

# BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington.**

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair), Cox, Humphreys, Meek and Warren  
Clerk - Carol Retallick, Dist./County Cllr Rogers, Cllr Nutley

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2025/12/01 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Received from Mrs Gilbert, Cllr L Bruckner, J Major. Cllr Rogers will attend later

### **2025/12/02. Declarations of Interest / dispensations**

None declared

The Council will adjourn for the following business

**2025/12/03. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - A period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for members of the Public to ask questions or make any comment regarding the work of the Council or items on the agenda

Nothing to report

### **2025/12/04 To receive County and District Councillor reports**

Cllr Nutley – has sent a report which has been circulated to all the councillors.

Cllr Rogers Sharing the Ofsted report is important.

Ofsted praises our progress for care leavers - Inside Devon - news

Devon County Council is asking for foster carers to come forward.

The sad reality is for their own safety and safeguarding Children have to place in Devon County Council social services care.

The sad reality is that vulnerable children are having for their own safety being placed in foster care out of Devon County area.

I ask you to imagine a vulnerable child being placed in foster care for their own safety, removed from School & Out of Devon County

A Devon County Council wide campaign will commence in 2026.

Parish & Town Councils are being asked to participate in encouraging foster carers to come forward. Introduction - Inside Devon (Fostering-friendly policy) - tasks and guides

Later in the meeting Cllr Rogers - thanked the clerk for taking the notes from the meeting with the CEO of DCC the next meeting of this group could be at Bickington in the beginning 2026 and enquired how to book the hall. Cllr Rogers has asked for more police speed enforcement on the old A38 and A383, any additional data would be helpful, data from Ilsington's speed monitoring devices would be helpful.

The clerk confirmed the funds have been received for the website and laptop.

DCC are desperate for foster carers. Cllr Briddock thanked Cllr Rogers

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

### **2025/12/05. To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **2025/12/06. Parish Council admin and clerks report**

To update about website and laptop – ready to go and awaiting update  
To report from meeting with CEO DCC attended by Clerk and Chairman, the minutes have been circulated to all lots of issues were shared follow up meeting in January – thanked chair and clerk to attending.

To review the Asset register – slight amendments made and agreed.

*Cllr Nutley left the meeting.*

### **2025/12/07. Financial matters**

- a) To consider suggested budget for 2026 to 2027 – this will be reviewed in January.
- b) To set the precept for 2026 to 2027 – defer to January meeting
- c) Cheques for payment

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| Clerks Salary Sept – November        | £ 1299.75 |
| HMRC Sept – November                 | £ 324.60  |
| Clerk's expenses November – December | £ 36.70   |
| DALC Remaining subscription payments | £ 20.08   |
- d) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies

### **2025/12/08. Planning matters - to consider applications**

- a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA - None received
- b) General Enforcement matters – nothing to report

### **2025/12/09. To receive reports on**

- a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL - Cllr Humphreys confirmed that she has spoken to the committee regarding the new meeting room.
- b) Highway matters - new signage on the lane to stop vehicles using the lanes as rat runs. Love lane closed due to the collapse of the side of the road believed to have been caused by excessive traffic. The road near the Dartmoor Halfway has been flooded again due to blocked drains, also on that road 2 more majors crashed with passengers taken to hospital. The clerk will send the photos received from the crashes to Highways officer also to the project manager for the diversion the collisions are believed to be due to the increase of traffic.

Hay bales left on the side of the road on New house hill are messy and leaning and should be moved asap.

#### **ACTION Clerk email local farmer and Highways**

- c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn - nothing to report
- d) Footpaths – nothing to report

### **2025/12/10. Correspondence** Proposed Closure of Torquay Police Station Custody Centre – Send comments that have already been received

Free Landmark Tree for your Parish Council or Town from Saving Devon's Treescapes – declined offer. FAKE FLYTIPPING EVENT 2025 - Cllr Bruncker will attend. Ashburton social supermarket – for info only

### **2025/12/11. Matters for future agenda**

- Budget and precept setting
- Cil – Hall trust proposals

### **2025/12/12. To note date of next meeting. 12th January 2026**

**Part II - Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Council is invited to RESOLVE 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

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 20.58

Signed ..... Dated .....

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