

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 9th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington.

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair), Bruckner, Cox, Meek and Warren
Clerk - Carol Retallick, Dist./County Cllr Rogers, Cllr Major and 0 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2026/02/01 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Nutley, PC Hurrell, Cllr Humphreys. Cllr Rogers here at 8.15pm

2026/02/02 Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None declared

The Council will adjourn for the following business

2026/02/03 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.*

None in attendance.

2026/02/04 To receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Major sent on his reports from last month meeting and has nothing more to add – However he mentioned that TDC are concentrating on their Budget atm. Cllrs asked about the changes to recycling which will commence in April. Cllr Major noted that more information's will be circulated nearer the time.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

2026/02/05 To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th January 2026.

These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

2026/02/06 Parish Council admin and clerks report

To update re laptop – the company who took the order is not longer able to supply a machine the clerk will purchase one from local retailer.

Precept request submitted and queries answered

Report regarding Police representative for Bickington PC, clerk confirmed that she has spoken to the Police asking for information of our representative, since then we have received a report from PC Hurrell regarding Lemon ford that was read out to the meeting it was also circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Teignbridge District Council's draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule – for information only.

This month a considerable amount of time has been spent chasing up Lloyds bank to correct the errors to addresses and access to the accounts – still work in progress!

2026/02/07 Financial matters

a) Cheques for payment	Clerks Salary January	£ 433.25
	HMRC January	£ 108.20
	Clerk's expenses January	£ 36.70
	Village Hall rent	£ 30.00
	Bank Charges	£ 6.25

- b) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies - the village hall trustees met and discussed the improvements to the heating at the hall, the best heating option appears to be electric.

Cllr Rogers arrived and informed the meeting that he had already forwarded on reports which have been circulated. He has requested a meeting with the cabinet member for highway to take a tour of the diversion route and see the mess and damage to the roads, once a date has been set, he will also invite neighbouring parishes to send a representative as well as other ward members.

TDC have planned to make available £800.000 of match funding for community projects the exact criteria have not yet been published. DCC are still desperate for foster carers.

LGR it is important that parishes feed back to the proposals.

ACTION: Add this item to next month agenda.

2026/02/08 Defibrillator provision in the Parish – discussion

Cllr Briddock has spoken to Dartmoor Halfway who have agreed to install a unit which can be used by the greater community.

2026/02/09 Planning matters - to consider applications

- a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA – none received
- b) General Enforcement matters - none discussed
- c) Planning breach on Old Hill, Bickington – Clerk to follow up

2026/02/10 To receive reports on

- a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL – already reported earlier in the meeting
- b) Highway matters - including Snow Warden – Cllr Meek noted littering at the bottom of Newhouse Hill and requested a no littering sign should be displayed near that location. The clerk can provide a sign and Cllr Warren put it in place. The snow and ice clearance plan had been circulated and discussed. It was once a few amendments were made the plan would be adopted.

ACTION: Litter sign to Cllr Warren. Snow and ice clearance plan amended and adopted.

- c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn
- d) Footpaths - all wet and muddy.

2026/02/11 Correspondence - DCC Highways Town & Parish Council 27 Jan 2026, Application to Parish Council Community Safety Grant from Crimestoppers Southwest – **apply for this**. Raising the issue of pesticide use in your area, Town & Parish Council Drop-in Session - Monday 9th February 4pm-7pm

2026/02/12 Matters for future agenda

- LGR to discuss the proposals and agree comments for feedback.

2026/02/13 To note date of next meeting. 9th March 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 20.35pm

Signed Dated

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