

Clayhidon Parish Council

7 September 2026

To: All Members of Clayhidon Parish Council

Dear Councillor

You are duly summoned to attend a meeting of **Clayhidon Parish Council** to be held at the Parish Hall on **Monday 14 September 2026 at 7.30pm**. The meeting is open to the press and the public.

All parishioners and interested parties are invited to attend a discussion on the state of the parish roads at 7pm prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Yours sincerely
Susan McGeever
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1 Welcome by Chair, apologies for absence and introductions

2 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted at this meeting and

To consider any dispensation requests and confirm any relevant dispensations.

3 Minutes of Previous meetings to approve minutes of the meeting on 10 August 2026.

4 Public Participation

5 Planning

5.1 To consider the following planning applications:

Appeals:

Application Ref: 26/00700/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension following removal of existing garden room and installation of window

Location: Battens Farm Clayhidon Cullompton Devon

Appeal Ref: 6014953

Appeal Start Date: 21 August 2026

Application Ref: 26/00701/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the erection of two storey extension following removal of existing garden room and installation of window

Location: Battens Farm Clayhidon Cullompton Devon

Appeal Ref: 6014691

Appeal Start Date: 21 August 2026

Deadline for comments on the appeals is 28 September 2026.

The Planning Inspector will take account of all comments submitted under the planning application.

5.2 To note the following planning decisions:

26/00700/HOUSE – REFUSED – 22 July 2026

26/00701/LBC – REFUSED – 22 July 2026

As requested, the Clerk contacted MDDC to understand the reasons behind the refusal of this application and the information had been circulated to Parish Councillors. The applicant has gone to Appeal.

26/00038/FULL – APPROVED – 18 August 2026

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension

Location: Gollick Park (Barn B) Battle Street Clayhidon Cullompton

5.3 Enforcement

It is understood that the Enforcement Officer has visited four sites in Clayhidon and an update has been requested. The illegal use of a septic tank has also been raised. Updates are normally given after any action has been taken and an Enforcement Notice issued.

6 Finance

6.1 Unity Bank Current Account

Balance on 31 July 2026	£2778.09
Less payments	
Service Charge	£ 7.00
Receipts	
Balance on 31 August 2026	£2771.09

Payments to be authorised:

C Houghton (Lengths Man) £594.50

6.2 Unity Bank Instant Access Account

Balance on 31 July 2026	£10065.52
Less payments	
Receipts	
VAT	£ 74.07
Balance on 31 August 2026	£10139.59

The Cumulative bank reconciliation from 1 April 2026 to 31 August 2026 has been completed for signature by the Chair at the meeting.

The Month 5 budget monitoring information has been circulated to Parish Councillors.

6.3 S106

Discussion required.

6.4 Defibrillators

All in working order.

6.5 Noticeboards

Update on progress of acquiring the necessary materials.

6.6 National Joint Council Pay Agreement

The agreement is application from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. It represents an increase of 3.3 per cent backdated from 1 April 2026.

The Clerk's current pay scale is 14, and the hourly rate is £15.31 which would increase to £15.82.

6.7 Purchase of a new computer

The current computer was purchased second hand for £50. During the hot weather it became very hot. It might be appropriate to replace it with a new Windows 11 moden. Approximate cost: £350.00

7 Clerk Update and Correspondence

Local Government Reorganisation

Information on the new wards for elections in May 2027 has been circulated to Parish Councillors.

The result for Upper Culm is a much larger area – double the existing size - including the existing Upper Culm parishes plus Hockworthy, Holcome Rogus, Huntsham and Clayhanger area (Canonsleigh ward), with only one councillor and a new name '**Hemyock and rural**'.

This means that an area that had 3-4 councillors will now have on councillor in the new unitary.

The decision of Local Government Reorganisation is being questioned in parliament by Devon MPs.

Emergency Plan

Draft plan circulated to Parish Councillors together with information on Emergency Community Hubs. Parish Councillors to feed in specific Clayhidon areas of concern.

Date for public meeting

Neighbourhood Plan

The Housing Needs Survey has closed. There were 44 responses (20 by post and 24 online). The draft report should be circulated in September.

Further information has been circulated on Neighbourhood Plans and preparing a planning priority statement.

Storage of Parish documentation and maps

Ongoing

Dumped Caravans

Reported again on 11 August 2026 and an update requested.

Connect the Culm

Has viewed sites identifiable on their system including Clayhidon turbary. However, there were quite a few which that could not be identified. Site meeting required.

Blackdown Hill National Landscape

Festival of Heritage 2026 will run from 11 – 19 September.

The schedule and posters have been circulated to Parish Councillors.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

The LNRS is a strategy for the whole of Devon, including Plymouth and Torbay and was developed by Devon County Council.

Can the Parish Council assist with LNRS?

Biodiversity and Wildlife Enhancement

This topic should be considered by the Parish Council and links into LNRS.

Wild About Devon Community Wildlife Grant Scheme

The 2026 scheme is now open.

Funded by a partnership including Devon Local Nature Partnership, Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Devon Communities Together, the grant scheme offers up to **£500** for projects that benefit local wildlife while bringing people together to care for their local environment.

Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre - Support for local communities
BHLAC have requested that the Parish Council consider what time of support is required for local communities.

National Public Confidence in Policing Survey
Does the Parish Council wish to complete this survey?

NALC Survey on Town and Parish Councils
Does the Parish Council wish to complete this survey?

Community Hub
MDDC have offered to come to a Parish Council meeting and discuss Emergency Hubs.

8 County Council Report

To receive Councillor Clist's report

9 District Council Report

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10 Highways/Footpaths

10.1 Highways

Update on the Working Group

Report from Lengths Man

10.2 Footpaths

DCC order made on 26 March 2026 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and Section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, will divert part of public footpath No.28, Clayhidon running from its current route through Troakes Farm, A-B-C to a route through the fields west of Troakes A-D-E as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the offices of Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Tiverton EX16 6PP from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and downloaded at www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

Any representations or objections to the Order must be sent in writing to Public Rights of Way, Great Moor House, Cleave Tor, Bittern Road, Sowton, Exeter, Devon, EX2 7NL not later than 06 October 2026.

11 Clayhidon Charity & John Griss Charity

To receive any relevant information.

11.1 Clayhidon Charity

The 2025-26 accounts have been circulated to Trustees and the Charity will hold a short meeting after the Parish Council meeting to approve the accounts.

Information confirming the access of signatories to authorise payments was sent to Unity Trust Bank. Signatories have a copy of the reply which requested they call the bank.

11.2 John Griss Charity

The Trustees of John Griss Charity will report on the Open Day on 13 September 2026.

12 Items raised by Chairman

13 Items raised by Councillors

14 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

12 October 2026

Date of the Annual Parish Meeting to be set