

Buckland Dinham Parish Council - Meeting Minutes - 16th January 2025

Present	Cllrs: JR, SH, SB	Meeting Opened 19.00			
In Attendance	Cllr B Clarke. Clerk DS.				
	Comment	Action	Date	Resolved	
0.	Public Forum				
	None.	none	n/a	n/a	
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons				
1.367	AK, IB, EK	none	16Jan25	y	
2.	Declarations of Interest				
2.368	None.	none	n/a	y	
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public				
3.369	None.	none	n/a	n/a	
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting				
4.370	Minutes of 19December2024 accepted, signed by JR	signed	16Jan25	y	
5.	Chair's Announcements				
5.371	Chair noted that Bo Walsh, Tree and Woodland Officer - (Planning - East) is leaving his post to join the Dorset service. Bo advises BDPC to continue contact with the Highways Tree team to action pruning of two trees in St Michaels Close.	none	n/a	n/a	
6.	Local Authority Reports				
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police				
6a.372	None received.	none	n/a	n/a	
6a.373	Community engagement activities are under review by Frome NPT due to staff illness, priorities.	none	n/a	n/a	
6a.374	It is noted that continuity of contact will be maintained due to the high level of csw activity and commitment from Frome Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke				
6b.375	Cllr Clarke reminds all of the current consultations, some close soon: 2026-27 Admission arrangements for Somerset Council - 20th January Somerset Business Survey – 24th January Public Space Protection Order - 17th February	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.376	https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.377	Cllr B Clarke reminded the meeting that there is a hardship fund available and to let residents know as it is due to cease at the end of March 2025.	All	n/a	n/a	
6b.378	Leaflets about the hardship fund to be left in the Village Hall, taken to the next coffee morning, lunch club.	none	n/a	n/a	
6b.379	Clerk to put hardship fund message on Clerk and Village facebook page, website.	DS	18Jan25	y	
6b1.	Boundary Commission Changes				
6b.380	https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset	All	20Jan25	ongoing	
6b.381	Clerk to draft and send email letter to the Boundary Commission expressing BDPC view.	DS	20Jan25	ongoing	
7.	Finance				
7a.	Approve or not budget for Precept				
7a.382	Approved.	All	16Jan25	y	
7a.383	Clerk to complete Precept request.	DS	31Jan25	ongoing	
8.	Local Community Networks				
8.384	A great deal of dissatisfaction is noted about the continued poor performance of the Vale of Frome LCN.	none	n/a	n/a	
8.385	Review SC constitution pertaining to the LCNs to see if there is a way to improve productivity.	JR, SB	27Feb25	ongoing	

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9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Road Issues			
9a1.	Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)			
9a1.386	Alternating pattern of active signage continues.	none	n/a	n/a
9a2.	Community Speedwatch (CSW)			
9a2.387	5 sessions completed in January so far, 3 more booked, 1 police bike attendance.	none	n/a	n/a
9a2.388	Despite A&S Police numbers of staff challenges, BD enjoys continued coverage due to the data collected by csw showing continuing speeding resulting in many fines, points for drivers. We hope this reduces the overall speed of the traffic.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.	Village Hall			
9b.389	Online booking system will go live by the end of January.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.	Playing Fields			
9c1.	Tree Survey			
9c1.390	Quotes discussed for Tree survey of playing field and Village Hall garden. Appoint and proceed.	SH	27Feb25	ongoing
9c1.391	Quote to be sent to Clerk for record and payment when due.	SH	27Feb25	ongoing
9d.	Frome Missing Link			
9d.392	No report.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.	Parish Plan			
9e.393	Officially, the PP has been completed and the team disbanded.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.394	Clerk to circulate to BDPC Information for Co-ordinators of Village Community Groups briefing note.	DS	17Jan25	ongoing
9e.395	Email letter already approved to SC requesting letters be sent to all residents regarding refuse bins blocking pavements, requirement for all bins to be removed from the Highway. Some residents may have approval for bins to remain due to inaccessibility.	DS	27Feb25	ongoing
9e.396	As above re dog fouling.	SB	27Feb25	ongoing
9e1.	Affordable housing plan			
9e1.397	Community Council for Somerset representative to be invited to the next meeting to discuss opportunities for affordable local housing for local people, rural exception sites and a potential housing needs survey.	SB	27Feb25	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	SC trees St Michaels Close			
10a.398	Response to complaint received. Clerk to collate Cllr responses, draft response.	DS	20Jan25	ongoing
10b.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10b.399	Awareness ongoing.	All	27Feb25	ongoing
10c.	Flooding			
10c.400	Action restated as not completed. Clerk to draft and send another letter to all agencies about insufficient infrastructure and maintenance.	DS	27Feb25	ongoing
10c.401	Investigate potential free training for Highway safe working for residents to be insured when completing emergency assistance for example during flooding.	SB	27Feb25	ongoing
10d.	Website			
10d.402	Approved JohnS to appoint Hugo Fox to host bucklanddinham.org	DS	17Jan25	y
10d.403	.gov emails have been sent to All. Some assistance required to set up.	DS	27Feb25	ongoing

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10e.	Village Gathering Agenda			
10e.404	In progress.	SB, SH	27Feb25	ongoing
11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	Updates - sent			
11a.405	Highlight rural exceptions opportunity.	DS	27Feb25	ongoing
11b.	2024/2275/HSE Mount Pleasant Farm			
11b.406	Clerk to draft response and submit when agreed. Urgent, consultation extension is 24Jan2025.	DS	18Jan25	ongoing
11b.407	Queries regarding apparently temporary buildings in use where planning permission may be needed. To be reviewed.	JR	27Feb25	ongoing
11c.	2024/2279/HSE 7 Rogers Close			
11c.408	Clerk to draft response and submit when agreed. Urgent, consultation expires 29Jan2025.	DS	18Jan25	ongoing
12.	Dates of Next Meetings	All	29Feb24	ongoing
12a.	2025 16th Oct, 27th Nov, 2026 8th Jan, 19th Feb, 26th Mar, 7th May, 18th Jun, 30th Jul, 10th Sep, 22nd Oct, 10th Dec.			
12a.409	Agreed.	All	n/a	n/a
	JR closed Meeting at 21.30. 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, J Stauber, John Stauber			