

Meeting of Black Torrington Parish Council

To all Black Torrington parish councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Black Torrington Parish Council, which will be held on Tuesday January 14 2025 7:00 pm at the village hall for the purpose of transacting the following business.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public are welcome to attend, contact the clerk for details of how to do this.

D Osborne

09/01/2025

Members of the press and public requiring access to any of the documents mentioned in this agenda are asked to contact the Parish Clerk (electronic links to documents are provided where available).

Agenda

1. To receive and accept apologies

Please make any apologies known to the Parish Clerk

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Parish Council Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the Black Torrington Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2024 as a correct record.

4. Public Question Time and invited speakers

At the discretion of the Chairman, to receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the Council. Matters raised may be added to future agenda. Answers may be given in writing.

5. Clerk & Councillor Reports

At the discretion of the Chairman, to receive reports from Councillors (Parish, District, and County) - for information only.

6. Finances

- **Bills to pay (see attached list).**
- **To agree the budget for the financial year 2025/26**
- **To agree the precept for the financial year 2025/26**

7. Progress reports

- Banking provisions

- Transition to a “.gov.uk” domain name
- Community SpeedWatch
- Twenty mph limit

8. Black Torrington Playing Fields

- Playing field committee report
- Water fountain and tap for the playing fields

9. Planning

Any planning application which is received after this Agenda is published may be discussed here though no formal agreement can be made.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence received and to be written

11. To agree the date of the next meeting.

12. Close

Minutes of Black Torrington parish council's January meeting

Held on 14 January 2025 at 7.00pm In the Village Hall

The meeting started at 7:00pm

Present:

Cllrs M Hall (Chair), M Down (MD), C Lock (CL), W Frost (WF), E Barnes (EB) and A Pallatt (AP).

In Attendance:

One member of the public (MoP) and the clerk

14011 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor W Frost and P Mills

14012 Declarations of Interest

None

14013 To confirm minutes for the September 2024 parish council meeting and the October Extraordinary Meeting.

The minutes were signed as a correct record by Cllr M Hall

14014 Public question time

The residents of Chilla wish their thanks for the Christmas tree to be recorded

14015 Clerk's and Councillors' announcements

County Councillor

Not present

Ward Councillors

Not present

Clerk

None

Councillors

Councillor Down asked what the situation was with the flooding in the Maltings from the playing field boundary ditch. Councillor Hall believes the remedial work has been done on

the blocked sewer. MD asked that a grid over the outlet from the ditch is on the agenda for the next meeting.

14016 Finances

- **Bills to pay**

Payee	Amount Ex VAT	Brief details of supply
Parish Magazine Printing	£214.36	BT & Chilla Times Jan. ed.
N G Stacey	£309.00	BT & Chilla Xmas trees

Total for month ex VAT £523.36

Total for month inc VAT £523.36

VAT for month £0

- **To agree the budget for the financial year 2025/26**

It was **resolved** to accept the proposed budget (Appendix 1)

- **To agree the precept for the financial year 2025/26**

It was **resolved** to make a precept demand of £11,373.00. This figure will result in no increase in Council Tax to parishioners

14017 Progress reports

- **Banking provisions**

It was agreed that all councillors who wished to be, should be bank signatories.

- **Transition to a “.gov.uk” domain name**

Carried over

- **Community SpeedWatch**

There is a need for more volunteers if we wish to have a Community SpeedWatch Group

- **Twenty mph limit**

The 20mph limit is now live. Some of the signs have been removed.

14018 Black Torrington Playing Fields

- **Playing field committee (PFC) delegate report**

The mower has been serviced.

There has been no feedback to the complaint letter regarding trees on the recreation ground published in the BT and Chilla Times

Councillor Barnes suggested that 3 silver birch trees be planted. A budget of £135 was agreed for 3 silver birch trees.

- **Water fountain and tap for the playing fields**

Carried over

14019 Planning

- None

140110 Correspondence

We have received an email from Devon Communities regarding whether we have a community emergency plan. It was agreed to explore the possibility but to ask what help is available to form a plan.

140113 To agree the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on 11 March 2025 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

140114 Close

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm

Bills for payment January 2025

Current Account

Date	Payee	Amount Ex VAT	Amount inc VAT	Brief details of supply
02/01/25	Parish Magazine Printing	£214.36	£214.36	BT & Chilla Times Jan. ed.
29/09/24	N G Stacey	£309.00	£309.00	BT & Chilla Xmas trees

Total for month ex VAT £523.36

Total for month inc VAT £523.36

VAT for month £0

Parish: **Black Torrington**

Current Year 2024/25

Number of Band D equivalent properties		<i>multiplied by</i>	Parish Band D rate	<i>equals</i>	Precept
	210.31	X	48.51	=	£10,203

Please enter your total parish precept for 2025/26 by overtyping the 2024/25 Total Precept (Budget Requirement) in the shaded box below:-

£10,203

This is an increase (reduction) in total precept (budget requirement) of: **£0**

We estimate that your parish Band D rate will be: **£43.52**

This is an increase / (decrease) of **£-4.99 or -10.28%**

Parish Taxbase in 2025/26

Taxbase for 2024/25	210.31	£10,203
Changes over the last year	24.12	£1,170
Taxbase for 2025/26	234.43	£11,373

- This means that if you want to leave your Band D Council Tax unchanged then you will receive £1,170 More in income from Council Tax.

- The information below shows how you would have to change your band D rate in order to receive the same precept of £10,203

Band D rate for same total precept (£10,203) as 2024/25	£43.52
Change in Band D rate for same precept as 2024/25	-£4.99
Percentage change in Band D for same total precept as 2024/25	45.35%

Approximate charge per Council Tax Band - (allowing for rounding to 2 decimal places)

Calcualtion from Band D Base	VALUATION BANDS							
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current Year 2024/25	£32.34	£37.73	£43.12	£48.51	£59.29	£70.07	£80.85	£97.02
Next Year 2025/26	£29.02	£33.85	£38.69	£43.52	£53.19	£62.87	£72.54	£87.05
Change £	-£3.32	-£3.88	-£4.43	-£4.99	-£6.10	-£7.20	-£8.31	-£9.97

Sheet2

		ADOPTED BUDGET		REVISED FCAST		VARIENCE	PROPOSED BUDGET	
		2024-25		2024-25		2024-25	2025-26	
		£		£		£	£	
Statutory	Insurance	642		647	-5		647	
	DALC Affiliation	178		198	-20		210	
	Domain Name/Hosting	67		14	53		20	
	Software/IT	500		0	500		500	
	Audit	200		0	200		200	
	Admin expenses	50		21	29		50	
	Hall Hire	150		84	66		100	
	Clerk	2573		0	2573		2573	
	Training	100		0	100		100	
	Travel/Subsistence	50		0	50		50	
	Mem. Garden upkeep	100	4610.46	180	-80		210	
Discretionary								
	BT Times Nett	500		47	453		100	
	Playing Field maintenance	1500		346	1154		1500	
	Christmas Tree	150		309	-159		250	
	Toilets incremental	500		500	0		500	
	Grants/s137fete prize	500		900	-400		500	
	Reserves/projects	3000	6150	67	2933	Check sum	3000	
Total		10,760		3,314	7,446	10760	10,510	
Precept								