

Buckland Dinham Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 7th May 2026

Present	Cllrs: JR, AK, SH, SB, IB, EK	Meeting opened 19:00, closed 19:05.		
In Attendance	Clerk DS, Barry Clarke	Opened 19:06 following Open Forum		
	It is noted that the Chair opened the meeting while the Clerk was still setting out tables and chairs. Requested to wait.			
	It is noted that item 4 was brought forward to be discussed at the beginning of the meeting.			
	It is noted that Cllr EK left the meeting at 19:05, following item 4.			
	It is noted that Cllr SB joined the meeting at 20:00, at the start of item 11.			
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved
1.	Election of Chair			
1.001	Current Chair, John Reckless stood down.	JR	7May2026	y
1.002	Vice Chair, AK proposed, all agreed.	AK	7May2026	y
1.003	Declaration form signed.	JR, DS	7May2026	y
2.	Election of Vice Chair			
2.004	Vice Chair, Alan King wished to step down.	AK	7May2026	y
2.005	Ian Blair proposed as Vice Chair with AK as second VC, all agreed.	IB, AK	7May2026	y
3.	Public Forum			
3.006	None.	none	n/a	n/a
4.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons			
4.007	EK presented apologies, Council resolved to accept.	none	7May2026	y
5.	Declarations of Interest			
5.008	It is noted that any participant will be requested to leave the room during discussion of any item they have declared an interest in.	none	7May2026	y
6.	Exclusion of the Press and Public			
6.009	None.	none	7May2026	n/a
7.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting			
	To confirm or amend, sign as correct record the minutes of Buckland Dinham Full Council held 26th March 2026.			
7.010	It is noted that the minutes were manually amended to state that DS left the room during discussion of item 11c.	none	7May2026	n/a
7.011	Accepted, signed by JR and IB re above.	signed	7May2026	y
8.	Chair's Announcements			
8.012	Chair distributed the map with discussion points used for the recent meeting with Charlie Higgins and Stewart Sheldon, Highways.	none	n/a	n/a
8.013	There are several notes and points to follow up.	JR, DS	11Jun2026	n/a
9.	Local Authority Reports			
9a.	Avon and Somerset Police			
9a.014	Report received and noted.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke			
9b.015	Report received and noted.	none	26Mar2026	n/a
9b.016	Clerk to send outstanding enforcement issues to BC. They are Hoopers Lodge and the Macmillan Way footpath at Swallows Barn.	DS	8May2026	ongoing
10.	Finance			
10a.	APM/AVG			
10a.017	None received, Clerk to follow up.	DS	11Jun2026	ongoing

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	Comment			
	Finance (cont.)			
10b.	Donations			
10b.018	Village Hall and Playing Field donations are moved into Operating cost budget line as long as there is a Parish Council in receipt of the annual precept.	DS	8May2026	y
10b.019	Clerk to pay donations approved in the budget to VH, PFA (not maintenance), Churchyard Maintenance, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Friends of Frome Hospital (Defibrillator).	DS	8May2026	y
10b.020	Clerk to check deeds, documents re the legal standing of the VH and PF, responsibilities, liabilities, insurance, maintenance of boundaries.	DS	11Jun2026	ongoing
11.	Local Community Network			
11.021	Highways committee has potential but other issues remain.	none	n/a	n/a
12.	Council Reports			
12a.	Village Hall			
12a.022	Report received and noted.	none	n/a	n/a
12a.023	AGM due 21st May 2026. Team needs volunteers.	none	n/a	n/a
12b.	Playing Fields			
12b.024	Report received and noted.	none	n/a	n/a
12b.025	Clean up event on 16th May 2026. Team needs volunteers.	none	n/a	n/a
12c.	SALC/FML			
12c.026	SALC/FML content with report submitted.	none	n/a	n/a
13.	Parish Clerk			
13a.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
13a.027	Clerk working with John Stauber on new ad for website.	DS	11Jun2026	ongoing
13a.028	Disorganised discussion about how to recruit with no plan forthcoming.	All	11Jun2026	ongoing
13a.029	It is noted that the Council require one Councillor but likely that another will be required later in the year.	none	n/a	n/a
13b.	Flooding			
13b.030	No update.	EK, All	11Jun2026	ongoing
13d.	Village Emergency Plan			
13d.031	It is noted that 13d. has been used instead of 13c.	none	n/a	n/a
13d.032	No feedback or progress. AK and IB to progress.	AK, IB	11Jun2026	ongoing
13d.033	Clerk to forward the draft to Chris Durlacher.	DS	8May2026	ongoing
13d.034	If the draft is on the website, Clerk to request removal.	DS	8May2026	ongoing
14.	Planning Matters			
14a.	Updates			
14a.035	None.	none	n/a	n/a
14b.	Hoopers Lodge			
14b.036	Clerk to forward five items of correspondence to Trevor Short, copying Barry Clarke and Philip Ham.	DS	11May2026	ongoing
14b.037	In the above, request a site visit.	DS	11May2026	ongoing
14b.038	Clerk to request an agenda item be added to the 2Jun2026 Somerset planning meeting.	DS	11May2026	ongoing

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	Comment			
	Planning (cont.)			
14c.	2026/0608/HSE Oak Cottage, Lower St			
14c.039	No objection. Clerk to respond.	DS	8May2026	y
14c.040	Clerk to add policy update item to the next meeting agenda.	DS	29May2026	ongoing
14d.	2026/0684/TCA Fountain Inn			
14d.041	Courtesy notice, no action.	none	n/a	n/a
14e.	2026/0691/TCA Glebe House			
14e.042	Courtesy notice, no action.	none	n/a	n/a
15.	Date of next meetings			
15.043	Thursday 11th June 2026 7pm Village Hall	All	11Jun2026	y
	JR closed the Meeting at 20:40. 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			