

LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

From the Clerk: John Bright
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The Parish Council is summoned
to meet at the Nicholls Hall, Lydford on
Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7:00pm

Members of the public and press wishing to observe, or to participate in the public session are welcome to attend. Matters for the Council to consider can also be brought to the attention of Councillors or emailed to the Clerk: clerk@lydfordparishcouncil.com.

A G E N D A

1. Public Session (15 minutes)
An opportunity for parishioners and members of the public to make representations to the council.
2. Apologies for absence
3. 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.
4. Affordable housing survey
***To receive a report on responses now the survey has finished and decide on the next steps.
(This matter has been moved forward to accommodate Katie West from WDBC)***
5. Minutes of the monthly meeting 9th December 2025
To resolve to agree the minutes.
6. Matters arising from the meeting 9th December 2025 which are not part of the agenda items. (See also Action Points from meeting).
 - Broadband network provision within the village – any update?
 - Bus shelter – any update from Stagecoach discussions?
 - Ancient Spring – questions regarding land ownership moving forward
7. Urgent matters to report (For information)
8. Council finances 2026-27
 - a) Budget 2026-27
To resolve to approve the draft budget for 2026-27 V1.1 (previously circulated)
 - b) Precept 2026-27
To resolve to set the council's precept for 2026-27 at £10,412.00, representing a below inflation increase of 2.6%

9. Planning

a. **For the council to agree a formal response to the following applications:**

0001/26 Raventor, EX20 4BJ. Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural barn

b. **For the council to note the following decisions:**

Application 0359/25, Lydford Gorge EX20 4BH. Retrospective approval granted for the surfacing of an existing path.

10. Policy review

a. **To resolve to continue using the following policies without amendment -**

Flag Flying policy	Health & Safety policy	Privacy notice
Retention policy	Scheme of Delegation policy	

b. **To resolve to continue using the following policies with minor amendments -**

Complaints procedure	Grant policy	Grievance policy
Reserves policy	Publication scheme	Safeguarding policy

c. **To resolve to adopt the updated policy -**

Equality policy

11. Finances

a. **To resolve to approve the payments:**

i. J. Bright	£ 412.77	January salary
ii. HMRC	£ 98.79	PAYE & employers' NI contribution January
iii. S Hulett	£42.39	CERT expenses – padlocks
iv. S Hulett	£10.56	CERT expenses - sandbags
v. A Purnell	£7.00	Costs for Land Registry enquiry (council business)

b. Grant application

To consider a request from Torridge and West Devon Citizens Advice for funding support. (Previously circulated)


c. Banking reconciliation for period 1.4.25 to 31.12.25
for information

Opening balance 1.4.25	£10,606.72	Bank holdings at 31.12.25	
Add receipts	£11,349.20	Deposit Account	£14,650.30
Less payments	<u>£7,301.07</u>	Current Account	<u>£4.55</u>
	£14,654.85		£14,654.85

d. Payments made by the Clerk under the Scheme of Delegation

Nil

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Signed  Clerk to the Council

Date 6th January 2026