

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Town Council on Monday 14
September 2026 at 7.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr S Atherton
Cllr R Fowles
Cllr C Maunder
Cllr R Sexton
Cllr G Martin

St Paul's Ward

Cllr D Hayler
Cllr S Keene
Cllr S Sexton
Cllr J Taylor

In attendance

Heloise Marlow, Acting Town Clerk
Cllr R Coombs (via Zoom)
Cllr R Collins (EDDC)
Cllr T McCollum (EDDC) (via Zoom)

26/123 Apologies for absence

Cllr R Coombs (personal)
Cllr S Craddock (personal)
Cllr C Doran (personal)
Cllr C Kolek (personal)
Cllr J Larcombe (personal)
Cllr S Thorne (personal)
Cllr R Wallis (personal)
Cllr J Wilson (personal)
Cllr R Jefferies (DCC)

26/124 Declarations of Interests

Cllr R Fowles – Personal Interest (Item 26/141)

26/125 Dispensations

None

26/126 Public Question Time for items on the agenda

None received.

26/127 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr R Jefferies (DCC) provided the [attached report](#):
Cllr R Wallis (EDDC) provided the [attached report](#).
Cllr Collins provided the following report:

- he had attended 2 EDDC meetings.
- EDDC had cancelled several meetings due to officer time being taken up by LGR.

- EDDC Council meeting Thursday 17th September would debate a motion from Cllr Peter Faithfull to support a Judicial Review of the Government's decision for new Councils in Devon.
- Solar panels have been installed at the Business Centre in Heathpark.

The Acting Town Clerk advised that DCC was intending to carry out temporary road surfacing works on Honiton High Street during Thursday night.

26/128 Reports from Honiton Town Council Members with Special Responsibilities and/or on Outside Bodies

Cllr S Sexton confirmed that she and Cllr Maunder and other Cllrs had attended:

- Honiton Pride event at Boston Tea Party Honiton.
- Citizens Advice meeting and would circulate the report
- HTC HCC Review Meeting
- Gate to Plate
- Honiton Twinning Association reception and leaving dinner with Cllr R Sexton
- Honiton Carers AGM.

26/129 Reports and Recommendations from Working Groups and Meetings.

The Market Working Group report and the Beehive Low Carbon Working Group report were **NOTED**.

Cllr Fowles read out the [attached](#) supplementary report as Chair of the Beehive Low Carbon Working Group.

Cllr Hayler queried whether there was any data available regarding the loss of audiences due to the lack of air conditioning in the JLA.

Cllr Fowles confirmed that whilst it was difficult to collate data as some just don't book tickets and some walk out, anecdotal evidence does support the finding e.g. craft club on a Thursday has gone from 20 attendees to less than 10 as the café is so hot.

26/130 Correspondence 9th July 2026 – 5th August 2026

Members **NOTED** the correspondence. Cllr Sexton advised that a response would be sent to Mr Aplin suggesting that he contact either EDDC or the applicant for answers to his queries.

26/131 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10th August 2026

Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of Full Council 10th August 2026

Proposed by Cllr R Fowles and seconded by Cllr Keene

For 8; Against 0; Abstentions 1.

26/132 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Members **NOTED** the item.

26/133 Membership of Committees and Working Groups

Cllr Martin asked to join the Planning Committee, the Maintenance Working Group and the Communications Working Group.

Members RESOLVED unanimously to approve the changes above.

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr R Sexton

26/134 Devon County Council (East Devon HATOC) (Traffic Regulation) Tranche 3 Amendment Order August 2026

The Acting Town Clerk advised that DCC had confirmed that the proposal stemmed from the request made to remove redundant signage from Honiton High Street. Currently with no Thursday market, the signage was incorrect. However if the signage were to be removed and the Council reinstated the Thursday market, the Traffic Order would need to be changed again and this could take time. Whilst DCC had suggested that temporary traffic orders could be applied for ad hoc or special events, it was confirmed that these incurred fees.

Cllr S Sexton confirmed that the Thursday market had only been suspended.

Cllr R Sexton as Chair of the Market Working Group confirmed that the Thursday market had only been suspended due to insufficient number but that the market was picking up on Tuesdays and Saturdays and if the increase continued the market on Thursdays could be reinstated.

Cllr Taylor suggested that DCC's ultimate aim was to introduce parking meters on the High Street.

a) Members **NOTED** the consultation.

b) **Members RESOLVED to delegate to the Acting Town Clerk to provide comments to DCC on the consultation for the proposed change to the Local Waiting Restriction Programme Tranche 3 in consultation with the Chairman of the Town Management and Green and Open Spaces Committee.**

Proposed by Cllr S Sexton and seconded by Cllr Maunder

For 8, Against 0, Abstentions 1

26/135 Charter Day 2026

Members **NOTED** the report

26/136 Devon Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Members **NOTED** the report.

Cllr R Sexton advised that should EDDC agree to transfer assets to Honiton Town Council, these should include the triangle of land outside Lloyds Bank. This has been used very successfully for Artists Corner but each time there is a 6 week application timescale and a fee.

- 26/137 Draft Budget process and timetable for 27/28
Members RESOLVED unanimously that delegated authority to approve the Budget Setting process and timetable for 2027/28 be give to the Finance & Policy Committee
Proposed by Cllr Fowles and seconded by Cllr R Sexton
- 26/138 [Accounts](#)
Members RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments for August 2026
Proposed by Cllr Fowles and seconded by Cllr S Sexton
For 8; Against 0; Abstentions 1 (Cllr J Taylor)
- 26/139 Exempt Business
Members RESOLVED unanimously to take the following item into exempt business.
Proposed by Cllr Keene and seconded by Cllr Maunder
- 26/140 Charter Day 2027
a) Members RESOLVED unanimously to donate £1000 to Hospiscare from the Charter Day 2026 profit.
Proposed by Cllr Atherton and seconded by Cllr Keene
b) Members RESOLVED unanimously to engage a local professional event manager to organise the event and co-ordinate volunteers.
Proposed by Cllr R Sexton and seconded by Cllr Atherton
- 26/141 Honiton Community Complex (HCC)
Members **NOTED** the report
- 26/142 To close the meeting
The meeting closed at 20.30pm.