

Buckland Dinham Parish Council - Meeting Minutes - 27th February 2025

Present	Cllrs: JR, SH, SB, IB, AK EK arrived after the CCS presentation and item 3.	Meeting opened 19.00		
In Attendance	Cllr B Clarke, noted left after item 9a2. Clerk DS. Colin McDonald from Community Council for Somerset (CCS), members of the public.			
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved
0.	Public Forum			
	Questions were asked and answered regarding 2024/1591/OUT Land at Sandscross Lane.	none	n/a	n/a
	It was confirmed that Buckland Dinham is a tertiary village and there isn't a Neighbourhood Plan.	none	n/a	n/a
	It is understood that Somerset Council opposes new building in a conservation area with reference to the above and lack of facilities such as a School and/or Shop.	none	n/a	n/a
	Concern was expressed that permission for this application may set a precedent for future development on adjacent land currently in use as gardens.	none	n/a	n/a
	Concern also expressed that the footpath, historical carriageway to the Old Vicarage must not be encroached upon.	none	n/a	n/a
	A representative of the applicant stated that most services were already available in the vicinity and there will be provision for off street parking.	none	n/a	n/a
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons			
1.410	EK arrived at 19.50. Philip Ham.	none	27Feb25	y
2.	Declarations of Interest			
2.411	None.	none	n/a	y
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public			
3.412	None.	none	n/a	n/a
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting			
4.413	Minutes of 16 January 2025 accepted, signed by JR	signed	27Feb25	y
5.	Chair's Announcements			
5.414	Letters, meetings continue regarding concerns and action needed to mitigate flooding in many areas of the Village.	none	n/a	n/a
5.415	Noted that the A36 will be open to vehicles from 1st March 2025 but the work has been extended to May 2025.	none	n/a	n/a
5.416	Suggested that contact be made with First Bus to find out if the D2X will continue to serve BD.	SH	10Apr25	ongoing
6.	Local Authority Reports			
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police			
6a.417	None received.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke			
6b.418	It is noted that the prebudget meeting was held today, 27th February 2025 and SC will apply for further capitalisation.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.419	A further reminder that the hardship fund ceases at the end of March 2025.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.420	There will be an increase of 7.54% to Council Tax. https://www.somerset.gov.uk/council-tax/your-council-tax-bill-explained/	none	n/a	n/a

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7.	Finance			
7a.	Approve or not donations in 2024-25 budget			
7a.421	Approved.	DS	31Mar25	ongoing
7a.422	As a charitable donation was not made in 2023-24, it was agreed that £100 each be made 2024-25 to Citizens Advice and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.	DS	31Mar25	ongoing
7b.	Approve or not Insurance quote			
7b.423	Clerk to query changes to the basis of the quote as BDPC agreed a 3 year deal April 2024.	DS	31Mar25	ongoing
7b.424	Add to agenda for 10Apr2025.	DS	31Mar25	y
7c.	Approve or not Noticeboard maintenance			
7c.425	Approved for 4 boards. Exceeds budget but RFO confirms funds are available. Clerk to purchase new pin boards.	DS	10Apr25	ongoing
7c.426	Thanks noted to John Stauber who has volunteered to do the work, free of charge to replace the pin boards in the 4 noticeboards.	none	n/a	n/a
7c.427	Permission requested of the Village Hall committee to replace their pin board at BDPC cost. Post meeting - granted with thanks.	SH	10Apr25	y
8.	Local Community Networks			
8.428	There have been personnel changes. BC will provide information.	BC	10Apr25	ongoing
8.429	JR is requesting information from Kate Hellard.	JR	10Apr25	ongoing
9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Road Issues			
9a1.	Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)			
9a1.430	Operating, business as usual.	none	n/a	n/a
9a2.	Community Speedwatch (CSW)			
9a2.431	9 sessions completed in January, 8 in February.	none	n/a	n/a
9a2.432	JR reported visit of Clare Moody, Police and Crime Commissioner on 12th February 2025.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.	Village Hall			
9b.433	After a few teething problems, Lemon, the new booking system is working well and bookings have been received.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.434	Reminder of prices £14.50/hour, £9.50 for Villagers - main hall. Other rooms are available: https://bucklanddinham.org/community/buckland-dinham-20761/village-hall/	none	n/a	n/a
9c.	Playing Fields			
9c.435	Mower training checklist, signoff list completed and being used for mower users. Thank you Susie.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.436	The mower was working well but needs servicing every 50 hours. It seems to be inadequate for our requirements which is very disappointing.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.437	Committee meeting on 26th February 2025 to discuss options.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.438	Some members of the Amenities Group are helping with maintenance which is very welcome and needed.	none	n/a	n/a
9c1.	Tree Survey			
9c1.439	Comprehensive report received, survey again in 2026.	SH	1Mar26	ongoing
9c1.440	Some trees need trimming. SH to request prices.	SH	10Apr25	ongoing
9c1.441	Noted this work would be an unbudgeted expense.	DS	10Apr25	ongoing
9d.	Frome Missing Link			
9d.442	Buckland Bridge to the Elliots tarmacking starts in March 2025.	none	n/a	n/a

