

Buckland Dinham Parish Council - Meeting Minutes - 12th September 2024

Present	Cllrs: JR, AK, SB, EK	Meeting Opened 19.05			
In Attendance	Cllr Kemp joined the meeting at item 4. Clerk DS.				
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved	
0.	Public Forum				
	None.	none	n/a	n/a	
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons				
1.201	SH, IB, B Clarke.	none	12Sep24	y	
2.	Declarations of Interest				
2.202	Cllr SB is a near neighbour pertaining to 11a.	none	12Sep24	y	
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public				
3.203	None.	none	n/a	n/a	
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting				
4.204	Minutes of 01Aug2024 accepted, signed by JR, AK.	signed	12Sep24	y	
5.	Chair's Announcements				
5.205	A change of route of a footpath was reported to SC and a closed issue email received. However, it appears that the official route of the footpath has been changed without consultation.	none	n/a	n/a	
5.206	Clerk and EK to walk the route to gather information.	DS, EK	24Oct24	ongoing	
5.207	Clerk and AK to discuss route, what is needed.	DS, AK	24Oct24	ongoing	
5.208	Clerk to draft a response to SC.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing	
5.209	Nataliya Wills, Vale of Frome LCN Link Officer had proposed a meeting about the Highways working group but there has been no further contact.	none	n/a	n/a	
5.210	JR to follow up.	JR	24Oct24	ongoing	
5.211	JR attended the SC Emergency Planning meeting.	none	n/a	n/a	
5.212	Rotary visited EK and recognised the vulnerability of her home, providing several items to assist with her flood resilience.	none	n/a	n/a	
5.213	Clerk to publicise Rotary flood information on FB and noticeboards.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing	
5.214	Following an advisory phone call about a scheduled power cut on 28th August 2024, JR complained as no written notice had been received to confirm. He has received a small amount of compensation. Others may wish to do the same if they were affected.	none	n/a	n/a	
5.215	Clerk to provide SC decisions on planning applications that have been presented to BDPC.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing	
6.	Local Authority Reports				
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police				
6a.216	Nothing to report.	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke				
6b.217	Cllr Clarke issued a County news summary report for September prior to the meeting and an email update, circulated.	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.218	Clerk to discuss the SC consultation on Council Tax discount reduction with B Clarke.	DS	23Sep24	ongoing	
6b.219	The Consultation concludes on 1st October 2024.	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.220	Clerk to draft a response to SC following 6b.218.	DS	23Sep24	ongoing	
6b.221	Clerk to draft a note to Anna Sabine, MP about the voting rules.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing	
7.	Finance				
7a.	Approve or not Clerk's salary 27Aug-21Oct2024 (8weeks) £538.				
7a.222	Approved.	DS	24Oct24	y	
7b.	Approve or not renewal of Parish Online subscription £54 to 5Aug2025				
7b.223	Approved.	DS	21Sep24	y	

