

Buckland Dinham Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 22nd May 2025

Present	Cllrs: JR, SB, IB	Meeting opened 19.22		
In Attendance	Clerk DS. BClarke. Noted that BC left the meeting after item 11. LCN.			
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved
1.	Election of Chair			
1.052	JR was proposed as Chair by IB, SB seconded, carried.	none	22May2025	y
1.053	Declaration form to be signed.	DS, JR	22May2025	n/a
2.	Election of Vice Chair			
2.054	AK was proposed as first Vice Chair, IB as second Chair by JR, SB seconded , carried.	none	22May2025	y
3.	Public Forum			
3.055	None	none	n/a	n/a
4.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons			
4.056	EK, SH. Accepted.	none	22May2025	y
5.	Declarations of Interest			
5.057	None.	none	n/a	y
6.	Exclusion of the Press and Public			
6.058	None.	none	n/a	n/a
7.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting			
7.059	Minutes of 10th April 2025 accepted, signed by JR	signed	22May2025	y
8.	Chair's Announcements			
8.060	Discussion of verge areas which have potential for minor value purchase considered not viable.	none	n/a	n/a
8.061	In progress - Somerset Miners Welfare Trust have offered BD a sculpture. JR to liaise to discuss locations, whether it is feasible.	All	3Jul2025	ongoing
9.	Local Authority Reports			
9a	Avon and Somerset Police			
9a.062	Circulated, improved report style, PCSO has been thanked by the Clerk.	none	n/a	y
9.063	Clerk to report two vehicle collisions.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
9b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke			
9b.064	Noted that some road marking repainting has been completed.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.065	Noted that Parish boundaries will be unchanged.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.066	Noted that SC has lost funds on sales of capital assets likely to be approximately £100m. Debt had been taken out to fund the initial purchases which will also need to be repaid.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.067	Noted that there is an enquiry scheduled for 12th August 2025 about the Selwood Garden project.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.068	SC are considering economic development opportunities with Ukraine. Many SC Cllrs have rejected this requesting attention be directed to priorities within SC.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.069	Noted that Parking Policy is being reviewed and is unlikely to remove charges requested locally. Residents can add their view online:	none	n/a	n/a
9b.069a	https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/review-of-parking-charges-across-somerset-is-launched/	none	n/a	n/a
9b.070	Household Support fund leaflets have been placed in Village noticeboards, in the Church, Village Hall and online:	none	n/a	n/a
9b.070a	https://bucklanddinham.org/community/buckland-dinham-20761/household-support-fund/	none	n/a	n/a
9b.071	Place name road signs are being moved, assumed by members of the public. SC note the cost burden to the public to rectify this 'prank'.	none	n/a	n/a