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9e.	Parish Plan			
9e1.	Affordable housing plan	none	n/a	n/a
9e1.443	Colin McDonald from CCS gave an interesting and informative talk. Noted this item was held after item 3.	none	n/a	n/a
9e1.444	Next step is likely a Housing Needs Survey. SB to liaise with Colin.	SB	3Jul25	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	SC trees St Michaels Close			
10a.445	Complaint process closed with no action as trees are deemed low risk.	none	n/a	n/a
10a.446	Suggest to residents that they submit their own complaints, reports.	IB	10Apr25	ongoing
10b.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10b.447	Clerk to liaise with EK to update ad and place on noticeboards.	DS	10Apr25	ongoing
10c.	Flooding			
10c.448	Updates reported on recent flooding episodes becoming more wide spread throughout the Village.	none	n/a	n/a
10c.449	All landowners need to be advised of their responsibilities (Riparian) regarding all waterways. Needs further discussion, add to next agenda.	DS	10Apr25	ongoing
10d.	Website and Emails			
10d.450	Work continues to populate the new website which will be presented at the Village Gathering on 6th March 2025.	none	n/a	n/a
10d.451	Some Cllrs need assistance to finalise setup of the new .gov emails. Aim to have all BDPC business on .gov from 1st April 2025.	DS	31Mar25	ongoing
10e.	Village Gathering Agenda			
10e.452	SB presented.	SB	n/a	n/a
10f.	Village Emergency Plan			
10f.453	Agreed that this is required. Add to next agenda for more substantive discussion.	DS	10Apr25	ongoing
11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	Updates - sent			
11a1.	2024/1469/HSE Glebe House Garage			
11a1.454	Refused 18Feb2025, no further submissions as yet.	none	n/a	n/a
11a2.	2024/2275/HSE Mount Pleasant Farm			
11a2.455	Granted with materials conditions.	none	n/a	n/a
11b.	2024/0165/AGB Land at Cock Road			
11b.456	Courtesy notice of agricultural requirement. No action.	none	n/a	n/a
11c.	2024/1591/OUT Land at Sandscross Lane			
11c.457	Approved. Clerk to draft response and submit when agreed. Post meeting - completed, submitted 4Mar2025.	DS	28Mar25	y
11d.	2024/2162/HSE 2024/2163/LBC Glebe House Internal			
11d.458	Clerk to submit same response as previous internal applications. Post meeting submitted 4Mar2025.	DS	4Mar25	y
	JR closed Meeting at 21.15. Thank you.			
	JR, John Reckless, AK, Alan King, SB, Sarah Barnett, IB, Ian Blair, SH, Susie Hicks, EK Elisita Kemp, DS, Diane Sleigh			
	B Clarke, Barry Clarke, J Stauber, John Stauber			