

Buckland Dinham Parish Council - Meeting Minutes - 29th February 2024

Present	Cllrs: JR, SH, SB, EK	Meeting Opened 19.10			
In Attendance	Clerk DS, B Clarke, Lisa Merriweather				
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved	
0.	Public Forum				
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons				
1.431	AK, IB	none	29Feb24	y	
2.	Declarations of Interest				
2.432	None.	none	n/a	n/a	
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public				
3.433	None.	none	n/a	n/a	
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting				
4.434	Minutes of 18Jan2024 accepted, signed by JR.	signed	29Feb24	y	
5.	Chair's Announcements				
5.435	There was a Meet and chat hour at The Bell with PCSOs and PC, some residents. It is an opportunity for any resident to discuss any policing concerns. There will be another event on 28th March 2024 6-7pm at The Bell. Clerk will advertise on Facebook and noticeboards.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing	
5.436	Clerk position is due appraisal, discussion of hours. Clerk will email Cllrs information.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing	
5.437	Clerk to follow up on the meeting in December with the PCC and include SC Highways, Avon & Somerset Highways lead regarding road safety and resolutions needed.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing	
5.438	Chair will contact Church Warden, Jenny Waller to discuss comment regarding lower churchyard area maintenance.	JR	4Apr24	ongoing	
6.	Local Authority Reports				
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police				
6a.439	Crime figures received, nothing to report.	none	29Jan24	y	
6a.440	Clerk to suggest other village events such as the Church coffee morning to the PCSOs for their Meet and chat community engagement hours.	DS	4Apr24	ongoing	
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke				
6b.441	Cllr Clarke issued a County news summary report for March prior to the meeting much of which was reiterated	none	29Feb24	y	
6b.442	Concerns raised that County health priorities are Taunton, Bridgewater based and there is a risk that the North-East of the County is suffering inequalities of provision. This should be raised with the LCN.	SB, JR	4Apr24	ongoing	
6b.443	It is noted that blood pressure monitors are still available to borrow from the Library and there is one to use in the lobby area of Frome Medical Practice.	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.444	Residents are encouraged to report potholes online.	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.445	SB requested information on how to find out exact boundary lines. Cllr Clarke suggested the OS map, Clerk to provide access to Parish Online.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing	
6b.446	Cllr Clarke notes that information on postal votes seems to be changing and all residents are urged to read their ballot papers to ensure procedures are followed correctly. Clerk to advertise.	DS	4Apr24	ongoing	
6b.447	Andrew Turner is Head of Highways should anyone wish to contact him regarding road conditions - gullies, sweeping for example. Andrew.turner@somerset.gov.uk	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.448	Storm Henk Recovery grant must be applied for by 29Mar2024, Council Tax discount must be applied for by 31Mar2024. Clerk to advertise.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing	

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6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke - continued			
6b.449	Following much discussion regarding flooding, Cllr Clarke suggested attendance at the Shepton LCN on 11Mar2024, available online or in person:	All	11Mar24	ongoing
6b.449 continued	https://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=903&MId=7148			
7.	Finance			
7a.	Approve or not Clerk salary 12Mar2024-6May2024 (8weeks) £538. NI not applicable, weekly pay below threshold.			
7a.450	Approved.	DS	6May24	ongoing
8.	Local Community Networks			
	Lisa Merriweather and questionnaire			
8.451	Following discussions about feedback on the questionnaire, it was agreed that Lisa would kindly collate the paperwork received so far and send back to BDPC for further discussion.	LM	4Apr24	ongoing
8.452	It is noted there was discussion about the value, purpose and structure of the LCN. If functioning well it could provide good value for Community collaboration but work is needed to make it fit for purpose.	none	n/a	n/a
8.453	LM will provide feedback to the LCN regarding publication of timely agendas, detailed minutes and other items discussed.	LM	4Apr24	ongoing
9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Road Issues			
9.454	Concerns raised regarding the wall slip on the north west side of the A362, north of Hoopers Lodge, South of the Village Hall. Clerk to write to the landowner.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing
9a1.	SIDs			
9a1.455	Devices will be installed on posts when weather permits. It is noted that Council are keen for this to happen, offers of help.	IB	4Apr24	ongoing
9a1.456	IB to let Clerk know which padlocks to buy for the SIDs.	IB	7Mar24	ongoing
9a1.457	Clerk to progress purchase of tablet.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing
9a2.	CSW			
9a2.458	Roadside sessions continue. These have been weekly during January and most of February, now increasing as the weather improves and early, later sessions can resume.	none	n/a	n/a
9a2.459	It is noted there is a regular meeting with the Police next week where auto speedwatch and other topics will be discussed again. The Chief Inspector will be asked to provide progress which seems to be slow.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.	Village Hall			
9b.460	It is noted that bookings are steady and all is running smoothly.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.461	There has been much needed recent expenditure for dishwasher repair, replacement fridge, frost stat, replacement kitchen equipment, oil delivery.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.462	Electrical certification including PAT and fire extinguisher inspections are scheduled.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.463	Public Liability insurance requirements are being investigated with the Clerk to coincide with BDPC insurance policy.	SH, DS	4Apr24	ongoing
9c.	Playing Fields			
9c.464	It is reported that even in the winter weather, the goals and rebound nets are being used often, a successful buy.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.465	The Secretary and H&S inspector has retired. A new H&S has come forward but a new Secretary is still needed.	none	n/a	n/a

