

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington.

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair), Bruckner, Cox, Humphreys and Warren
Clerk - Carol Retallick, Dist./County Cllr Rogers, Cllr Nutley 2 member of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2026/01/01 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Meek and Cllr Majors. Cllr Rogers to join the meeting at 8.15pm

2026/01/02 Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None declared

The Council will adjourn for the following business

2026/01/03 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.*

The members of the public enquired if all the training was given for the defibrillator in the parish? They also enquired if the PC would consider purchasing another unit for the parish. Cllr Briddock noted the unit bought 3 yrs ago and confirmed that 2 sessions of training had taken place and agreed that more training would be useful. Cllr Briddock will investigate, he will also enquire with the local business that also has a unit.

Chipleigh Quarry was sold recently the Members of public have noticed since the sale more HGVs are passing their dwelling, they believe works have begun there and they are not aware of Planning permission having been granted nor permission from Natural England and any work maybe in breach of permission. Cllr Briddock noted that the PC has not received any information regarding this site. Cllr Nutley advised that the MOP could contact TDC to report the matter and note their concerns.

2026/01/04 To receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Nutley – report will be sent to the clerk – He did report that TDC will increase the council tax by 2.99%, as supported by the whole council. TDC are still working towards investment into social housing

Cllr Nutley left the meeting.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

2026/01/05 To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th December 2025

These were signed as a true and accurate account of the last meeting.

2026/01/06 Parish Council admin and clerks report

To update about laptop – the order has been made, but not yet received

The bales at the side of the road on New House hill have now been removed.

ROI please ensure the clerk has the most up to date information – TDC are checking that this is up to date.

2026/01/07 Financial matters

- a) To consider suggested budget for 2026 to 2027 – The council has received the purposed budget for 26-27, Cllr Briddock explained the reasons for the necessary increases. Future projects were discussed and this did not include a new defib, however enquires will be made with other local business to find out what other units are held locally.

ACTION: The budgeted was approved as proposed by Cllr Briddock and seconded by Cllr Warren. To set the precept for 2026 to 2027 - £13288.

- b) Cheques for payment
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| Clerks Salary December | £ 433.25 |
| HMRC December | £ 108.20 |
| Clerk's expenses December | £ 36.70 |
| Payroll Account | £ 64.80 |
| Bickington Village Hall rent | £ 30.00 |

ACTION: All approved and cheques signed.

- c) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies
The village hall committee are meeting tomorrow to discuss the creation of the meeting room.

Cllr Rogers arrived *SO were suspended* for Cllr Roger to give his report. The Police have cancelled their plans to close Torbay Custody Unit. He asked if the council had seen police presence in the parish recently and Cllr Briddock confirmed has had seen two mobile speed vans. Cllr Rogers confirmed that he has asked for speed check to continue throughout the spring. DCC have received more funding for the highways, there is still an issue over the quality of repairs being carried out to the highway. More information regarding LGR will not be available until the Spring, Cllr Rogers is concerned about how the government will ensure Devons debits are covered.

Cllr Bruckner asked if there was still funding available to the parishes for new bus stops? Cllr Rogers will find out.

Cllr Cox noted the potholes are getting worse due to the increased traffic along the old A38.

2026/01/08 Planning matters - to consider applications

- a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA - Received today 25/02147/CLDE **Location:** BICKINGTON - Bickington Barton Quarry, Bickington **Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for existing residential cabin. No objection.
- b) General Enforcement matters – None discussed

2026/01/09 To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL - Cllr Briddock reported the heating is an issue for the hall, but local organisations have agreed to help with funding for this. The committee are working on plans to create a meeting room at the site.

b) Highway matters - Snow warden has completed the online survey, a new snow plan is needed. Which the clerk will help to create. It was noted that the national speed limits signs are still on the A383 between Ingsdon and Seal Hayne. Clerk will bring this to the attention of the highways officer.

c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn - more fly tipping on Ramshorn this has been reported to Cllr R Steemson again. Cllr Bruckner noted a difference on ramshorn, it is now very peaceful.

d) Footpaths – nothing to report.

2026/01/10 Correspondence

Email received from local parishioner making enquiries regarding planning matters.

2026/01/11 Matters for future agenda

CIL

Planning breach on Old Hill, Bickington

2026/01/12 To note date of next meeting. 9th February 2026

Apologies have been extended from Cllr Humphreys

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 20.55pm

Signed Dated

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