fees	1030
P3 Grant	2960
Dividends	183.79

3. The Reconciliation was received:

TRANSACTIONS		RESERVES	
Lloyds Current Account (end Nov)	£26,584.46	P.3 grant	£0
Less uncleared payments	1,600.22	Bittaford Play Area	£3,674
Plus uncleared receipts		Dementia Awareness	£150
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	£0.00	Post office disabled access	£112
Total	£24,984.24	Burial ground	£3,789
CCLA Savings (End Oct.)	£55,746.43	Climate Emergency Reserve	£4,881
Total Funds	£80,730.67	Community Projects & Support*	£21,020
		20 mph project	£0
		Election	£1,628
Total uncommitted funds	£45,476.67	Total	£35,254

*Community Projects:

Amenity green space (Ugborough village), Conduit repair and maintenance, Tidying village centres and planters, Grant towards community use of redundant WC buildings, Walking leaflets

4. Grant funding of £500 to Ivybridge and District Community Transport Association was agreed

5. Grant funding of £500 to CAB was agreed

6. Council are pleased to note the progress towards accessing S106 funding for Bittaford Play Area.

7. [The Budget for 2026-2027](#) was agreed

8. A precept demand of £50,400 for 2026 – 2027 was agreed

25.140 Policy

1. It was agreed to delegate the following tasks to the clerk until the 11th Feb meeting:

- Response to planning applications following email consultation with Councillors
- Payment of regular monthly payments – Widdicombe, cutting crew, salary, pension.

25.141 Highways, Parish Paths and Transport

1. Donkey Lane update – Council are awaiting a response from neighbouring landowners / tenants
2. Update from the Flood Working Group – A statement detailing the proposed options from DCC Flood Officer and actions agreed by Council will be made available on the website and social media once approved by DCC.

The group have met and proposed the following actions which Council agreed:

Parsonage Lane - Cllr Hart will discuss the offer of support from DCC with the owner of the affected property and pass on the contact details for the owner to liaise direct with DCC.

Ware – Cllr Hart will discuss the options recommended by DCC with the respective landowners and progress accordingly

Lutterburn Street - Clerk to contact DCC and request:

- They consider further the upgrade of the current screen
- Assistance to establish a regular programme of clearing the grating, road sweeping, drain clearance and debris removal whilst the more intensive options are explored further

25.142 Maintenance

1. The estimates for work to improve the safety of the slide were considered and it was agreed that the best value action would be to replace the equipment with the S106 funding
2. The recent monthly report was considered and it was agreed that Cllr Hart would trim back the trees and the clerk would chase the maintenance contractor to progress work on repairing the path and applying anti-slip treatment to the climbing stack.

25.143 Local Government Review Update

- UPC consultation – there have been 32 responses to date and Council are keen to get more participation. Further sharing on social media will be done.
- Feedback from the meeting of “The 13 Councils” – the group will meet again when there is news from Government regarding the preferred option.

25.144 Meetings attended:

Cllrs Nelson and May had attended the Dartmoor National Park forum

Cllr Beable had attended the regular Police Commissioners Meeting

25.145 Communications Received

1. LGR alternative proposal from a neighbouring parish council
2. Communication from SHDC detailing action needed to protect the toilets for purchase as a community asset.
3. Request from SHDC to amend a report on our website

25.146 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th February 2026, 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10pm