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9c.	Playing Fields - continued			
9c.466	BDPC thanks the outgoing Secretary/H&S inspector for all their hard work and time.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.467	A new resident will soon be joining the Committee taking the team to 4.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.468	New handholds have been purchased for the ladder.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.469	BDPFA has applied for a grant to help replace the rotting safety picket fence around the play area.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.470	Moss removal from the whole area is being investigated, it may need to be done professionally.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.471	Overgrown vegetation at the boundary has greatly contributed to the demise of the playing field safety fence which is needed as the boundary wire fence is in disrepair. The PFA will ask the landowner to clear the vegetation, whether they can repair the boundary fence.	SH	4Apr24	ongoing
9c.472	Cost of replacement, repair of the safety fence to be added to next agenda when more information may be available regarding progress on the above.	DS	4Apr24	ongoing
9d.	Frome Missing Link			
9d.473	No update	none	n/a	n/a
9e.	Parish Plan progress			
9e.474	The meeting on 1st March 2024 will discuss and decide on the survey questions provided in consultation with the Community Council for Somerset.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.475	Various members of the Parish Plan team will be available at the coffee morning and lunch club to provide information and assist attendees to complete responses if they wish.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.476	On track for outcomes to be presented and discussed at the 20May2024 Parish, Village meeting.	SB	20May24	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	Discuss plans, format for Annual Parish, Village Meeting - 20th May 2024			
10a.477	SB will compile an agenda to be discussed prior to and approved at the next BDPC meeting.	SB, All	4Apr24	ongoing
10b.	Trees in Somerset Council owned land in St Michael's Close - update			
10b.478	Bo Walsh, Tree Officer has been contacted and indicated that he would be able to get a response. No update, Chair to chase again. Update - Chair has left a message for Bo Walsh.	JR	4Apr24	ongoing
10c.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10c.479	Action to needed - Clerk to find previous advert, update as necessary, circulate to Cllrs.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing
10d.	Flooding - update			
10d.480	Clerk draft letter in circulation with Cllrs. More names, agencies added to the send to list.	DS	7Mar24	ongoing
10d.481	Clerk notes that www.floodmary.com could provide useful information.	none	n/a	n/a
10e.	Annual leave arrangements			
10e.482	Clerk notes that the Parish mobile, laptop and current file will be handed over to the Chair.	none	n/a	n/a
11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	24/0035/hse Oak Cottage retrospective application – noted, no further action			
11a.483	No further action.	none	n/a	y
11b.	2024/0062/tca Nightingale Lodge tree work – noted, no further action			
11b.428	No further action.	none	n/a	y

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12.	Dates of Next Meetings	All	29Feb24	ongoing
12.429	Next Meeting 4th April 2024 7pm Village Hall			
12.43	It is noted that the 9May2024 includes the AGM.			
	9May2024, 20Jun2024			
	1Aug2024, 12Sep2024, 24Oct2024, 5Dec2024, 16Jan2025, 27Feb2025			
	JR closed Meeting at 21.15. Thank you.			
	JR, John Reckless, AK, Alan King, SB, Sarah Barnett, IB, Ian Blair, SH, Susie Hicks, EL Elisita Kemp, DS, Diane Sleigh			
	B Clarke, Barry Clarke, LM, Lisa Merriweather			