

Buckland Dinham Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 16th October 2025

Present	CIllrs: JR, SH, IB, AK, SB	Meeting opened 19:00		
In Attendance	Clerk DS. Cllr BClarke. Chris Durlacher, Secretary of Playing Field Association.			
	Noted: item 9b was discussed after item 6c. Chris Durlacher then left the meeting at 19:35 after item 9b.225. The rest of item 9 followed on.			
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved
0.	Public Forum			
	Please pick up after your dog.	All	n/a	n/a
	No Dogs are Allowed in the Playing Field or Playground.	All	n/a	n/a
	A poster with a QR code to the 'Report Dog Poo Bin needs emptying' online form will be applied to the bin.	SB	n/a	n/a
	A 'You can be Fined if you do not pick up after your dog' sign will be sourced and displayed.	SB	n/a	n/a
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons			
1.203	None. EK absent.	none	16Oct2025	y
2.	Declarations of Interest			
2.204	None.	none	16Oct2025	y
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public			
3.205	None.	none	16Oct2025	y
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting			
4.206	Minutes of 28th August 2025 accepted, signed by JR	signed	16Oct2025	y
5.	Chair's Announcements			
5a.207	Thanks in particular to John Reckless from BDPC for his efforts in securing the £10k grant from SALC to be used in accordance with the application conditions to further work on FML.	none	n/a	n/a
5a.208	JR has requested a timeline from Richard Ackroyd.	JR	27Nov2025	ongoing
6.	Local Authority Reports			
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police			
6a.209	None.	none	16Oct2025	y
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke			
6b.210	The planning moratorium finishes tomorrow, 17th October 2025.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.211	Residents could be encouraged to complain directly to Alison Blom-Cooper, Head of Planning at: alison.blomcooper@somerset.gov.uk Please note the hyphen in the name but not included in the email address.	All	n/a	n/a
6b.212	BDPC to write to Anna Sabine raising the lack of Planning Enforcement.	DS	27Nov2025	ongoing
6b.213	BClarke will forward the most up to date Cost of Living help information.	BC	31Oct2025	ongoing
7.	Finance			
7a.	Approve or not, donations in 2025-26 budget – VH, PF, Charity			
7a.214	Approved - £500 each to VH, Playing Field, £150 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.	DS	31Oct2025	y
7a.215	Clerk to draft a process of how Parish Plan groups or others are advised of possible funding and how to apply.	DS	27Nov2025	ongoing
8.	Local Community Network			
8.216	It is noted that there is still no improvement to the admin and implementation of any actions of the group.	none	n/a	n/a
8.217	Next meeting is 23rd October 2025, 18:30 – 20:30, Rode Village Hall, Rode, High Street, BA11 6PB	none	n/a	n/a

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9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Village Hall			
9a.218	Work has started to replace the fence.	none	n/a	n/a
9a.219	Simon Andrews has completed the annual Charity Commission admin.	none	n/a	n/a
9a.220	The kitchen needs to be replaced.	SH	27Nov2025	ongoing
9a.221	All else is running smoothly.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.	Playing Fields			
9b.222	Chris Durlacher, Secretary BD Playing Filed Assoc. reported that the mower has been ok this summer due to the dry weather, reduced need for mowing.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.223	It's likely that £2.5-5k will be needed for a replacement machine depending on whether bought new, second-hand, resale achieved of current machine.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.224	Fund raising has paused but plans remain and will commence when time and weather permit.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.225	It was noted that despite the surge in growth of the grass recently, the latest cut seems to have been very effective. SH to find out who did what to see if this can be replicated in future.	SH	27Nov2025	ongoing
9b.226	The Buckland Amenities Group and BD Playing Field Assoc. are working closely to maintain the playing field.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.227	Loose goal posts needed refitting, this is nearly finished.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.228	Volunteers are needed to dig holes and install new fence posts.	SH	27Nov2025	ongoing
9b.229	A section of fence has blown down and needs replacing urgently. Hazard cones are in place temporarily.	SH	27Nov2025	ongoing
9c.	Housing Needs Survey			
9c.230	Launch event went well, SB worked hard to encourage as many as possible to respond. Thank you Sarah.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.231	Response rate of 30.6% is considered very good for a single issue survey.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.232	Initial highlights noted, in depth analysis and reporting to follow.	SB	27Nov2025	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10a.233	Clerk to follow up with an interested resident.	DS	27Nov2025	ongoing
10b.	Flooding			
10b.234	No update.	none	n/a	n/a
10c.	Apologies for mis numbering of agenda.	none	n/a	n/a
10d.	Village Emergency Plan			
10d.235	Apologies, no action to report.	IB, AK	27Nov2025	ongoing
10e.	5Alive			
10e.236	Funding seems to be secure.	none	n/a	n/a
11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	Updates			
11a.237	Updates sent	DS	15Oct2025	y
11b.	Macmillan Way footpath at Swallow Barn			
11b.238	Following a conversation with Daniel Gordon, Rights of Way Officer, East Mendip, Clerk to discuss further.	DS	27Nov2025	ongoing

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11.	Planning Matters cont.			
11c.	Hoopers Lodge			
11c.239	Clerk to send approved letter to home owner.	DS	20Oct2025	ongoing
	JR closed Meeting at 20:40. 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			