

**DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe**

To all members of Dittisham Parish Council

27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend the monthly meeting of Dittisham Parish Council to be held in **Dittisham Village Hall on Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 7:00pm**. for the purpose of transacting the following business.

**Public Forum** To consider any issues raised by members of the public.

Members of the public are invited to give their views, to question the Parish Council about issues on this Agenda, or to raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair.

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies** To receive and sanction apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of Interests** To declare interests on items on the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes** To consider approval of the minutes of monthly meeting held on February 4 2026.
4. **Community Reports** To receive reports from:
  - 4.1. South Hams District Council Councillor
  - 4.2. Devon County Council Councillor
5. **Financial Matters**
  - 5.1. Grant Applications To note grant applications received and agree process for consideration.
  - 5.2. 2026/27 Car Parking Tariff increases To consider quotation from Metric Group to update tariffs from 01/04/26
  - 5.3. 2025/26 Internal Audit To confirm arrangements for internal auditor contract
  - 5.4. Red Lion ground rent To consider response to Red Lion’s query on ground rent arrangements
  - 5.5. Maintenance Contracts
    - 5.5.1. Grounds Maintenance Contract To consider contract extension letter and approval of proposed payment schedule
    - 5.5.2. Maintenance Works – Various To consider quotations received in response to brief for works
  - 5.6. Receipts and Payments between meetings to note for information
  - 5.7. March Payments for authorisation
6. **South Hams District Council’s Planning Decisions** To note the following:
  - 6.1. [3733/25/PDM](#) Land At Sx 848 537 (Little Coombe Barn) Dittisham Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1No dwellinghouse (Class C3) & for associated development (Class Q (a+b)) REFUSED
  - 6.2. [0049/26/TCA](#) 2 Watermans Cottage Manor Street Dittisham: Ash – remove, die back present. T3: Maple – reduce by 1/3 all over, to reduce risk of branch failure. APPROVED
  - 6.3. [0071/26/TCA](#) Laburnum Cottage Manor Street Dittisham: T80: Oak – remove dead wood. A,B,D,E,T88,T87: Ash – remove deadwood and Ivy. T83: Acer – remove Ivy. G84: x3 Sycamore – remove Ivy. T81,T82,T86,T85,C: Ash – fell, due to Dieback. APPROVED
7. **New Planning Applications** to consider a recommendation to the planning authority on the following applications:
  - 7.1. [3607/25/FUL](#) Red Lion Inn, The Level, Dittisham, READVERTISEMENT (amended description & revised plans) Construction of ground floor bay window, rear first floor extension, installation of 3.no Juliet balconies, & roof light
  - 7.2. [0022/26/HHO](#) Herongate, Lower Street, Dittisham, Householder application for new incidental outbuilding
8. **Blackberry Cottage Surface Water Drainage**
  - 8.1. Update To receive an update following cllrs attendance at a site meeting, advice received as requested, and note receipt of an updated Drainage Risk Assessment and Draining Strategy from the applicant’s consultants
  - 8.2. Request for Parish Council permission To consider the owner’s request to obtain the Parish Council’s permission in writing to cross third-party land and connect the surface water drainage to the watercourse for the life of the development.
9. **Reports from Councillors’ Working Groups and External Forums**
  - 9.1. Neighbourhood Plan To receive an update
  - 9.2. West Dart Bus To receive an update
  - 9.3. Dittisham Village Hall To receive reports to and from the Committee meeting

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**10. Clerk's update**

**11. Potential new car park and burial ground** To receive an update following meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and consider proposals going forward.

**12. Lengthsman Contract** To note current contract is due to expire on 31/03/26. Consider arrangements from 01/04/26.

**13. Trees on Ham Lane** Consider request made to the Parish Council for trees on the north bank to be cut back

**14. Devon Local Government Reorganisation Proposals** to discuss proposals ahead of consultation closure on March 26 2026.

**15. Internal Audit: Assertion 10 compliance** To consider actions required for completion before March 31 2026.

**16. Correspondence and Contacts** to note or consider

**To note**

- 20260220 South Devon National Landscape (SDNL) Partnership - 13 March at 1000
- 20250224 Dittisham village hall website

**To consider**

- 20260204 Bonfire Night
- 20260211 South Hams Leader urges people to have their say on shake-up to local services and councils in Devon
- 20260212 Devon County Council - Public Footpath Diversion Order 2026 - Footpath No.7, Dittisham
- 20260223 The Dittisham Nativity - Brian Patten
- 20260226 All Town & Parish Council Briefing: NPPF and its Relationship with Neighbourhood Plans

**17. Next Meeting:** To confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday April 1 2026 at 7:00 pm.

**PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND**

*Cat Radford, Parish Clerk*