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7c.	Reserves			
7c.224	Clerk reports that there are reasonable Reserves. Will provide a factual report as confirmation.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
8.	Local Community Networks			
8a.	Enhanced Highway Maintenance Pilot			
8a.225	Deferred to follow Parish Plan priorities meeting on 18Sep24.	SB, JR	24Oct24	ongoing
9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Road Issues			
9a1.	SIDs			
9a1i.226	Thanks to IB for a comprehensive comparison table of laptop costs and to Richard Donkin for additional analysis.	none	n/a	n/a
9a1i.227	Cost of £242.99 approved. Clerk to purchase. Done.	DS	16Sep24	y
9a2.	CSW			
9a2.228	7 sessions completed in August, thanks to all the team.	none	n/a	n/a
9a2.229	SB requested a written Traffic summary be prepared for the PP meeting on 18Sep24. Done.	DS	18Sep24	y
9a3.	Village and speed signs obscured, reported – vegetation has been cut back by SC			
9a3.230	Some vegetation has been cut back but more is required. Clerk has reported.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
9b.	Village Hall			
9b.231	Smart meter fitted on 19th August 2024.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.232	Emergency lighting test completed 12th August 2024.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.233	Richard and Vee, residents of St Michaels Close have taken on responsibility for the allotment area of the garden. They are clearing, preparing the area for planting vegetables.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.234	Matt Snelgrove is booked to carefully prune the Millenium garden shrubs to reveal the view and the shrubs at the front of the Hall.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.235	Richard and Vee have agreed to maintain the front of Hall shrubs after the attention from Matt.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.	Playing Fields			
9c.236	Rota and mower continue to work well.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.237	Balance bar needs to be secured, urgently.	SH	24Oct24	ongoing
9c.238	RoSPA Report received, to be discussed at next meeting.	SH	24Oct24	ongoing
9c.239	Mowing volunteers have taken on extra tasks to tidy path to stile, cut brambles, wild roses, nettles which are large and leaning into the path.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.240	No update on grant funding for the new fence.	SH	24Oct24	ongoing
9c.241	No response from W Phippen about clearing the area behind the fence or whether BDPFA can do it themselves.	SH	24Oct24	ongoing
9d.	Frome Missing Link			
9d.242	Additional funding has been received. This needs to be used before April. It should provide tarmac from BD bridge to the Elliots.	none	n/a	n/a
9d.243	The final section remains difficult, no solutions so far.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.	Parish Plan			
9e.244	A limited number of printed copies of the Plan are imminent.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.245	The priority discussion meeting will be held on 18Sep2024.	SB	24Oct24	ongoing
9e.246	Debrief and preparation of plans will follow.	SB	24Oct24	ongoing
7c.	Village and Community website			
7c.247	John Stauber has been learning WordPress by building a replica website, at his own cost.	none	n/a	n/a
7c.248	Awaiting answers to questions to Stellasoft.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
7c.249	Clerk to collate information and send to Cllrs.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing

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7c.	Village and Community website (cont.)			
7c.250	John Stauber approved to access a new email website@bucklanddinham.org and have admin access to the website for development purposes.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	Trees in Somerset owned land in St Michael's Close – agenda place holder, no update			
10b.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10b.251	Clerk to send words to EK.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
10c.	Flooding			
10c.252	EK has reported that the kerb at Bethel Place is too low. It has not been reinstated correctly. Water is sitting in the road causing wall erosion, traffic taking dangerous evasive action.	EK	24Oct24	ongoing
10d.	Public Nuisance			
10d.253	Clerk to send photos of residents rubbish bins on pavements to SB.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
10e.	Bins – grit, dog, rubbish			
10e.254	Clerk responded to information request from SC about location and ownership. This has been added to the Asset Register for future reference.	none	n/a	n/a
10f.	Recycling bins			
10f.255	Response received and circulated to SH complaint regarding bins being broken, discarded along the roadside during collections.	none	n/a	n/a
10g.	Solar panels			
10g.256	Clerk searching documents to see what Council's position has been previously and what the current guidance is from SC.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
10h.	Blind House – repairs			
10h.257	JR reports that repairs will be required.	none	n/a	n/a
10h.258	Clerk to contact Andy Cray to request a quote.	DS	24Oct24	ongoing
11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	2024/1408/FUL Erection of temporary custom build agricultural dwelling			
11a.259	No Objection.	DS	19Sep24	y
11b.	2024/1469/HSE Glebe House			
11b.260	Clerk to draft BDPC response to include conditions on use.	DS	23Sep24	ongoing
12.	Dates of Next Meetings	All	29Feb24	ongoing
	Thursday 24Oct2024 7pm Village Hall			
	5Dec2024, 16Jan2025, 27Feb2025, 10Apr2025, 22May2025, 3Jul2025.			
	JR closed Meeting at 20.50. 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, JS, John Stauber			