



Chideock Parish Council

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of Chideock Parish Council
held on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 10.00am
Chideock Village Hall, Main Street, Chideock DT6 6JW**

Present:

Councillors: Richard Benjamin (*Chair*)
Aidan Biggins (*Vice Chair*)
Natalie Gladman
Vanessa McAra

Officer: Jo Hughes (*Locum Clerk*)

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1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Barnett and Cllr Christopher.

2. Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

None.

3. Public Participation

Two residents raised queries regarding the 2024/25 accounts including the VAT repayment for 2024/25, lack of detailed budget headings, need for more detailed accounts and concern relating to the payment of grants and the general reserve and earmarked reserve figures. Concern was also raised over the 2025/26 cash flow/budget forecast. The replacement baby swing for the play park was also raised.

4. Financial Matters

a. To receive the Internal Auditor report 2024/25

The Internal Audit Report had been received and circulated to all.

Cllr McAra requested it be noted that in relation to Internal Control Objective H, the church clock does not show as a Parish Council asset. To be resolved at the September meeting.

b. To confirm any conflicts of interest with BDO LLP

No conflicts of interest with BDO LLP were raised.

c. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2024/25 AGAR – Section 1.

Proposed: Cllr R Benjamin Seconded: Cllr A Biggins

d. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2024/25 AGAR – Section 2.

Proposed: Cllr R Benjamin Seconded: Cllr A Biggins

The Clerk advised that the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the accounts would commence Monday 21st July to Monday 1st September 2025.

Meeting closed: 10.33am

Chairman:

Date: