

Chulmleigh Parish Council – June Newsletter

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The next Police Surgery will be on Tuesday, 1 July 2025 in the Town Hall between 10am and 12 noon, subject to operational duties.

Parish Council Officers for 2025/26. The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, 7 May. This meeting always has to be held in May as it is the start of the new municipal year.

Councillor S Phillips was re-elected Chairman and Councillor Mrs D Phillips was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Parish Representatives were elected as follows:

Finance Committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Ives, Mrs A Stanton, Ms Trehwitt.

Planning Committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Farlam, E Phillips, G Sherman, Ms Trehwitt

Environment Committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Farlam, G & S Sherman, C Stanton.

Emergency Plan Committee: Cllrs Mrs D Phillips, Mrs S Sherman, C Stanton.

HR Committee: Chair and Vice Chair.

Footpaths & Bridleways: Cllrs G & S Sherman.

Allotment Committee: Cllrs Ives and Tyldesley.

Town Hall Committee: Cllr Tyldesley.

Parochial Charities: Cllr Mrs D Phillips.

Parish Agricultural Adviser: Cllr S Phillips.

Climate Change: Cllr Mrs Stanton.

Checking of Defibrillators & sending report to The Circuit: Cllr E Phillips.

Inspection of Davy Park Play Area Equipment. Cllrs Mrs Sherman & Ms Trehwitt.

Terms of Reference for the Finance, Environment and Planning Committees were reviewed and agreed, as was compliance documents and Policies.

The accounts for the year ended 31/3/25 were approved, as was the Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) which has to accompany the accounts and supporting paperwork for internal audit, being carried out by Westcotts Accountants. The AGAR then has to be sent to the external auditor, P K F Littlejohn LLP in London.

Included within the payments approved for May, grants for 2025/26 were authorised for payments and the following local organisations have benefitted:

Chulmleigh Town Hall £400

Chulmleigh Playing Fields Association £1,500

Cheldon Church (for maintenance of churchyard) £150

St Mary Magdalene Church, Chulmleigh (for maintenance of churchyard) £850

Chulmleigh Brownies £150

Chulmleigh Baby and Toddler Group £100

Chulmleigh Youth Football Club £100

Chulmleigh Tennis Club £50

Torridge, North Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice £50

South West Heritage Trust (for the upkeep of North Devon Record Office) £100

Eggesford Forest Harvesting Operations Update.

The first stage of the harvesting operation has now been completed and Eggesford Forest car park has now reopened. Southcott layby remains closed at this time.

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The second stage requires a highway closure and at the time of preparing this Newsletter, there is no confirmed start date. When the second stage starts, it will be necessary to close the car park again for a short time.

Timber remains on site throughout the wood and haulage will continue for the next few weeks. If visitors see a lorry within the woods, they should wait until the driver sees them and waves them through.

When all the work is finished, repairs to the forest roads and tracks will be done.

Visitors are asked to follow all safety and no parking signage for everyone's safety.

As the Forest is now looking very different, there are 2 dates for a walk and talk session on Thursday 5 June and Saturday 7 June from 10am to 12 noon.

Visit forestryuk.link/eggesford.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a legal meeting that has to be held between 1 March and 1 June each year. It isn't a Parish Council Meeting, but is convened by the Parish Council, chaired by the Parish Council Chairman with Minutes taken by the Parish Council Clerk. It was held in the Town Hall on 22 May and has been hailed as a great success with numerous opportunities to interact with representatives from various organisations in the town.

The legal part of the meeting commenced with the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Simon Phillips, welcoming everyone and who gave a short overview of the Parish Council's activities. The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were available to see, and were approved and signed.

Organisations in the town had been invited to reserve a table to promote their activities and the following took the opportunity to do so:

Chulmleigh Allotments, Chulmleigh Army Cadets, Chulmleigh Brownies and Guides, Chulmleigh Community College and Primary School, Chulmleigh Cricket Club, Chulmleigh History Society, Chulmleigh Playing Fields Association, Chulmleigh Congregational Church, Chulmleigh Short Mat Bowling Club, Crediton Lions, Devon Ambulance Response Teams (DART), Devon and Cornwall Police, Devon Resilience Information Project (DRIP) and Wallingbrook Patient Participation Group.

Last chance to sign up for the Defibrillator Awareness Course and First Aid Training being organised by the Parish Council on Thursday, 26 June in the Town Hall at 7pm.

There are just a couple of spaces left as the maximum number has been increased from 20 to 25.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Squire on 01598 710526 or email chulmleighparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

Road Closures:

- ⇒ **9 and 10 June at Leigh Road.**
- ⇒ **4 – 15 August.** East Street, Chulmleigh for lead pipe replacement works.
- ⇒ **1 – 5 September.** From Stone Moor Cross to Cheldon Cross – utility works near Sheepbyre Cottage.
- ⇒ **15 - 19 September 2025.** Colleton Mill Bridge to Ford Cross. For SWW utility works.
- ⇒ **13 – 23 October.** From Dartmoor View to the junction of South Molton Street to enable lead replacements to resolve water quality issues.