

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

Present	Cllrs: JR, EK, IB	Meeting Opened 19.05			
In Attendance	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.				
	Comment		Action	Date	Resolved
0.	Public Forum				
	None.		none	n/a	n/a
1.	Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons				
1.315	SB, SH, AK		none	19Dec24	y
2.	Declarations of Interest				
2.316	None.		none	n/a	y
3.	Exclusion of the Press and Public				
3.317	None.		none	n/a	n/a
4.	Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting				
4.318	Minutes of 24October2024 accepted, signed by JR		signed	19Dec24	y
5.	Chair's Announcements				
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	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/676028c9cfbf84c3b2bcfa57/English_Devolution_White_Paper_Web_Accessible.pdf https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/revised-expression-of-interest-in-devolution-by-dorset-somerset-and-wiltshire-councils/		none	n/a	n/a
6.	Local Authority Reports				
6a.	Avon and Somerset Police				
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
6b.	Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke				
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
7.	Finance				
7a.	Approve or not Clerk's salary 19th Nov-13thJan2025 (8weeks) £538				
7a.327	Approved.		DS	19Dec24	y
7b.	Consider Clerk salary approval for longer intervals				
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
7c.	Approve or not £105 training with SALC (Chair, Cllr essentials and audit from 2023)				
7c.330	Approved.		DS	19Dec24	y
7d.	Consider budget for Precept				
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
7e.	Approve or not two invoices for Postscript totalling £205.56				
7e.333	Approved.		DS	19Dec24	y

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8.	Local Community Networks			
8.334	Disappointment noted in the continued lack of sufficient admin and any action.	none	n/a	n/a
9.	Council Reports			
9a.	Road Issues			
9a1.	Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)			
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
9a2.	Community Speedwatch (CSW)			
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
9b.	Village Hall			
9b.338	No report.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.	Playing Fields			
9c.339	Quotes received for Tree survey to be presented at next meeting.	SH	16Jan25	ongoing
9d.	Frome Missing Link			
9d.340	Nothing further to report.	none	n/a	n/a
9e.	Parish Plan			
9e.341	Clerk to circulate to BDPC Information for Co-ordinators of Village Community Groups briefing note.	DS	19Dec24	ongoing
9e1.	Affordable housing plan			
9e1.342	No report. Put on next agenda.	DS	19Dec24	ongoing
10.	Parish Clerk			
10a.	SC trees St Michaels Close			
10a.343	Report sent, Clerk to follow up and report at next meeting.	DS	16Jan25	ongoing
10b.	Recruitment of a Councillor			
10b.344	Please invite interested parties to a meeting.	All	16Jan25	ongoing
10c.	Flooding			
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
10d.	Website			
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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10d.	Website (cont.)			
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
10e.	Defibrillator			
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
11.	Planning Matters			
11a.	Updates - sent			
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
11b.	2024/1910/HSE Swallow Barn			
11b.360	No objection, Clerk to submit response.	DS	19Dec24	ongoing
11c.	2024/1985/TCA 3 Court Barn – information only			
11c.361	No objection.	none	n/a	n/a
11d.	2024/1996/LBC Glebe House			
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
11e.	2024/2115/FUL Charltons			
114.364	No objection, Clerk to submit response.	DS	19Dec24	ongoing
12.	Dates of Next Meetings	All	29Feb24	ongoing
12a.	28th Aug/4th Sep 2025			
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
	Thursday 16Jan2025 7pm Village Hall			
	16Jan2025, 27Feb2025, 10Apr2025, 22May2025, 3Jul2025.			
	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			