

LYDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council is summoned
to meet at the Nicholls Hall, Lydford on
Tuesday 14th April 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. Minutes of the monthly meeting 10th March 2026
To resolve to agree the minutes.
5. Matters arising from the meeting 10th March 2026 which are not part of the agenda items. (See also Action Points from meeting).
6. Urgent matters to report (For information)
7. Resignation of Councillor Cook.

Councillor Brian Cook's resignation from the council was tendered on 30th March on the grounds of continuing health issues. The resignation was accepted reluctantly by the Chair. This leaves a position on the council now vacant, a position which can be filled through co-option.

For Councillors to consider filling the vacancy.

8. Affordable housing

Nothing new to report – awaiting proposals of dates to meet with planners from DNPA

9. Disabled access to buses

Nothing new to report – awaiting feedback from site meeting of engineers

10. Broadband working group

04/2026

To receive an update on the progress of the group and consider any requests or proposals for actions.

11. Playground safety inspection report (circulated)

To review the contents of the report and consider any action required.

12. Works in the field adjacent to the Fox and Hounds PH. (Cllr Hulett)

There has been increasing concern raised with the council about the amount of work being carried in the field. The field lays partially within the parish. Are DNPA aware of the work, its nature and whether appropriate permissions have been granted?

For the council to consider question and any action required.

13. Black plastic farming litter (images and draft letter circulated)

For the council to receive information from Cllr Purnell and agree any further action.

14. Card theft at Lydford car park

On 28th March a complaint was made on social media that a member of the public had had their debit card “cloned” after using the card to pay for parking at Lydford car park.

For Councillors to review the available information and decide any future action.

15. Road Warden Scheme

Devon Highways operates a scheme through which local volunteers are trained, supplied and insured to carry out minor repairs to local roads. The council has been working on engaging with this scheme.

For the council to receive an update on progress towards joining the scheme and consider ideas for the future.

16. Disabled bay opposite Lydford Primary School

For the council to consider any latest information and whether any further action might be possible.

17. Council email accounts

To receive an update from Cllr Gilpin and Clerk.

18. Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2026

For Councillors to consider the format of the meeting and any possible topics for parish discussion.

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

0091/26 Full application, Pomeroy's EX20 4AR. Demolition of existing conservatory to replace with single storey extension.

b. For the council to note the following decisions:

0058/26 Application for Permission in Principle, Single dwelling at Brambleside, EX20 4AU. Application refused.

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

i. J. Bright	£ 412.97	April salary
ii. HMRC	£ 98.59	PAYE & employers' NI contribution, April
iii. DALC	£ 169.08	Council affiliation fee 2026-27
iv. Nicholls Hall	£ 110.00	Hire of meeting room 2025-26
v. WDBC	£ 95.47	Emptying of dog waste bin (26 collections)
vi. RoSPA	£ 99.60	Playground Annual safety inspection

b. Council insurance 2026-27


the renewal premium from Zurich Insurance is £366.00 for the coming year. There has been no rise in premium from last year. A review of other providers revealed no better policies for the same value.

Are the council content to renew the policy with Zurich for the coming year?**c. Banking reconciliation for period 1.4.25 to 28.03.26
for information**

Opening balance 1.4.25	£10,606.72	Bank holdings at 28.3.26	
Add receipts	£11,419.19	Deposit Account	£12,920.29
Less payments	<u>£9,083.70</u>	Current Account	<u>£21.92</u>
	£12,942.21		£12,942.21

d. Actions taken by the Clerk under the Scheme of Delegation

Planning application 0075/26 Raventor; proposed single storey extensions to SE and NW sides. – following a unanimous positive response from Cllrs, submitted email to DNPA in support of the application.

Signed  Clerk to the Council

Date 8th April 2026