

Minutes of the Combe Martin Parish Council Meeting,
held on 12th October 2026 at 7pm at Combe Martin Community Centre.

Present: Cllrs. Seldon (Chairman), Lethaby, Masters, Molloy, Richards, Smallridge, South, and Worth.

Also in attendance: Andrew Wyer (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

084/26 Apologies – Late – Lenny. Apologies were received and **accepted** from Cllrs. Cass, Corner, Optix & Watkins. Cllr. Molloy sent apologies, saying that he would be late. Apologies were also sent from County Council Councillor Davis.

085/26 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Lethaby **declared** that as a District Councillor, the views he gives (and how he votes) at this meeting will not necessarily be the same as he does at a District Council meeting.

086/26 Public Participation questions:

E-Scooters – Concerns were raised regarding the safety and legality of e-scooters on pavements and roads; the clerk will report local incidents to the police liaison officer.

AI and Data Centre – A member of the public expressed concern over widespread AI adoption and data centres impacting public services and local areas.

087/26 Minutes – The Minutes for the Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026 were **approved** and signed.

19:15: Cllr. Molloy arrived

088/26 Clerks Report – The report had been distributed prior to the meeting and was then **noted**. The Council **resolved** to make the recommended transfers and payments from Earmarked Reserves. The meeting summaries were **noted**.

089/26 County Cllr & District Cllr reports – Cllr. Davis (DCC) had sent her report, and it had been distributed to Councillors ahead of the meeting. It is attached as Appendix 1.

Cllr Lethaby reported that Local Government Reorganisation in Devon has moved from Amber (paused) to Red so there is no chance it will happen as originally planned and that any future plans would probably have to restart the process.

090/26 NDC planning: The application had only just arrived so the Council **delegated** authority to the Clerk to submit a response on behalf of the Council. Councillors should feedback their views about this application during this week, so the response can be submitted in one weeks' time.

82312 – Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling at Heronbrook, Buzzacott Lane.

091/26 Exmoor NPA: **None**

092/26 Planning Decisions: **None**

093/26 Finance – The Council reviewed the list of invoices to be paid and then they **approved** these payments, totalling £16,288.35

094/26 Finance – The Council **noted** the “Receipts”, “Payments”, and “Dashboard” for September.

095/26 Finance – The Council **noted** the receipt of the balance (£53,100) of the Precept from NDC.

096/26 Kiln Car Park Toilets – The Council and NDC are still discussing the need for a restrictive covenant of the transfer. As this issue has not been concluded it was resolved to defer to next month.

097/26 Kiln Car Park Toilets – The Council resolved to defer the cleaning decision to next month.

098/26 Parking Prices – The Council **resolved** to increase the summer hourly rate from £1.40 to £1.50 and the Permit from £204 to £216 (£4.15 per week/60p per day)

099/26 Royal British Legion – The Council **resolved** to grant £100 to the RBL.

100/26 Remembrance Sunday – The Council **resolved** that the Clerk should represent the Council at the Church service and the War Memorial event.

101/26 Correspondence – There was no correspondence to note.

102/26 Date of next meeting –

Monday 9th October 2026 - Council meeting 7pm at Community Centre

Monday 23rd November 2026 – (Budget meeting).

The meeting closed at 7:31pm.

Appendix 1

Combe Martin Parish Council

County Councillors Report

October 2026

Consultation on Plymouth's Membership of the Combined County Authority and Proposal for a Mayor

Residents, businesses and organisations across Devon, Torbay and Plymouth are being encouraged to take part in a public consultation on proposals for Plymouth City Council to become a full member of the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (DTCCA).

The six-week consultation commenced on 16 September 2026 and will run until 28 October 2026, providing an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the proposals and their potential implications for the wider region.

The DTCCA was established in 2025 to enable local authorities to work together on strategic issues that extend beyond individual council boundaries. Its responsibilities include areas such as transport, housing, skills development, investment and economic growth. At present, Devon County Council and Torbay Council are full members of the authority, while Plymouth City Council participates without voting rights.

Should the proposal be approved, Plymouth City Council would become a full member of the DTCCA, with equal representation and decision-making powers alongside the existing member authorities.

The consultation also sets out proposals for the DTCCA to seek mayoral status from the Government. If approved, and subject to Plymouth joining the authority, a directly elected mayor would represent the wider Devon, Torbay and Plymouth area.

Please return any overdue library books

Library users across Devon will no longer face fines for returning books late, from Thursday 1 October 2026.

All existing overdue charges will also be removed, giving library users a clean slate.

Libraries Unlimited, the charity commissioned to run Devon's libraries, removed late fees for children and young people in 2022 to help remove barriers to reading. The change will now apply to all library users.

People are being encouraged to make the most of the change, while continuing to return or renew books on time so they remain available to others.

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Thank you to Martin for picking up the post for the vehicle activated sign. Very happy to look at any further suggestions for sites for the sign.

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