

Buckland Dinham Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 27th November 2025

Present	Cllrs: JR, SH, AK, SB	Meeting opened 19:10		
In Attendance	Clerk DS.	following Open Forum		
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved
0.	Public Forum			
	The Parish Plan survey reported that bins on pavements were a concern due to them being unsightly and causing obstructions.	none	n/a	n/a
	Bins must be stored on your own property and not on the pavement or road.	none	n/a	n/a
	Somerset Council have previously had a policy for you to apply for a waiver. This is no longer available.	none	n/a	n/a
	If you are unable to store your bins on your own property, you must request bags and removal of your bins.	none	n/a	n/a
	<u>Rubbish collections</u>			
	BDPC will write to residents to advise them of action needed.	DS, SB	08Jan2026	n/a
	Discussion regarding Dog poo and bin. This item was after the close of the meeting.	none	n/a	n/a
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons			
1.240	Apologies EK, IB.	none	27Nov2025	y
2.	Declarations of Interest			
2.241	None.	none	27Nov2025	y
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public			
3.242	None.	none	27Nov2025	y
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting			
4.243	Minutes of 16th October 2025 accepted, signed by JR	signed	27Nov2025	y
5.	Chair's Announcements			
5a.244	None.	none	n/a	n/a
6.	Local Authority Reports			
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police			
6a.245	Report received and noted.	none	27Nov2025	n/a
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke			
6b.246	Report received and noted.	none	27Nov2025	n/a
7.	Finance			
7a.	Further discussion on budget if required			
7a.247	Clerk to liaise with Councillors individually as required to fully prepare for any discussion at the next meeting.	DS, All	08Jan2026	ongoing
7a.248	The budget must be approved at the next meeting so the Clerk can request the precept from Somerset Council.	All	08Jan2026	ongoing
7a.249	Clerk to book a date with the Chair and Vice for a performance and salary review.	DS, JR, AK	08Jan2026	ongoing
7a.250	Clerk to provide actual hours worked to BDPC for information to compare against contracted hours.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing
7a.251	Clerk to provide figures of actual and % increase to Band D Council Tax payers and overall.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing
7b.	Approve or not Donations and Grants Policy			
7b.252	Approved.	none	27Nov2025	y
7b.253	Clerk to publish the policy and advise groups.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing

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7.	Finance (Cont.)			
7c.	Approve or not payment of £23.98 to Clerk for printer ink			
7c.254	Approved.	none	27Nov2025	y
7d.	Approve or not payment of £62.60 to Postscript			
7d.255	Approved.	none	27Nov2025	y
7e.	Approve or not renewal of MS Office for 1 year to 23Nov2026 at £122.54			
7e.256	Approved.	none	27Nov2025	y
8.	Local Community Network			
8.257	It is noted that Max Wide is no longer a Frome Town Councillor.	none	n/a	n/a
8.258	BDPC to request an update from James Moore and the status of the regular newsletter.	JR	08Jan2026	ongoing
9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Village Hall			
9a.259	Garden fence has been replaced.	none	n/a	n/a
9a.260	Discussions continue whether to repair or replace the kitchen.	none	n/a	ongoing
9a.261	The tree for the 5th December 2025 Christmas Fayre is arriving on the 30th November.	none	n/a	n/a
9a.262	Clerk to send a note of thanks to the Preece family for the donation of the tree. Complete 15th December 2025.	DS	08Jan2026	y
9b.	Playing Fields			
9b.263	Work continues, weather dependant.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.264	Meeting booked for January to discuss the play area.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.	Housing Needs Survey			
9c.265	Noted that a huge amount of work has been completed and this is only the first step.	none	n/a	n/a
9d.	SALC/FML			
9d.266	Awaiting next steps before publishing extensively.	JR	08Jan2026	ongoing
9d.267	Clerk to put a note on the website.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10a.268	Appeal from Councillors that all current Councillors attend as often as possible as there is much work to complete.	none	n/a	n/a
10a.269	Please try to recruit another member.	All	08Jan2026	ongoing
10a.270	Clerk to liaise with Website to create an ad and advertise the job on the website. The Parish Online app may appeal to someone as it is a very useful tool.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing
10a.271	Clerk to follow up with an interested resident.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing
10b.	Flooding			
10b.272	No update.	EK	08Jan2026	ongoing
10c.	Village Emergency Plan			
10c.273	Noted that a huge amount of work has been completed and this is only the first step.	IB, AK	08Jan2026	ongoing
10c.274	Note of thanks to be sent to IB.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing

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11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	Updates			
11a.275	Updates sent	DS	27Nov2025	y
11b.	Hoopers Lodge			
11b.276	Clerk to draft letter to reflect BDPC request for reduction in the height of the wall with more frequent steps to alleviate the visual impact. Also that the lobby and garden room should be part of a retrospective planning application.	DS	08Jan2026	ongoing
11c.	Glebe House garage 2025/1801/HSE			
11c.277	Noted that this application has been refused.	none	n/a	y
12.	Date of next meeting			
12.278	8th January 2026	none	08Jan2026	y
	JR closed Meeting at 21:00. 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			