PORLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Porlock Parish Council held at the Old School Centre on Tuesday the 16th December at 3pm

Councillors Present: D McCanlis (Chair), S. Colson, S McCanlis, J Adlington & D Heath
Also present: No members of the public and Clerk J Jones.

Signed: _____ **Dated:** 14/01/2026

Min Ref:	MINUTES	Action:
EC-2025-011	**1) Receive apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr. M Stenning.	
EC-2025-012	**2) Resolve any declarations of interest and dispensations granted** No declarations were received.	
EC-2025-013	**3) Resolve items to be dealt with after the public, including press, have been excluded** No items were proposed.	
EC-2025-014	**4) Public participation** There were no members of the public present.	
EC-2025-015	**5) Resolve to make an application to Somerset Council to set the number of councillors for Porlock Parish Council between 12 and 8 members** Following a request for council to review its current arrangements as part of Somerset Council's Community Governance Review (CGR) which will take place in 2027. The minimum membership recommended is as set out by National Association of Local Council's circular 1126/1988. Members discussed the potential benefits and disadvantages to changing the membership at this time. It was noted that with a deadline of 31st December 2025 for any change requests to be considered ahead of the CGR, this would not allow time to hold full public consultation and would be seen as undemocratic. In addition, the output of the CGR could see changes to parishes or their boundaries and therefore a change in membership numbers. Members agreed without sufficient information and time to hold full public consultation the membership would remain at twelve. There was no proposer to the motion, the motion fell.	
EC-2025-016	Cllr. Colson agreed to contact our Somerset Councillors to see if there would be another opportunity to review the membership of PPC after December 31st, 2025, when there would be time for proper consultation and consideration.	**SC**
EC-2025-017	**6) To receive any other business -** <u>For information only</u> No other items were received.	

Meeting closed at 3:30pm