

## Buckland Dinham Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 19th February 2026

<b>Present</b>	<b>Clrs: JR, AK, IB, SH, SB</b>	Meeting opened 19:00		
In Attendance	Clerk DS, BClarke.	following Open Forum		
	It is noted that Cllr SB joined the meeting following item 4b.			
	It is noted that Cllr BC left the meeting following item 8.			
	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
<b>0.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>			
	Continuing concerns regarding planning permission compliance will be raised in item 11b.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons</b>			
1.322	EK absent, no correspondence received by the Clerk.	none	19Feb2026	y
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>			
2.323	IB declared interest in item 11c.	none	19Feb2026	y
<b>3.</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>			
3.324	None.	none	19Feb2026	y
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting</b>			
<b>4a.</b>	<b>To confirm or amend, sign as correct record the minutes of Buckland Dinham Full Council held 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025, amended.</b>			
4a.325	Amendment accepted, signed by JR	signed	19Feb2026	y
<b>4b.</b>	<b>To confirm or amend, sign as correct record the minutes of Buckland Dinham Full Council held 8th January 2026.</b>			
4b.326	Accepted, signed by JR.	signed	19Feb2026	y
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chair's Announcements</b>			
5a.327	Reiterated items 7a.292-296 of 8th January 2026 regarding Clerk review and remuneration.	none	n/a	n/a
5a.328	Green Lane Proposals - FML and Clareham Lane should be considered, added to the consultation.			
5a.329	Clerk to action above.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>6.</b>	<b>Local Authority Reports</b>			
<b>6a.</b>	<b>Avon and Somerset Police</b>			
6a.330	Report received and noted.	none	n/a	n/a
6a.331	Reminder of the Meet and Chat with PCSO Will Mortimer in the Village Hall from 4pm on Sunday 1st March 2026. Please encourage neighbours to attend to meet him even if there aren't any current concerns.	All	1Mar2026	ongoing
<b>6b.</b>	<b>Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke</b>			
6b.332	Report received and noted.	none	19Feb2026	n/a
6b.333	BC encourages all to use his letter as a basis to raise queries about how SC have calculated their position on the national league table for road condition quality. Mike O'Dowd-Jones, Service Director for Infrastructure and Transport.	All	1Mar2026	ongoing
6b.334	Continued concerns that SC cannot quantify the shortfall in forthcoming budgets due to a fundamental lack of clarity on spending and income.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.335	It is noted that residents should apply to the Hardship fund even if their needs do not seem to meet the exact criteria. Please ask for help.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.336	BC highlighted that there are still potential small grants available for Health and Wellbeing projects. DS to forward the information.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing

