

06.02 Planning Decisions 26/01333/NMA – Oak Cottage, Shobrooke, Crediton it was noted that Permission was granted.

07/01/26 Co-option - Councillors noted that the council vacancy remains unfilled and acknowledged the ongoing difficulty in attracting applicants. The Chairman formally resigned with immediate effect. It was confirmed that a new Chairman will be elected at the May 2026 meeting, and councillors agreed to encourage public attendance at the March meeting to promote engagement and potential future councillors.

08/01/26 Finance The following payments were approved (no box due to the new accessibility requirements):-

Ionus	Website for November and December	£18.00
A. Clarke	Salary for November and December	£533.01
Lloyds Bank	Charges For November and December	£8.50
Sovereign	Final Payment for the play field equipment	£2955.12

8.01.08 Parish Council Balances and receipts were noted:

Current Account: £1,685.08. Reserve Account: £9,214.40 Receipts: £4.72

Councillors discussed transferring £1,000 from reserves to the current account to ensure sufficient operational funds until the April precept. The Clerk confirmed this could be actioned.

09/01/26 Roads and Footpaths.

09.01 Councillors confirmed that bridge and handrail repairs are complete. Footpath maintenance was discussed following the departure of the footpath warden, with members considering a more collective, community-based approach to monitoring paths, including use of digital tools. The focus is on accurate reporting to meet the required annual February report, noting that issues are generally identified quickly by regular users. Two parishioners were identified as potential footpath wardens. It was also noted that posts are to be installed at the allotments by a contractor, with a quote still awaited.

10/01/26 Play Park

10.01 Councillors noted that discount negotiations were unsuccessful. New swings have been installed. It was confirmed that the nurtured tree is healthy and now multi-stemmed, with its future planting location to be carefully considered.

01/01/26 Clerks Report: The Clerk reported on correspondence, including a consultation on caravan and mobile homes policy, post-Christmas recycling changes, and ongoing accessibility and compliance requirements. Official council emails will be introduced due to Assertion 10 Requirements

Planning training is scheduled for 26 March. Councillors discussed issues with travellers and long-term parked vehicles at the leisure centre and trading estate, and the Clerk will submit a council response. A missing OS map will also be followed up.

12/01/26 Miscellaneous matters/ correspondence Neighbourhood Watch reported - no incidents,

13/01/26 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda:Salt spreader purchase. Footpaths reporting arrangements.

14/01/26 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 March 2026. The Chairman closed the meeting at: 20:48pm

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