

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 13th April 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 Major no member of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2026/04/01 To receive and approve apologies for absence

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

2026/04/02 Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None declared

The Council will adjourn for the following business

2026/04/03 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 present

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

Cllr Major reported on the budget including information about parish and town match funding more information should be sent out to parishes soon.

Tetra pack recycling now in place as well as soft plastic recycling

Local plan accepted and noted the comments and recommendations given. Regional build codes may be introduced.

Community fund is now open again £1000 per district councillors.

Confirmed that Lemonford has been served with an enforcement notice and residents must leave by 10th August, the site will return to a touring/holiday site only.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

2026/04/05 To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9th March 2026

Signed as a true record of that meeting.

2026/04/06 Parish Council admin and clerks report

The parish laptop now been purchased and the invoice is being presented this evening

Our External Audit notifications has been received, and the Internal Audit is schemed to being on the 22nd April.

24th April at Buckfastleigh Town Hall the multi-agency meeting is at 2.30pm.

2026/04/07 To report on damage to the Bus shelter on old A38 and quotes for new Bus Stop shelters.

Cllr Bruckner reported the damage to the clerk on the 16th of March; this was then reported to the police and checked with the insurance that it was covered within the current policy.

Claim has been made we are awaiting more information.

2026/04/08 Financial matters

a)	Cheques for payment Clerks Salary March	£ 433.25
	HMRC March	£ 108.20
	Clerk's expenses March	£ 36.20
	New Laptop	£ 496.96
	Village Hall rent	£ 30.00

DALC 2026/2027 subscription	£ 156.43
Mrs K Gilbert (website fee)	£ 22.79
Bank Charges	£ 6.75
Channon & Co PAYE Accountants	£ 64.80
DD ICO Renewal	£ 47.00

ICO has been renewed currently working with previous clerk to get the contact details amended

- b) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies – no more further information.
- c) Defibrillator – to consider costs for a unit at Dartmoor Halfway – there should be no costs to the PC for this Cllr Briddock will confirm.

Report from Cllr Rogers - next week multi agency meeting at Buckfastleigh Town Hall – Teagan Falkner Highways officer will report on appropriate action for each parish. Cllr Rogers has requested a bus tour to take the diversion routes to look at the conditions of the road. Cllr Briddock noted lots of potholes have been filled recently. The new Right to Rent Act comes in on 1st May this has seen an increase of tenants seeking accommodation because of the new regulations. He will update the chairman for local numbers of evictions within this parish.

There has been issues with the highway reporting problems, he is seeking other ways to report issues for those who are not able to digitally access the service.

He reminded the meeting of the new allocation of locality fund

Resilience fund comes out in May – for off grid for fuel – he will send on updates.

2026/04/09 Planning matters - to consider applications

- a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA
 - 26/00601/CLDE siting of caravans at Chipley Farm Bickington. **No Objection**
 - Add on the refusal information.
- b) General Enforcement matters

2026/04/10 To receive reports on

- a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL - still working on project
- b) Highway matters – improvements have been done but they are only temporary fixes – the bridge over the A38 has not been repaired as it is the responsibility of highways England.
Joint between new house hill and Ashburton Road getting larger.
- c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn – Cllr Steemson – reported that the asbestos been bagged and is waiting the company to collect them.
- d) Footpaths - approach DCC PROW for a repair to footpath No 1 at the foot bridge over the river Lemon.

ACTION: report crack on junction / gate post at footpath No 1 over River Lemon

2026/04/11 Correspondence including letter to TDC and matters for future agenda

No correspondence

Defibrillator

Bus stops

2026/04/12. To note date of next meeting. 11th May 2026 this being the Annual Council meeting

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 20.41pm

Signed Dated

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