

MEETING OF MARY TAVY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE CORONATION HALL, MARY TAVY
ON 10TH MARCH 2026 AT 7:00PM

Present:

Cllr P Reid Cllr J Honey
Cllr J Dunn Cllr A Longland
Cllr J Banks Cllr A Grindey
Cllr M Griffiths

In attendance:

Ms Amy Christie (Parish Clerk)
Cllr R Oxborough (Borough Councillor)
Cllr M Fife-Cook (Devon County Council)

The meeting was chaired by the Chair, Cllr Honey.

FC.25/220 Welcome and Formal Opening of the Meeting by the Chair:

Cllr Honey opened the meeting at 7pm.

FC.25/221 Apologies for Absence:

None.

FC.25/222 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations:

Cllr Dunn declared an interest in agenda items FC.25/228 and FC.25/229.

FC.25/223 Business Raised by the Public

Cllr Oxborough spoke in relation to local government reorganisation, the plans and consultation, West Devon Borough Council is awaiting decision from central government in June/July 2026.

Cllr Oxborough has awarded a locality grant to the Hall & Field Trust Coronation Hall for repair of the roof.

Cllr Oxborough spoke in relation to funding for peat conservation and WDBC support of woodland burial grounds to increase burial provision in West Devon.

Cllr Oxborough provided an update in relation to Highways and potholes on the A386, contact with Highways and new contact with Sir G Cox.

Cllr Fife-Cook spoke in relation to potholes, county council funding for potholes and quality control, and a meeting for parish councillors with Highways, Dan Thomas and other parishes, pending confirmation of meeting date.

Cllr Fife-Cook spoke in relation to funding for the Coronation Hall.

Cllr Fife-Cook spoke in relation to an initiative to have a training day on planning for councillors with DNPA.

Cllr Oxborough and Cllr Fife-Cook left the meeting at 7:20pm.

FC.25/224 Minutes:

- i) The minutes of the meeting of 10th February 2026 (copy previously circulated) were approved with an amendment to spelling and Cllr Reid.
- ii) Members received updates on actions/items from the previous meeting.

- a) Annual Meeting update, Cllrs discussed the Annual Meeting including posters to be displayed to obtain feedback from the community, grass cutting schedule, and advertising of the annual parish meeting.
- b) Cllr Grindey spoke in relation to the cemetery shed foundation; blockwork has been lifted and removed. The parish clerk is making enquiries to ascertain if the ground can be utilised for burial space.
- c) Cllr Grindey provided an update on the replacement cemetery gate, Cllr Grindey and Cllr Banks have installed the gate. The Chair thanked the Cllrs for their work replacing the gate.
- d) Co-option deadline is 3rd April 2026, any eligible applicant is invited to apply for the two vacancies.
- e) The parish clerk provided a reminder to cllrs of Southern Parishes Link funding for access to training with DALC and the cancellation policies.
- f) Cllr Dunn provided an update on Local Government Reorganisation, members of the public can respond to the LGR proposals online, the parish council is not a statutory consultee, councillors will submit their observations online individually.
- g) West Devon Borough Council is holding an online session on 'Policy for the Transfer of Community Assets' Tuesday 17th March 6:00-7:00pm councillors are invited to attend.
- h) West Devon Borough Council is holding an online session 'The National Planning Policy Framework and its Relationship with the Neighbourhood Plans' Thursday 12th March 4:00-5:00pm, councillors are invited to attend.
- i) Cllr Longland provided an update on the noticeboard that has been installed at the bus shelter, positive community feedback has been received and Cllr Honey thanked Cllr Longland.

FC.25/225

Standing Item – Climate and Ecology Emergencies:

Councillors noted that the council resolved to become a signatory of the Devon Climate Declaration and will focus on those activities where we as a parish, can make a difference to climate change, biodiversity and the environment.

Matters arising since the last council meeting

FC.25/226

Highways

Members received and considered any updates in relation to Highways.

