

## Buckland Dinham Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 30th July 2026

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| <b>Present</b> | <b>CLlrs: JR, AK, SH, SB, EK</b>                                                                                                                           | Meeting opened 19:05 |             |                 |
| In Attendance  | Clerk DS, Barry Clarke                                                                                                                                     | following Open Forum |             |                 |
|                | It is noted that BC left the meeting after item 9e.                                                                                                        |                      |             |                 |
|                | <b>Comment</b>                                                                                                                                             | <b>Action</b>        | <b>Date</b> | <b>Resolved</b> |
| <b>0.</b>      | <b>Public Forum</b>                                                                                                                                        |                      |             |                 |
|                | Thanks noted to Cllr Kemp for potential Cllr candidates who were not to attend this meeting.                                                               | All                  | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>1.</b>      | <b>Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons</b>                                                                                                     |                      |             |                 |
| 1.120          | IB, noted, accepted.                                                                                                                                       | none                 | 30Jul2026   | y               |
| <b>2.</b>      | <b>Declarations of Interest</b>                                                                                                                            |                      |             |                 |
| 2.121          | Clerk, Diane Sleigh re 11d. Noted, action accepted.                                                                                                        | none                 | 30Jul2026   | y               |
| <b>3.</b>      | <b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>                                                                                                                   |                      |             |                 |
| 3.122          | None.                                                                                                                                                      | none                 | 30Jul2026   | 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 11th June 2026.</b>                                        |                      |             |                 |
| 4.123          | Confirmed, signed by JR                                                                                                                                    | JR                   | 30Jul2026   | y               |
| <b>5.</b>      | <b>Chair's Announcements</b>                                                                                                                               |                      |             |                 |
| 5.124          | It is noted that a Water company have been surveying the Village as water usage is higher than expected. The Lower St repair is incomplete, still leaking. | none                 | n/a         | n/a             |
| 5.125          | No comment re Somerset Local Plan.                                                                                                                         | none                 | 30Jul2026   | y               |
| 5.126          | JR to draft a letter for Clerk to send.                                                                                                                    | JR, DS               | 10Sep2026   | ongoing         |
| 5.127          | Noted any comments re Connectivity Corridors deadline 9th Sept 2026.                                                                                       | All                  | 9Sep2026    | ongoing         |
| 5.128          | Noted that SALC AGM is on 8th Oct 2026. 2 Cllrs can attend, please let the Clerk know if you'd like to go.                                                 | All                  | 10Sep2026   | ongoing         |
| 5.129          | Discussion re Polling Station when required. Village Hall is deemed satisfactory.                                                                          | none                 | n/a         | n/a             |
| 5.130          | JR to draft a letter for Clerk to send requesting a disabled parking space in The Cross to facilitate access.                                              | JR, DS               | 10Sep2026   | ongoing         |
| 5.131          | Noted that only one of the three active groups - Comms provide reports to BDPC.                                                                            | none                 | n/a         | n/a             |
| 5.132          | Clerk, SB to review the requirements document, present to BDPC, advise the groups. Suggest they report at the APM/AVG.                                     | DS, SB               | 10Sep2026   | ongoing         |
| <b>6.</b>      | <b>Local Authority Reports</b>                                                                                                                             |                      |             |                 |
| <b>6a.</b>     | <b>Avon and Somerset Police</b>                                                                                                                            |                      |             |                 |
| 6a.133         | Report received, circulated and noted.                                                                                                                     | none                 | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>6b.</b>     | <b>Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke</b>                                                                                                           |                      |             |                 |
| 6b.134         | Report received and noted. BC added some comments to his report.                                                                                           | none                 | 30Jul2026   | n/a             |
| 6b.135         | Somerset Council election is due in 2027 which likely clashes with BDPC date. Clerk to review.                                                             | DS                   | 10Sep2026   | ongoing         |
| <b>7.</b>      | <b>Finance</b>                                                                                                                                             |                      |             |                 |
| <b>7a.</b>     | <b>Approve or not, Clerk's salary. Next approval date 14th January 2027</b>                                                                                |                      |             |                 |
