

# Buckland Dinham Parish Council - Meeting Minutes - 19th December 2024

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| <b>Present</b>       | <b>Cllrs: JR, EK, IB</b>   | <b>Meeting Opened 19.05</b> |               |             |                 |
| <b>In Attendance</b> | Cllr B Clarke. Clerk DS. Website J Stauber. Cllr B Clarke left the meeting during item 7d after Noticeboards. Item 10d discussed after item 6b. J Stauber left after item 10d.   |                             |               |             |                 |
|                      | <b>Comment</b>   |                             | <b>Action</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Resolved</b> |
| <b>0.</b>            | <b>Public Forum</b>  |                             |               |             |                 |
|                      | None.  |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>1.</b>            | <b>Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 1.315                | SB, SH, AK   |                             | none          | 19Dec24     | y               |
| <b>2.</b>            | <b>Declarations of Interest</b>  |                             |               |             |                 |
| 2.316                | None.  |                             | none          | n/a         | y               |
| <b>3.</b>            | <b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 3.317                | None.  |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>4.</b>            | <b>Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 4.318                | Minutes of 24October2024 accepted, signed by JR  |                             | signed        | 19Dec24     | y               |
| <b>5.</b>            | <b>Chair's Announcements</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 5.319                | Chair noted a White Paper proposing devolution for a potential Heart of Wessex region comprising Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset.   |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| 5.320                | <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676028c9cfbf84c3b2bcfa57/English_Devolution_White_Paper_Web_Accessible.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676028c9cfbf84c3b2bcfa57/English_Devolution_White_Paper_Web_Accessible.pdf</a><br><a href="https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/revised-expression-of-interest-in-devolution-by-dorset-somerset-and-wiltshire-councils/">https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/revised-expression-of-interest-in-devolution-by-dorset-somerset-and-wiltshire-councils/</a> |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>6.</b>            | <b>Local Authority Reports</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| <b>6a.</b>           | <b>Avon and Somerset Police</b>  |                             |               |             |                 |
| 6a.321               | Report received, circulated.   |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| 6a.322               | PCSOs continue to support BD with regular patrols, Community engagement events. Clerk has provided the list of active groups for the PCSOs to approach for a potential visit.  |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>6b.</b>           | <b>Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 6b.323               | SC continue to attempt to provide a balanced budget.   |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| 6b.324               | Cllr B Clarke reminded the meeting that there is a hardship fund available and to let residents know.  |                             | All           | 19Dec24     | ongoing         |
| 6b.325               | The planning enforcement team have many cases outstanding due to insufficient staff.   |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| 6b.326               | Thanks given to Cllr B Clarke for your continued support and attendance.   |                             | none          | n/a         | n/a             |
| <b>7.</b>            | <b>Finance</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| <b>7a.</b>           | <b>Approve or not Clerk's salary 19th Nov-13thJan2025 (8weeks) £538</b>  |                             |               |             |                 |
| 7a.327               | Approved.  |                             | DS            | 19Dec24     | y               |
| <b>7b.</b>           | <b>Consider Clerk salary approval for longer intervals</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 7b.328               | Approved for approximately 6 monthly intervals. Next date 3Jul2025.  |                             | DS            | 19Dec24     | y               |
| 7b.329               | Date to be set for formal review with JR, AK, Clerk.   |                             | DS            | 19Dec24     | ongoing         |
| <b>7c.</b>           | <b>Approve or not £105 training with SALC (Chair, Cllr essentials and audit from 2023)</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 7c.330               | Approved.  |                             | DS            | 19Dec24     | y               |
| <b>7d.</b>           | <b>Consider budget for Precept</b>   |                             |               |             |                 |
| 7d.331               | Much discussion, Clerk to update and circulate.  |                             | DS            | 19Dec24     | ongoing         |
| 7d.332               | Final approval must be made at 16Jan2025 meeting.  |                             | All           | 16Jan24     | ongoing         |
| <b>7e.</b>           | <b>Approve or not two invoices for Postscript totalling £205.56</b>  |                             |               |             |                 |
| 7e.333               | Approved.  |                             | DS            | 19Dec24     | y               |
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| <b>8.</b>   | <b>Local Community Networks</b>   |        |         |          |
| 8.334       | Disappointment noted in the continued lack of sufficient admin and any action.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>9.</b>   | <b>Council Reports</b>  |        |         |          |
| <b>9a.</b>  | <b>Road Issues</b>  |        |         |          |
| <b>9a1.</b> | <b>Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)</b>  |        |         |          |
| 9a1.335     | Clerk to send Frome Town Clerk contact details to IB to discuss use of Repeater devices as the current devices do have an impact.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>9a2.</b> | <b>Community Speedwatch (CSW)</b>   |        |         |          |
| 9a2.336     | 10 sessions completed in November, 7 in December, 1 Police bike.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 9a2.337     | Clerk to continue liasing with PCC office for potential short roadside visit.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>9b.</b>  | <b>Village Hall</b>   |        |         |          |
| 9b.338      | No report.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>9c.</b>  | <b>Playing Fields</b>   |        |         |          |
| 9c.339      | Quotes received for Tree survey to be presented at next meeting.  | SH     | 16Jan25 | ongoing  |
| <b>9d.</b>  | <b>Frome Missing Link</b>   |        |         |          |
| 9d.340      | Nothing further to report.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>9e.</b>  | <b>Parish Plan</b>  |        |         |          |
| 9e.341      | Clerk to circulate to BDPC Information for Co-ordinators of Village Community Groups briefing note.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>9e1.</b> | <b>Affordable housing plan</b>  |        |         |          |
| 9e1.342     | No report. Put on next agenda.  | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>10.</b>  | <b>Parish Clerk</b>   |        |         |          |
| <b>10a.</b> | <b>SC trees St Michaels Close</b>   |        |         |          |
| 10a.343     | Report sent, Clerk to follow up and report at next meeting.   | DS     | 16Jan25 | ongoing  |
| <b>10b.</b> | <b>Recruitment of a Councillor</b>  |        |         |          |
| 10b.344     | Please invite interested parties to a meeting.  | All    | 16Jan25 | ongoing  |
| <b>10c.</b> | <b>Flooding</b>   |        |         |          |
| 10c.345     | Flooding and Risk to Homes continues at Riverside Cottage, Bethel Place and adjacent properties due to insufficient drains, lack of gullies, lack of road sweeping causing build up of vegetation blocking covers.                                  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 10c.346     | Significant surface water also continues to be a Village wide problem, risk of black ice, flash floods due to abundant natural Springs in our area. Resolutions up, down stream and surrounds need to be comprehensively addressed by all agencies. | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 10c.347     | Noted that Rotary Club have grants available to Councils.   | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 10c.348     | Clerk to investigate a Freedom of Information request regarding when road sweeping was last carried out.  | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| 10c.349     | Clerk to draft and send another letter to all agencies about insufficient infrastructure and maintenance.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| 10c.350     | IB to investigate an emergency grab bag, submersible pump.  | IB     | 16Jan25 | ongoing  |
| 10c.351     | Clerk to circulate to BDPC, the FWAG report of May24. Completed.  | DS     | 19Dec24 | y        |
| <b>10d.</b> | <b>Website</b>  |        |         |          |
| 10d.352     | J Stauber reports that as part of the website update, he has investigated the .gov.uk options. If the website domain is .gov.uk it must have some reference to the Council in the name. The Comms group were reluctant for this convention.         | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 10d.353     | Discussion regarding groups, Council working together for the Community.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 10d.354     | The new website will continue to be called BucklandDinham.org hosting Village and Council pages.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |

