

CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2026 at 7pm at the Wesleyan Reform meeting room.

Cllrs present:	Rob Scott (Chair)	Charlotte Cooper
	Alexa Masterhorn	Caralyn Denver
Others present:	Pip Gilbert (Locum Clerk)	

0326/01 Apologies for absence – Martyn Games, Susan Hobson (DCC) and Helen Froggatt (DDDC)

0326/02 Variation of Order of Business – None.

0326/03 Declarations of interest – None

0326/04 To determine if any items should be taken with public excluded - None

0326/05 Public participation – None present

0326/06 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th January 26 – It was resolved to confirm these as correct records.

0326/07 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda – Cllr Masterhorn hoped to attend the welcome service of Revd Fran Smettem on the 18th March 26 on behalf of the Parish Council. The potential issues associated with the existing defibrillator were discussed including the global shortage of new pads, which need to be replaced by 1 April. Options highlighted by the Clerk were discussed and it was agreed to replace the existing defibrillator with the Primedic HeartSave offered by the Defib Store at a trade in price of £760 plus VAT. Action for Clerk.

0326/08 Councillor Co-option – The Council continues to investigate available options.

0326/09 Planning applications -.

a. Any applications after the agenda was set – None

0326/10 Burial Ground update – The Clerk provided the Council with an update on the consecration process of a new area of the Burial Ground, the Committees decision to keep burial fees at their current rate and of the two forthcoming burials.

0326/11 Calver Village Hall – The Chair provided the Council with an update of current operational issues with the Village Hall.

0326/12 Playing field matters -

1. **Play equipment** – The Council discussed quotes received and agreed the owl and fox springers quoted by Caloo where the preferred options. Clerk will complete a full review of quotes received and follow up any queries with the Council and suppliers as before proceeding with their acquisition.
2. **Damaged sign** – Cllr Masterhorn agreed to provide the Clerk with the necessary requirements to enable new signs to be purchased.
3. **Any other playing field matters** – Chair to send updated playground check sheets to the Clerk.

0326/13 Traffic matters – Cllr Denver provided an update of snow warden duties over the winter period. It was noted that drainage has been generally poor due to the extent of the rain over the winter period.

0326/14 Telephone box and notice board repairs – The Chair agreed to get a quote for repairs on both.

0326/15 Calver Weir Trust – The Council agreed to keep this as ongoing agenda item to discuss at future meetings

0326/16 Recruitment of new Clerk – The matter was discussed and will be discussed

further at the May meeting.

0326/17 Annual Internal Auditor – It was resolved to appoint David Turner as the Annual Internal Auditor at a cost of £75.

0326/18 Annual Insurance renewal – It was resolved to renew the annual insurance with Zurich at the cost of £534 which is the same price as for 2025-26.

0326/19 Statement of financial position – The Clerk informed the Council that the bank accounts have been reconciled and there is £13,743 as at 28 February 2026.

0326/20 Invoices for payment – the following invoices were approved for payment:

- HMRC PAYE - £77.25
- Harry White snow clearance - £408
- Pip Gilbert – Clerk work £539.65 for Dec/Jan and £356.70 for Jan/Feb
- EDF Energy - £11.51 for January and £31.69 for February
- Dean Hill - £180 for bramble clearance at the Burial Ground
- Percivals - £754 for repairs of two headstones
- Unity Trust – service charges £6 for January and February

0326/21 Annual Parish Meeting – 14th May 6.30pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7pm.

0326/22 Date of 2026-27 Parish Council meetings – 14th May, 2 July, 10 Sept, 5 Nov, 7 January, 4 March

The Chair closed the meeting at 8pm.