| 7a.136         | Approved.                                                                                                                                                  | none                 | 30Jul2026   | y               |
| <b>7b.</b>     | <b>Approve or not, £150 towards Cock Road noticeboard posts replacement</b>                                                                                |                      |             |                 |
| 7b.137         | Approved.                                                                                                                                                  | none                 | 30Jul2026   | y               |

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| <b>7.</b>   | <b>Finance (cont.)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |           |           |
| <b>7c.</b>  | <b>Retrospectively Approve or not, £60 for wasp nest removal</b>                                                                                                                                                             |         |           |           |
| 7c.138      | Approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | none    | 30Jul2026 | y         |
| <b>7d.</b>  | <b>Approve or not, membership of Parish Online, August, budget £60</b>                                                                                                                                                       |         |           |           |
| 7d.139      | Approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DS      | 30Jul2026 | y         |
| <b>8.</b>   | <b>Local Community Networks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |           |           |
| 8.140       | BDPC did not attend the AGM on 23rd July 2026.                                                                                                                                                                               | none    | 30Jul2026 | n/a       |
| 8.141       | It is noted that the Highways sub group has been useful.                                                                                                                                                                     | none    | 30Jul2026 | n/a       |
| <b>9.</b>   | <b>Councillor Reports</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |           |           |
| <b>9a.</b>  | <b>Householder Bins</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |           |           |
| 9a.142      | It is noted that following BDPC letters to every household and visits from Cllr SB and SH to residents more bins have been removed from pavements and visible areas. Many thanks to all.                                     | none    | 30Jul2026 | n/a       |
| 9a.143      | SB will write to Lis Ford, copy Clerk, BC to progress assistance for households that need further help.                                                                                                                      | SB      | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| 9a.144      | SH to share further information from a resident to SB.                                                                                                                                                                       | SH      | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| 9a.145      | One household has requested further assistance from BDPC to resolve.                                                                                                                                                         | SB, All | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| <b>9b.</b>  | <b>Village Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |           |           |
| <b>9b1.</b> | <b>Committee appeal</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |           |           |
| 9b1.146     | Following the written appeal to residents, the meeting on 28th July 2026 resulted in Chair Sara Gallagher, VC Stephanie Sullivan, Secretary Mark Poole, Treasurer Neil Lanning and several committee members. Thank you all. | none    | 28Jul2026 | n/a       |
| 9b1.147     | Next meeting 16th September 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                            | none    | 16Sep2026 | n/a       |
| <b>9c.</b>  | <b>Playing Fields</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |           |           |
| <b>9c1.</b> | <b>Mower</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |           |           |
| 9c1.148     | The insurance claim is in progress.                                                                                                                                                                                          | DS      | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| <b>9d.</b>  | <b>Recruitment of a Councillor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |           |           |
| 9d.149      | It is hoped that potential candidates will attend the next meeting.                                                                                                                                                          | All     | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| 9d.150      | The Clerk is instructed not to put the job spec online or send to candidates.                                                                                                                                                | none    | 30Jul2026 | n/a       |
| 9d.151      | The advert will be sent to 5Alive again.                                                                                                                                                                                     | DS      | 10Sep2026 | completed |
| 9d.152      | Clerk to resubmit the notice of activity to 5Alive which was not published in the last issue.                                                                                                                                | DS      | 10Sep2026 | completed |
| 9d.153      | Noted that John Stauber is doing a good job as Comms CoOrd. Clerk to discuss with him whether he could assist BDPC communications.                                                                                           | DS      | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| <b>9e.</b>  | <b>Emergency Plan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |           |           |
| 9e154       | All reminded that they have been asked to provide feedback to IB.                                                                                                                                                            | All     | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| <b>9f.</b>  | <b>Flooding</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |           |           |
| 9f.155      | Grants are available for remedial works. EK to advise BDPC.                                                                                                                                                                  | EK      | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
| 9f.156      | Clerk to check again with Charlie Higgins that Infrastructure team have been asked to review the Bridge integrity and the impact on infrastructure such as the roadside wall at Woodlands.                                   | DS      | 10Sep2026 | ongoing   |