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| <b>10d.</b> | <b>Website (cont.)</b>  |        |         |          |
| 10d.355     | There will be a new domain such as BucklandDinhampc.gov.uk for all email addresses.   | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 10d.356     | J Stauber to make final Approved Registrar decision within budget, begin the process of migration and registration of new domain.   | JS, DS | 16Jan25 | ongoing  |
| <b>10e.</b> | <b>Defibrillator</b>  |        |         |          |
| 10e.357     | IB reports on much investigation into buying another device. This has now stalled as no suitable location has yet been identified.  | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>11.</b>  | <b>Planning Matters</b>   |        |         |          |
| <b>11a.</b> | <b>Updates - sent</b>   |        |         |          |
| 11a.358     | Council were asked for comment on revised 2024/1469/hse Glebe House garage application.   | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| 11a.359     | Clerk had drafted a response, approved, considerations of height to be added then response submitted.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>11b.</b> | <b>2024/1910/HSE Swallow Barn</b>   |        |         |          |
| 11b.360     | No objection, Clerk to submit response.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>11c.</b> | <b>2024/1985/TCA 3 Court Barn – information only</b>  |        |         |          |
| 11c.361     | No objection.   | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>11d.</b> | <b>2024/1996/LBC Glebe House</b>  |        |         |          |
| 11d.362     | Clerk to respond that BDPC request site visit from Listing Buildings and Conservation officers to confirm due consideration is given to the building during required modernisation. | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| 11d.363     | No objection.   | none   | n/a     | n/a      |
| <b>11e.</b> | <b>2024/2115/FUL Charltons</b>  |        |         |          |
| 114.364     | No objection, Clerk to submit response.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| <b>12.</b>  | <b>Dates of Next Meetings</b>   | All    | 29Feb24 | ongoing  |
| <b>12a.</b> | <b>28th Aug/4th Sep 2025</b>  |        |         |          |
| 12a.365     | 28th August selected. Clerk to confirm VH availability.   | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
| 12a.366     | Clerk to propose more dates for end of 2025.  | DS     | 19Dec24 | ongoing  |
|             | <b>Thursday 16Jan2025 7pm Village Hall</b>  |        |         |          |
|             | 16Jan2025, 27Feb2025, 10Apr2025, 22May2025, 3Jul2025.   |        |         |          |
|             |   |        |         |          |
|             | <b>JR closed Meeting at 21.30. Thank you.</b>   |        |         |          |
|             |   |        |         |          |
|             | 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, J Stauber, John Stauber   |        |         |          |