

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Mr A. Clark [in the Chair], Mr M. Austin, Mr A. Martin, Mrs D. Cridland, Mr D. Cox, Mr W. Jones, Mrs T. Pluck, Mrs D. Appleyard, Mrs. S Corfield, Mr P. Low and Mrs M. Low

This meeting was held separately from the Parish Council Annual Meeting to comply with regulations.

Apologies: Mr A. White, Mrs N. Letch, Mr A. Baker, Mrs J. Bennett, Mr S. Keable

1. Report from the Parish Council Chairman: Mr. Clark reported that the year had been quite active. The bus shelter had been repaired. Mr Leach now had a regular contract and was keeping the Village Green grass in order. The Council had moved over to internet banking. The councillors now had official e-mails. Two of the councillors were currently incapacitated by accidents. The council was financially stable. There were plans to purchase planters for the green. Mrs Cridland had been working on emergency planning. A First Aid Course had been held. The drainage at Morchard Road had been sorted out. It was hoped that a bus stop could be installed beside the lay-by at Morchard Road. The Council had joined the Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance. The rail service was running well apart from some recent cancellations. There was an on-going plan to buy the public conveniences.
2. Mrs Cridland reported that most of the potholes had now been repaired and some resurfacing was being done on the A377.
3. Matters Arising: None