

LITTLE DEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Little Dewchurch Parish Council, held at the Little Dewchurch Village Hall, on Tuesday 10th March 2026 from 7.30 pm
No. LDPC/AW/114

Present:

Cllr. Phil Williams (CPW) - Chair
 Cllr. Tom Price (TP)
 Cllr. Roger da Cunha (RDC)
 Cllr. Florin Tatoi (FT)

In attendance:

Parish Clerk; Alison Wright (AW), Ward Cllr; David Davies (DD) and one member of the public

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Allocated To</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>
	<p><u>Public Question Time.</u></p> <p>There was one member of the public present. The resident explained that she had been trying to acquire the use of an allotment for a number of years and had not managed to obtain one so far. There had been previous suggestions that there may be some land available in the parish for a private arrangement and the Chair volunteered to speak to the person who had previously indicated that they may have suitable land. There may also be the possibility of looking into a school/community plot. The Chair would make some enquiries and the parish council would hear back from this in April. Agenda Allotments for April parish council meeting.</p> <p>The Public Question Time closed at 7.40 pm.</p>	Chair	By April
1.0	<p><u>Welcome to the meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Phil Williams, in the Chair, welcomed the councillors to the March 2026 Meeting of Little Dewchurch Parish Council.</p>		
2.0	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>There were apologies for absence received from Cllr. Jane Lisle (JL) and Cllr. Jo Hawthorne (JH) Cllr. Lisa White (LW) had sent in her resignation letter. The resignation was accepted. The Clerk would write to Lisa to thank her for her work as councillor and time spent carrying out works on behalf of the village. A casual vacancy position on the parish council would be formally advertised in the first instance.</p>	Clerk	ASAP

3.0	<p><u>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest recorded this time.</p>		
4.0	<p><u>To receive, adopt and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 10th 2026</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were accepted a true and correct record the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th February 2026.</p>		
5.0	<p><u>To receive reports from</u> <u>5.1)Ward Councillor</u></p> <p>The Ward Councillor had sent his written report.</p> <p>The Ward Cllr was present at the meeting. The Ward Cllr advised that there had been a landslip at Hoarwithy. The road was closed. Matters were in hand to try to resolve the situation. The most recent parish council summit had been held on the 3rd March 2026. There had been some confusion with the sign on arrangements for the virtual attendance. It was hoped that matters would go more smoothly in the future. There was a budget thrust centred round the priority funding being in urban areas, leaving the rural communities underfunded and requiring implement savings. This may lead to the non filling of vacant posts and moves away from the use of agency staff and streamlining. There was to be a Siams Inspection at the Little Dewchurch School. This was in relation to the Church of England ethos of the school. A planning application for the nursery at the school was hoped to be implemented by September. The white lining for the junction in the village had been done. There were still issues with water flowing and pooling on the road. If the water did come from a natural spring then it needed to be laid off to one side and channelled into a soak-away or appropriate drainage system. The tarmac job had been scrutinised and was not satisfactory and so would be re-done. The road lining and surfacing through the village was to be done. Visual narrowing lines would be used to hopefully slow people down. Local works to surface dress and repair roads C1261, C1266 and C1267 should all be implemented in the next twelve months.</p> <p><u>Balfour Beatty</u> Information from Balfour Beatty had been circulated when received. The Locality Steward was Mike Gill. E mail: mike.gill@balfourbeatty.com</p> <p><u>West Mercia Police and any applicable issues</u> Newsletters and information circulated when received.</p>		

<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>Finance and policies</u></p> <p>6.1) <u>Confirmation of bank balances</u> The current account balance stood at £7227.35 Actual balance with all outstanding payments made was £5829.43</p> <p>6.2) <u>To agree Invoices for payment (list of proposed payments to be provided)</u> To resolve to accept payments as per listing:</p> <p>Mrs A Wright (salary paid in accordance with contract for March) HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and Ers NI due on salary) £121.65 T Griffiths (lengthsman) £43.34 Information Commissioner (ICO) by direct debit £47.00 Dore Community Transport (Donation) £180.00</p> <p>The payments were resolved to be paid unanimously.</p> <p>Also for consideration of a donation towards the work of Dore Community Transport who had carried out 178 journeys on behalf of the residents of the parish on 2025. The parish council resolved to make a donation towards their work of £180.00.</p> <p><u>Village Christmas Tree 2025</u> The village housing developer, Bell Homes had repaid the cost of the Christmas Tree to the parish council. This would be reimbursed to the Chair upon receipt of the invoice.</p> <p>6.3) <u>To consider the IT Policy for Little Dewchurch Parish Council</u> The parish council resolved to adopt the IT Policy and it would be placed on the parish website.</p>	<p>Chair</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
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<p>9.0</p>	<p>Information Sheet/Correspondence</p> <p>9.1) To note contents and correspondence Herefordshire Council: Talk Community bulletins</p> <p>Parish Summit – March 3rd – this had been held and notes would be circulated when available.</p> <p>Little Dewchurch Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2026 April 7th, May 12th, June 9th, July 7th, No meeting in August, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, No meeting in December.</p> <p>9.2) To receive any updates from the Little Dewchurch Social Committee re events etc. There were no further updates.</p> <p>9.3) To discuss correspondence from Cllr Lisle regarding allotments The allotment request by a member of the public was discussed during the Open Session, The Chair would make some enquiries about possible land availability for a private arrangement. This would be reported back in the April parish council meeting.</p> <p><u>Ordnance Survey</u> There had been an email forwarded by Cllr Lisle about Ordnance Survey usage. No further action. Not used by the parish council.</p>	<p>Chair</p>	<p>Before April</p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p><u>Welsh Water – local flooding and pipe work – update as applicable</u></p> <p>The flooding and water issues in the village were still ongoing. The Ward Cllr detailed the situation during his report update. The source of the water and damaged tarmac would need to be resolved.</p>		
<p>11.0</p>	<p><u>Matters for the Agenda of the next Meeting</u></p> <p>All the usual items. Allotments – to receive any update</p>		

<p>12.0</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of date of next Parish Council Meetings</u> The next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 from 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>		
	<p><i>The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm</i></p> <p>Signed:Chair</p> <p>Date.....</p> <p>Website link: https://www.littledewchurch.org.uk/</p>		