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<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance</b>			
<b>7a.</b>	<b>Annual Insurance</b>			
7a.337	Clerks noted that pre-quote questionnaire has been received to be completed.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>7b.</b>	<b>Crimestoppers donation request</b>			
7b.338	Declined.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>8.</b>	<b>Local Community Network</b>			
8.339	Clerk to draft, get approved and send letter to Alyn Jones, Executive Director of Resources, Strategy and Transformation that BDPC withdraw from the Voff LCN due to the significant time invested by Cllrs and others which has resulted in absolutely no benefit to our Community.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>9.</b>	<b>Council Reports</b>			
<b>9a.</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>			
9a.340	Report received and noted.	none	n/a	n/a
9a.341	Quotes are awaited for repairs, replacement to the kitchen.	SH	26Mar2026	ongoing
9a.342	There are personnel changes to the committee and the Secretary role needs to be filled. Please consider if you can help, ask your neighbours.	All	26Mar2026	ongoing
9a.343	Heating controller needed to be replaced at a cost of circa £290.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>9b.</b>	<b>Playing Fields</b>			
9b.344	The monthly inspection noted that a steel core rope and all fixings needed to be replaced at a cost of circa £310.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.345	AGM 4th March 2026.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>9c.</b>	<b>Housing Needs Survey</b>			
9c.346	Completed report received, SB to circulate to Cllrs and Clerk.	SB	26Mar2026	ongoing
9c.347	To be approved or not at next meeting.	SB	26Mar2026	ongoing
9c.348	If approved, present to the Village Gathering with the view to recruit the Steering Committee to move the project forward.	SB	26Mar2026	ongoing
9c.349	If not approved and/or no Steering Committee is formed, then the project is inert.	All	30Jul2026	ongoing
<b>9d.</b>	<b>SALC/FML</b>			
9d.350	Clerk to progress with FML.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>10.</b>	<b>Parish Clerk</b>			
<b>10a.</b>	<b>Recruitment of a Councillor</b>			
10a.351	Clerk to announce on Village Chat.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>10b.</b>	<b>Flooding</b>			
10b.352	No update.	EK	19Feb2026	ongoing
<b>10c.</b>	<b>Village Emergency Plan</b>			
10c.353	Thanks to AK for presenting the plan to the BAG group, received with interest and enthusiasm.	none	n/a	n/a
10c.354	IB to attend TTT on 18th March 2026 to advertise and discuss the plan and input needed.	IB	18Mar2026	ongoing
<b>10d.</b>	<b>EV Charging point</b>			
10d.355	It is noted that funding is only available from SC for installations on SC land.	none	n/a	n/a
10d.356	Clerk to resend information to The Bell about the scheme.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Parish Clerk (cont.)</b>			
<b>10e.</b>	<b>Dog Control - Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) consultation</b>			
10e.357	Clerk to send the information to the PCC with reference to the Cemetery.	DS	28Feb2026	ongoing
10e.358	Clerk to respond to the consultation with reference to the Playing Field.	DS	28Feb2026	ongoing
<b>11.</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>			
<b>11a.</b>	<b>Updates</b>			
11a.359	Noted that replacement windows have been installed in a property, no action to be taken.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>11b.</b>	<b>Hoopers Lodge</b>			
11b.360	Clerk read out another email letter of discontent and concern.	none	n/a	n/a
11b.361	January 2026 draft letter to Hoopers Lodge approved.	All	19Feb2026	y
11b.362	Clerk to post letter to owner, copying Bill Cotton Head of Planning.	DS	28Feb2026	ongoing
11b.363	Clerk to repeat request for enforcement of planning conditions.	DS	28Feb2026	ongoing
11b.364	Clerk to seek permission from residents to send their letters to the owner and/or planners and suggest they speak to the owner directly.	DS	28Feb2026	ongoing
<b>11c.</b>	<b>2026/0033/HSE 7 St Michaels Close</b>			
11c.365	In favour, Clerk to respond accordingly.	DS	28Feb2026	ongoing
<b>11d.</b>	<b>a2026/0158/HSE and 2026/0159/LBC Nightingale Lodge</b>			
11d.366	Approved subject to satisfactory provision of appropriate power, water and waste management and must not become a separate dwelling from the main residence.	none	n/a	ongoing
<b>11e.</b>	<b>2026/0125/AGB Hill House Farm</b>			
11e.367	Noted.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>11f.</b>	<b>2026/0180/LBC Glebe House garage</b>			
11f.368	Approved subject to satisfactory provision of appropriate power, water and waste management and must not become a separate dwelling from the main residence.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>11g.</b>	<b>2026/0181/LBC Glebe House Interior and Exterior alterations</b>			
11g.369	Approved subject to the Conservation Officers review.	DS	26Mar2026	ongoing
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>			
<b>12a.</b>	<b>Change from 18th to 11th June 2026</b>			
12a.370	Approved.	All	19Feb2026	y
<b>12b.</b>	<b>2027 – 14Jan, 25Feb, 25Mar, 6May (ACM), 17Jun, 22Jul, 9Sep, 21Oct, 9Dec</b>			
12b.371	Approved.	All	19Feb2026	y
<b>12c.</b>	<b>2027 Village Gathering – 12th Apr</b>			
12c.372	Approved.	All	19Feb2026	y
	<b>Thursday 26th March 2026 7pm Village Hall</b>	All	19Feb2026	y
	JR closed the Meeting at 20:52. 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			