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10	Finance			
10a.	Insurance			
10a.072	Clerk notes that the invoice has been paid to ensure continued cover.	none	n/a	y
10a.073	Ongoing discussions with the broker about errors in the documentation.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
11.	Local Community Networks			
11.074	Noted continued disappointment with the lack of proper administration, any action, funds and alignment with boundaries, other working groups.	none	n/a	n/a
12.	Council Reports			
12a.	Road Issues			
12a1.	Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)			
12a1.075	Some data shared to the LCN Highways meeting of 22nd April 2025.	none	n/a	n/a
12a1.076	IB working to prepare data to show 'hotspots' to assist Police to allocate their resources effectively.	IB	28Aug2025	ongoing
12a2.	Community Speedwatch (CSW)			
12a2.077	Police sessions continue at about every 4-6 weeks. This is good representation compared to areas with no or few cs w sessions.	none	n/a	n/a
12a2.078	It was decided that Road Issues will be an agenda item quarterly unless there is something that needs discussion, decision.	DS	28Aug2025	ongoing
12b.	Village Hall			
12b.079	All running smoothly but some concern that finances are dependant on a very small number of repeat users.	none	n/a	n/a
12b.080	Planning to replace the roadside garden fence.	SH	3Jul2025	ongoing
12b.081	Noted that the kitchen may need replacing which may reveal additional works behind and underneath existing fixtures incurring greater expense.	SH	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.	Playing Fields			
12c.082	Following much discussion about the current mower, needs and assets it was agreed that more information is required.	none	n/a	n/a
12c.083	The current mower was purchased and insured by BDPC, gifted to BDPFA to use and maintain. What does this mean?	All	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.084	Is there and should there be a Disposal of Assets Policy?	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.085	Who owns the Playing Field?	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.086	BDFPA have agreed to sell the mower, funds should be paid to BDPC.	DS, SH	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.087	It is expected that BDPC has a duty of care to users of the PF and any equipment so it is likely that the new mower should be owned and insured by the PC.	DS, SH	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.088	With the purchase of the new mower comes an opportunity to continue the improvements in operator, maintenance training to ensure safety. It was suggested that this could be provided by the supplier initially.	SH	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.089	Chris Durlacher, secretary BDPFA and co-ordinator of BAG has offered to attend the next meeting to provide some information, gratefully accepted.	SH	3Jul2025	ongoing
12c.090	As much as BDPC discussed ways to assist, it is not allowed for BDPC to act in any way as a Community Bank to assist with cash flow, expected profits from any event organised by Village residents such as the Strawberry Fayre. Clerk to advise the group.	DS	30May2025	ongoing
12d.	Frome Missing Link			
12d.091	It was decided that this will be an agenda item when there is something that needs discussion, decision. Confer with AK.	DS, AK	3Jul2025	ongoing

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12e.	Parish Plan			
12e.092	Noted that there is DEFRA funding available for a Housing Needs Survey.	none	n/a	n/a
12e.093	Housing Needs Survey will be a Council Reports agenda item until resolved.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
12e.094	SB will organise Thursday dates, email suggestions to Cllrs and Kathryn Armstrong for the virtual presentation to begin the process.	SB	3Jul2025	ongoing
13.	Parish Clerk			
13a.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
13a.095	Clerk still trying to locate the person who registered an interest.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
13b.	Flooding			
13b.096	No update.	none	n/a	n/a
13c.	Website and Emails			
13c.097	Website admin is being much more proactive in finding information displayed in other forums. Please encourage all to provide info:	none	n/a	n/a
13c.098	https://bucklanddinham.org/community/buckland-dinham-20761/contact-the-website/	All	3Jul2025	ongoing
13c.099	Noted thanks received from St Michael's Church for BDPC donation. Agreed that this kind of information could be prominently displayed on the website not just a budget line item.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
13c.100	https://bucklanddinham.org/community/buckland-dinham-20761/contact-the-parish-council/	none	n/a	n/a
13d.	Village Gathering Date			
13d.101	21st, 27, 28th April 2026 suggested. Clerk to check VH availability.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
13f.	Village Emergency Plan			
13f.102	Deferred to next meeting.	IB, AK	3Jul2025	ongoing
13g.	5Alive			
13g.103	There have been appeals for funding. It is reported that there is sufficient for the next couple of issues.	none	n/a	n/a
13g.104	Clerk to request further information from the editor Peter Corbett.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
14	Planning Matters			
14a.	Updates			
14a.105	Updates sent			
14b.	2025/0706/PAA Beech Grove Barn Buckland Down			
14b.106	Noted that this application has been refused.	none	n/a	n/a
14c.	Ebenezer Chapel			
14c.107	BDPC continue to support the applicant. Clerk to comment.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
14d.	Obstruction of footpath			
14d.108	Clerk to draft comment and send information to BC about the infringement of a part of the Macmillan Way National Footpath.	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
14e.	2025/0815/TPO Yew reduction St Michaels Church			
14e.109	No Objection	none	n/a	n/a
14f.	2025/0681/FUL Biomass boiler and wood chip fuel store Charlton's			
14f.110	No Objection	DS	3Jul2025	ongoing
14g.	2025/0866/HSE demolition of existing extension, erection of single, two storey, windows 3 Lower Str			
14g.111	No Objection			

