

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Bruckner arriving late and apologies from Cllr Jack Majors

2. Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None declared

The Council will adjourn for the following business

3. 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 present

4. To receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Nutley gave a report to the councillors which will be followed up with a full report via email which includes information regarding the use and ownership of Ashburton Car Park, funding for upgrading or improvements to play parks.

Teignmouth Lido was due to be closed, however that decision has been postponed with there are meeting with several community groups who have expressed an interest in running the Lido. The facility will be open this year.

Cllr Briddock asked for more information regarding the unauthorised encroachment at TDC car park, Cllr Nutley confirmed that had been some damage but were moved on quickly, Cllr Briddock ask who will pay to repair the damage?

Match funding of £800,000 from TDC towards community projects has approved from 1st April Cllr Briddock asked if the village hall would be included with the planned improvements to the hall.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

5. To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th February 2026

Cllr Bruckner proposed that these were signed as a true record of that meeting.
All agreed.

6. Parish Council admin and clerks report

To update re laptop – work in progress

To review and adopt an IT policy – Signed and agreed

Annual Parish Meeting – Clerk asked the council to confirm the arrangement for the Annual Parish Meeting which will be on the 13th of April 2026 at Bickington Village hall 7pm start, followed by the council meeting.

Ashburton & Buckfastleigh Economic Meeting 17 March 2026 at Ashburton Town Hall at 2.30pm to conclude be 4.30pm an in-person meeting on options to grants, funding and the collective support to work with the DCC. No one is available to attend from Bickington

We have received £60 compensation payment from Lloyds following my complaint for the way they have handled the changes to our account
New DNPA Rangers is Sam LeBailly, he lives on the moor and has been with DNPA ranger team for just over 2 years. His contact details are slebailly@dartmoor.gov.uk and mobile number is 07596572722.
Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM211MT11365313 on North Lane, Bickington- Southwest Water has applied for a road closure to complete utility works from Miniville to Rose Cottage. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways, will take place between 03/06/2026 and 05/06/2026. All efforts will be made to maintain access to properties within the area of the closure and minimise disruption. If you require further information, please contact the Helpline on 0344 346 2020. – Query this location and ask for a map.

7. Financial matters

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

ACTION: All payments approved

b) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies
TDC has approved a fund of £800,000 for match funding towards community projects. Bickington Village Hall are preparing an application for work to the hall to create a meeting room.

Report from Cllr Rogers DCC- Cllr Rogers has arranged a meeting next Tuesday with TDC, DCC and DNPA in attendance, the meeting is intended for the smaller parishes to raise the matters that affect them directly to the authorities' officers. to raise awareness for the smaller parishes
A site meeting of the A383 will take place on Thursday to discuss the deteriorating condition of the road and the effect the diversion has impacted. Areas have already been marked for repair, but the rain has washed that away. Cllr Rogers admitted that there are issues with the way repairs are carried out and he will raise that at the meeting. The Speed camera in Newton Abbot has received improved signage and luminated sign advising of motorist of the speed camera.

Finally, Cllr Rogers reminded the meeting that DCC still are seeking more foster Carers.

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

The meeting agreed not to comment on the LGR, however they agreed to write to TDC to raise the housing issues that some parishioners are facing over housing provision given in properties without legal planning permission

ACTION: Letter to TDC Cllr Meek to draft, then circulate to all. Send to TDC local MP, District and County Councillors.

9. Planning matters - to consider applications

- a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA

Planning Decisions

- 25/02147/CLDE - Location: BICKINGTON - Bickington Barton Quarry
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing residential cabin – **Approved**
- b) General Enforcement matters.
Chipleigh Quarry – this was discussed at last month's meeting since then the owner has invited councillors to visit the site, and he is happy to explain his plans
- c) Planning breach on Old Hill, Bickington – TDC have responded with details of granted permissions from 2014. The councillors are not sure that the current works are covered by that approval.

10. To receive reports on

- a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL - Cllr Briddock reported that the trustees are meeting tomorrow and will discuss the new match funding from TDC.
- b) Highway matters – already discussed
- c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn – the area is still quiet; the flying tipping has still not been removed although the clerk does remind Cllr Steemson regularly.
Invite new ranger to the Annual Parish meeting next month.
- d) Footpaths - due to the rainfall the paths are still very wet

11. Correspondence - Matters for future agenda

Various emails circulated including FREE Bitesize Awareness - Anti-social Behaviour online training.
April Agenda - Quotes for bus stop for A383
Dartmoor halfway – defibs costs
Cllr Meek letter to TDC regarding the support the authority gives to the village including the lost Village boundary envelope.

12. To note date of next meeting. 13th April 2026 at 7pm

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 20.47pm

Signed Dated

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