

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 8th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington .

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair), Bruckner , Cox , Humphreys , Meek and Warren
Outgoing Clerk - Karen Gilbert / Incoming Clerk - Carol Retallick
Dist/County Cllr Rogers

The Chairman introduced Carol Retallick as the new Clerk to Bickington Parish Council and thanked her for offering her services . He also thanked the outgoing Clerk for all her hard work over the last 16 years - and presented her with a gift from all the Councillors in recognition

25/09/01 - Apologies - Dist Cllrs Nutley and Major

25/09/02 - Declaration of Interests - None

Standing orders were suspended

25/09/03 Public participation - NONE

25/09/04 County Cllr reports

Cllr Rogers gave a detailed report on the Financial constraints at both District and County - and assured the Council that he was making suitable enquiries at both levels with regard to the impact alongside the Local Government Review . He commented that the Local Government review will make huge differences at Parish/Town level and encouraged Bickington to make sure it was prepared . Cllr Rogers also asked the the Council ensures that those without the benefit of digital connection are made aware of the financial assistance available from Teignbridge with regard to the current cost of living crisis

Cllr Rogers left the Meeting

Standing Orders were re-instated

25/09/05 - Minutes of June 2025 meeting

The Minutes from the Bickington Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 2025 were approved and signed

25/09/06 PC Admin

To note the need to review the Council Policies - deferred to October 2025 - **NOTED**

To note the increase in salary by 3.2% backdated to April 2025 - **NOTED**

To note the resignation of the Clerk - 30th September 2025 - **NOTED**

To note the employment of a new Clerk from 1st September 2025

It was confirmed that the Council had employed Carol Retallick as Clerk/ RFO

To consider whether the Council wishes to pay Hall rental in advance -

It was **AGREED** that the hall rental be paid in advance

To note the need for a new website and dedicated email addresses for the Clerk/Councillors

ACTION ; NEW CLERK TO MAKE SUITABLE ENQUIRIES

To agree to the purchase of a new laptop for New Clerk

Cllr Rogers offered to either source a reconditioned model or offer a Devon Locality grant for £600 towards the provision of a new laptop . The Council thanked him for this generous offer

ACTION ; NEW CLERK/CHAIR TO MAKE SUITABLE ENQUIRIES

To consider a quote for the Noticeboard at £395

ACTION ; NEW CLERK/CHAIR TO CONSIDER PROCESS REGARDING NOTICEBOARD

Sergeant Ryan Cook , the new Police Neighbourhood Team Leader (NTL) joined the meeting to update the Council on Policing matters within the Parish . The Council thanked him - and PCSO Tamzin Campbell-Moseley and Neighbourhood Beat Manager Claire Hurrell for sending through monthly updates

25/09/07- Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that she had continued to chase Devon PROW regarding the new gate / wobbly fence at footpath number 2 . Cllr Humphreys confirmed that it had now been made safe

25/09/08 - Finance

a) Approval of cheques - APPROVED

KAREN GILBERT - BACK PAY AND 3 WEEKS HOL PAY	£484.44
KAREN GILBERT. EXPENSES JUL - SEPT	£179.25
KAREN GILBERT REIMBURSE JULY EMP NI	£19.62
HMRC EMP NI AUG / SEPT	£39.24

b) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies

The new Clerk offered to liaise with the CIL Officer at Teignbridge to enquire about several options

c) Teignbridge District Council's draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging

Schedule - Examination **NOTED**

d) To note no comments / queries on Intermediate External Audit NOTED

25/09/09 - Planning

Application for a Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (c) and paragraph W of the GDPO for change of use of an agricultural building to one dwelling Show more description East Burne Farm Bickington Devon TQ126PA

Ref. No: 25/01283/NPA |**NOTED**

b) General Enforcement matters

Various enforcement matters were discussed at length - there being no Public present

It was **NOTED** that no update had been received since 10th June - despite several chaser emails from the Clerk

c) CONSULTATION Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 Main Modifications

Consultation opens 30th July until noon on 1st October 2025. Emailed to all 29/7/25

The Clerk confirmed that she had delivered the hard copy to the Hall in August

NO comment was made at this meeting

25/09/10- To receive reports on

- a) **Bickington Village Hall.** - Nothing of note
- b) **Highway matters** - None of note

The Parishioners should use the following link to report any Highway issue

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem>

- c) **DNPA MATTERS** - It was **NOTED** that a New temporary Ranger , Ethan Parsons was standing in for Stuart Hooppell . No further update had been received from Teignbridge regarding the fly tipping or DNPA regarding the proposed arrangements
- d) **Footpaths - Nothing to report**

25/09/11 - CORRESPONDENCE

No other correspondence required major debate - copies having been emailed to Cllrs in advance

25/09/12 Matters for future agenda - CIL / Enforcement

25/09/13 Date of next meeting. - 13th October 2025

25/09/15.The Council RESOLVED that in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies. (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the agenda item 16 owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

25/09/16

Various staffing matters were discussed

It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Bruckner and Humphreys would prepare a contract for the New Clerk

There being no further business , the Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed..... Dated

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