

Minutes of the meeting of Colebrooke Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2026, 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present – Cllr. Charlton-Anne (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. Manning; Cllr. Green; Cllr. Hann; Cllr. Gaston; County Cllr. Cairney.

- 1) Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Smith. Cllr. Doornbos. Cllr. Johnstone. District Cllr. Chenore. Apologies accepted for the reasons given.
- 2) Declarations of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declarations of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Mid Devon District Council within 28 days of the change. None declared.
- 3) Public Discussion:** An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 10 minutes. Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when the Council is in committee.
- 4) County & District Councillor Reports (for information only)**
County Cllr. Cairney. Exeter council have decided not to hold elections this May. LGR was mentioned regarding the Exeter bid.
- 5) Chairman's Report (for information only)** Cllr. Charlton-Anne Neville Enderson has resigned after 47 years on the council, 20 years as a chair of the council. Many thanks for expressed for his long service. Cllr. Hann suggested a plaque or a tree as a fitting memento of his long service. Agenda for March.
- 6) Minutes** –the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November 2025 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair as a true record.
- 7) PLANNING** – Mid Devon District Council have asked for observations from the parish council on the following planning applications –

Decisions

- a) 25/01542/FULL Erection of extension to existing agricultural building, Butsford Barton, Colebrooke.
GRANTED
- 8) Parish Map** – ideas to be discussed and taken forward. Cllr. Gaston has created a draft map. Cllr. Charlton-Anne will talk to Neville Enderson regarding the parish boundaries. Mid Devon Council could also have access to a map. Member services. Clerk to action. Next agenda.

9) FINANCE

Expenditure	- December totals	£733.00	PAID
	Employment January	£277.88	
	Clerk's expenses Q3	£103.20	
	Office 365 renew subs	£84.99 – payable to Clerk	

Income

Bank statement and Reconciliation circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Council resolved to accept the accounts as presented. Proposed by Cllr. Charlton-Anne, seconded by Cllr. Hann, all in favour by show of hands.

10) Budget – to resolve to set the budget as circulated prior to this meeting. Cllr. JHann considers there should be an increase in the budget as follows - increase elections from £0 to £1200, with replacement assets increased to £2000 to a total expenditure of £16,324. Proposed by Cllr. Hann, all agreed by show of hands

11) Precept – to resolve to set the precept for the year 2026/2027 based on the agreed budget. Cllr. Hann proposed a 6% increase taking the precept to £14,500 (still a negative budget). Put to the vote, 4 in favour, Cllr. Gaston against. Motion passed.

12) Two Hundred club for the Bell – no discussion.

13) Millennium Triangle – to receive suggestions. Cllr. Manning brought this up. The map will promote this area once it has been created. Encourage people within the community to use this area. To look at planting up with bulbs in the autumn, particularly flowers that are insect beneficial.

14) Seat in the Cemetery – to discuss best methods of securing the seat donated by Colin Langton. Thanks to Cllr. Manning and her husband for assembling the seat and installing it. Currently standing on grass. As it is very heavy, Council are at present not considering any methods of ground fixings.

15) Clerk's Report (for information only)

16) Councillors Reports (for information only)

Cllr. Gaston attended the Crediton Cluster meeting in Colebrooke and the cycle path has been approved between Crediton and Exeter.

Items for information

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7pm in the village hall.

Meting closed at 8.10pm

Information emails

DALC bulletin 52(sent 04/12)