- i) Flooding and drainage in the parish – no further issues have been reported.
- ii) A request to grit the Brentor Road bus route has been submitted by the parish clerk to the Highways Officer at Devon County Council with support from Brentor and Lydford Parish Council – who confirmed support of the initiative after last full council, the request has been sent to the Winter Services Manager and is pending a response.
- iii) Councillors discussed flooding and drainage in the parish and received an update from Cllr Honey, Cllr Honey has been in contact with the Dartmoor Commoner's Association and the Mary Tavy Commoner's Association to ascertain who owns the strip of land on Gibbet Hill and looking for work to improve the water run off onto neighbouring pieces of land. Cllr Honey & Cllr banks will attend a site meeting with the chairman of Mary Tavy Commoners' Association and the owners of the land once a date has been confirmed.
- iv) Pothole Highways Meeting, councillors are invited to a meeting with the County Councillor, Highways and DCC representatives once a date has been confirmed (not open to the public).

New items of business

FC.25/227

Councillor Reports

- i) Emergency Warden – no update.
- ii) West Devon Matters Committee Representative – Cllr Honey attended the meeting, and provided an update (the next meeting 27th May 2026 at 6pm).
- iii) Mary Tavy & Horndon Broadband Champion – Councillor Reid provided an update on the Connectivity Forum meeting with Sir G Cox who has requested Openreach provided details of which properties will be connected to broadband or not. DCC is working to supply highspeed internet.
- iv) Mary Tavy Community Field & Hall Representatives – Cllr Reid provided an update about the Coronational Hall roof and solar panel projects, the public fundraising appeal has raised £4,000 and a further £16,000 has been provided by two donors to finance the roof project by itself at £20,000, subject to agreement of the full Hall Committee.
- v) Office of Police and Crime Commissioner – no update received.

FC.25/228

Planning application: 0067/26 New slate hanging to western gable, Cholwell Barn, Mary Tavy, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 9PR

The deadline for observations was 27/02/2026.

FC.25/229

Planning application: 0041/26 Slate hanging to north and west elevations The Elephants Nest Inn, Horndon, Mary Tavy, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 9NQ05/02/2026

Councillors discussed the planning application: 0041/26 slate hanging to the north and west elevations The Elephants Nest Inn, Horndon, Mary Tavy.

Observations: Following discussion, no objection.

FC.25/230

Grievance Policy

Councillors discussed re-adopting the Grievance Policy.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to re-adopt the Grievance Policy.

FC.25/231

Privacy Policy

Councillors discussed re-adopting the Privacy Policy.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to re-adopt the Privacy Policy.

FC.25/232

Dignity At Work Policy

Councillors discussed re-adopting the Dignity At Work Policy.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to re-adopt the Dignity At Work Policy.

FC.25/233

Equality & Diversity Policy

Councillors discussed re-adopting the Equality & Diversity Policy.

Resolved: Councillors resolved to re-adopt the Equality & Diversity Policy.

FC.25/234 Accounts & Financial Statement

i) P30 Employer's Payslip	£ 69.70
Clerk Salary January	£ 806.83
NEST Pension Employer's Payment	£ 92.56
DD Banking Service charge March	£ 7.00
Reimbursement Seeds Cllr A Longland	£ 14.95
Reimbursement Cemetery Gate Cllr Grindey	£ 197.82
Chris Ball Grass Cutting February	£ 179.00
Chris Ball Grass Cutting March	£ 323.00

ii) **Receive** and **approve** payment and receipt transactions between 1st February 2026 and 28th February 2026.

Treasurer's Account

Date	Details	Payments	Receipts
17/02/2026	P30 Employer's Payslip	£ 69.70	
17/02/2026	Clerk Salary February	£ 806.63	
17/02/2026	HMRC Cumbernauld Employer's Payslip P30	£ 69.70	
17/02/2026	DALC Councillor Training (Non-attendance)	£ 36.00	
17/02/2026	Coronation Hall Room Hire December 2025	£ 20.00	
17/02/2026	Reimbursement noticeboard bus stop Cllr A Longland	£ 15.95	
17/02/2026	Jim Jeffries Winter Clearance Schedule Parish Lengthsman	£ 1500.00	
17/02/2026	DM Payroll	£ 72.00	
25/02/2026	Morris Brothers C Allen		£121.00
28/02/2026	DD Banking Monthly Service charge	£ 6.00	

iii) Councillors noted the council's monthly budget monitoring report (copy circulated 'spend against budget').

FC.25/235 Matters brought forward by Councillors: (for information only).

Co-option - deadline 3rd April.
Grass cutting contract renewal 2026

The date of the next Full Council meeting is 14th April 2026 at the Coronation Hall, Mary Tavy (council meetings will no longer be held at the Reading Rooms).

Meeting closed at 20:36pm.

Signed **Date**