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| <b>9g.</b>   | <b>SALC/FML</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |             |            |            |
| 9g.157       | Clerk to engage to ensure criteria for funds are met.                                                                                                                            | DS          | 10Sep2026  | ongoing    |
| 9g.158       | AK to request update from Richard Ackroyd.                                                                                                                                       | AK          | 10Sep2026  | ongoing    |
| <b>9h.</b>   | <b>Housing Needs Survey</b>                                                                                                                                                      |             |            |            |
| <b>9h1.</b>  | <b>Project lead needed to take this forward</b>                                                                                                                                  |             |            |            |
| 9h1.159      | Thanks given to Cllrs for their work. SB can be contacted in future if a lead comes forward to kick start the project.                                                           | none        | 30Jul2026  | y          |
| <b>9i.</b>   | <b>Annual Parish Meeting/Village gathering</b>                                                                                                                                   |             |            |            |
| 9i.160       | It is noted that timings need to be more accurate but the attendance, content, discussions and oval seating was a success. Thank you to all for their significant contributions. | none        | n/a        | n/a        |
| <b>10.</b>   | <b>Parish Clerk</b>                                                                                                                                                              |             |            |            |
| 10.161       | It is noted that the PCC have requested use of the Lock up for storage. JR to write to the PCC.                                                                                  | JR          | 10Sep2026  | ongoing    |
| <b>10a.</b>  | <b>Training</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>none</b> | <b>n/a</b> | <b>n/a</b> |
| 10a.162      | Please advise the Clerk if you would like to attend any courses on offer.                                                                                                        | All         | 10Sep2026  | ongoing    |
| <b>10b.</b>  | <b>Governance</b>                                                                                                                                                                |             |            |            |
| 10b.163      | The latest Code of Conduct will be issued for review and brought to the next meeting.                                                                                            | DS          | 10Sep2026  | ongoing    |
| <b>11.</b>   | <b>Planning</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |             |            |            |
| <b>11a.</b>  | <b>Updates</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |             |            |            |
| <b>11a1.</b> | <b>2024/1591/OUT Sandscross Lane Outline – appeal dismissed</b>                                                                                                                  |             |            |            |
| 11a1.164     | No comment.                                                                                                                                                                      | none        | n/a        | n/a        |
| <b>11b.</b>  | <b>Hoopers Lodge</b>                                                                                                                                                             |             |            |            |
| 11b.165      | Further information received and circulated. Clerk to ask Planning where to send this to in order to facilitate their workload.                                                  | DS          | 10Sep2026  | ongoing    |
| <b>11c.</b>  | <b>2026/1119/LBC Laurel Bank – internal reorganisation, repointing, new entrance gateway</b>                                                                                     |             |            |            |
| 11c.166      | No objection.                                                                                                                                                                    | DS          | 5Aug2026   | completed  |
| <b>11d.</b>  | <b>2026/1066/HSE The Apple Garden – front porch – Clerk declared interest, will be absent from discussion and decision</b>                                                       |             |            |            |
| 11d.167      | Clerk left the room during discussion and decision.                                                                                                                              | none        | 30Jul2026  | y          |
| 11d.168      | No objection.                                                                                                                                                                    | DS          | 5Aug2026   | completed  |
| <b>12.</b>   | <b>Date of next meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                      | All         | 30Jul2026  | ongoing    |
| 12.169       | <b>Thursday 10th September 2026 7pm Village Hall</b>                                                                                                                             |             |            |            |
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| <b>10.</b>   | <b>Parish Clerk</b>                                                                                                                                                              |             |            |            |
| 10.170       | Clerk and Chair receive and accept resignation letters from Cllr Sarah Barnett.                                                                                                  | DS          | 10Sept2026 | ongoing    |
| 10.171       | Full Council and Clerk extend their sincere thanks to Sarah for her extensive efforts during her tenure. Flowers were given.                                                     | none        | n/a        | n/a        |
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|              | JR closed the Meeting at 20:50. Thank you.                                                                                                                                       |             |            |            |
|              | JR, John Reckless, AK, Alan King, SB, Sarah Barnett, IB, Ian Blair, SH, Susie Hicks, EK Elisita Kemp, DS, Diane Sleight                                                          |             |            |            |
|              | B Clarke, Barry Clarke                                                                                                                                                           |             |            |            |