

# Buckland Dinham Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes - 8th January 2026

<b>Present</b>	<b>Cllrs: JR, AK, IB</b>	Meeting opened 19:15		
<b>In Attendance</b>	Clerk DS.	following Open Forum		
	It is noted that items 11a-d were discussed following item 8. BClarke then left the meeting.			
	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
<b>0.</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>			
	Continuing concerns were raised again concerning planning permission compliance pertaining to item 11b.	none	n/a	n/a
	BClarke suggested a contact name.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence, consideration of reasons</b>			
1.279	Apologies EK, SB, SH	none	08Jan2026	y
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>			
2.280	None.	none	08Jan2026	y
<b>3.</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b>			
3.281	None.	none	08Jan2026	y
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Full Council, previous Meeting</b>			
4.282	Minutes of 27th November 2025 accepted, signed by JR	signed	08Jan2026	y
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chair's Announcements</b>			
5a.283	None.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>6.</b>	<b>Local Authority Reports</b>			
<b>6a.</b>	<b>Avon and Somerset Police</b>			
6a.284	Report received and noted.	none	08Jan2026	n/a
<b>6b.</b>	<b>Somerset Council (SC) - Cllr Barry Clarke</b>			
6b.285	Report received and noted.	none	08Jan2026	n/a
6b.286	Councils wait on the Central Government settlement figures.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.287	The Precept will be paid in 2 parts in 2026-27 to BDPC from SC. As these funds are from Central Government, the status of SC finances should not impact receipt.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.288	It is noted that two more Planning Enforcement Officers have been appointed.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.289	Bill Cotton is in post as Head of Planning. Alison Blom-Cooper is still in post likely Chief Planning Officer.	none	n/a	n/a
6b.290	Clerk to forward SALC FML grant application to BC for information. Done.	DS	19Feb2026	n/a
<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance</b>			
<b>7a.</b>	<b>Further discussion on budget if required</b>			
7a.291	2026-27 budget approved.	none	08Jan2026	y
7a.292	It is noted that the Clerk performance and salary review meeting was concluded with JR and AK on 6th January 2026.	none	n/a	n/a
7a.293	It is agreed that the Clerk's hours will increase by one hour per week to 6 with immediate effect.	none	n/a	n/a
7a.294	The Clerk salary line item has been increased to account for an expected rate increase and the additional hour.	none	n/a	n/a
7a.295	There will be Clerk admin needed for the SALC FML project. An estimate of 21 hours was proffered and approved to be paid from the grant.	none	8Jan2026	y
7a.296	The Clerk must keep good time records for BDPC and SALC FML work.	DS	19Feb2026	y
<b>7b.</b>	<b>Approve or not, Clerk's salary. Next approval date 30th July 2026</b>			
7b.297	Approved.	none	8Jan2026	y

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<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance (Cont.)</b>			
7c.	Approve or not, renewal of .gov email hosting with current provider <b>Cloud Next, same price</b>			
7c.298	Approved.	none	8Jan2026	y
7d.	Approve or not, renewal of domain hosting with current provider <b>Hugo Fox, checking price</b>			
7d.299	Approved. Same price.	none	8Jan2026	y
<b>8.</b>	<b>Local Community Network</b>			
8.300	No update.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>9.</b>	<b>Council Reports</b>			
9a.	<b>Village Hall</b>			
9a.301	Report received and noted.	none	n/a	n/a
9a.302	Discussions will continue at the next meeting in February 2026 about whether to repair or replace the kitchen.	none	n/a	ongoing
9b.	<b>Playing Fields</b>			
9b.303	Work has ceased during winter weather.	none	n/a	n/a
9b.304	AGM 4th March 2026.	none	n/a	n/a
9c.	<b>Housing Needs Survey</b>			
9c.305	No update, add to next agenda.	none	n/a	n/a
9d.	<b>SALC/FML</b>			
9d.306	Awaiting next steps before publishing extensively.	JR	19Feb2026	ongoing
<b>10.</b>	<b>Parish Clerk</b>			
10a.	<b>Recruitment of a Councillor</b>			
10a.307	No progress. Job advert is online.	All	19Feb2026	ongoing
10b.	<b>Flooding</b>			
10b.308	No update.	EK	19Feb2026	ongoing
10b.309	A resident has been provided with additional supplies by the Rotary Club.	none	n/a	n/a
10c.	<b>Village Emergency Plan</b>			
10c.310	Discussion and additional thanks to IB for this document.	none	n/a	n/a
10c.311	IB to attend Village group meetings to advertise and discuss the plan and input needed. All to do the same with as many residents as possible.	All	19Feb2026	ongoing
10c.312	JR to discuss with The Bell.	JR	19Feb2026	ongoing
10d.	<b>EV Charging point</b>			
10d.313	JR to discuss with The Bell.	JR	19Feb2026	ongoing
10d.314	Clerk to resend information to The Bell about the scheme.	DS	19Feb2026	ongoing
10e.	<b>Boundary Consultation</b>			
10e.315	No action.	none	n/a	n/a
<b>11.</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>			
11a.	<b>Updates</b>			
11a.316	None.	none	n/a	n/a
11b.	<b>Hoopers Lodge</b>			
11b.317	Clerk to draft letter to reflect BDPC discussions and requests.	DS	19Feb2026	ongoing
11c.	<b>2025/2200/HSE Glebe House garage</b>			
11c.318	No objection.	none	n/a	y

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Planning Matters (Cont.)</b>			
<b>11d.</b>	<b>2024/1591/OUT Land at Sands Cross appeal</b>			
11d.319	No further comment.	none	n/a	y
<b>11e.</b>	<b>2025/2311/HSE Glebe House internal and exterior alterations</b>			
11d.320	Restate that BDPC are content for the Conservation Officer to review changes are appropriate.	none	n/a	y
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>			
12.321	19th February 2026	All	19Feb2026	y
	JR closed the Meeting at 21:40. 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			