

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Regular meeting held on 8th June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington.

Present; Cllrs Meek (Chair), Cox and Warren
Clerk - Carol Retallick, no members of public.

Cllr Meek chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2026/06/01. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Briddock, Bruckner, Major and Nutley

2026/06/02. Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None declared

The Council will adjourn for the following business

2026/06/03. 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

No public present

2026/06/04. To receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Rogers report has been circulated to all councillors

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

2026/06/05. To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th May 2026

There were signed as a true record of that meeting

2026/06/06. Parish Council admin and clerks report

The details for the insurance claim have been submitted to Zurich; a call was taken this afternoon to say that there is no issue with the claim and once the revised quotes have been resubmitted the claim will be settled.

Renewed the council insurance

The stickers for dog fouling have been displayed by TDC dog warden

Cllr Bruckner noticed the cats' eyes have come off on the old A38 this was reported to highways and the highways officer has responded. 'Under DCC policy, missing cat eyes are not a safety defect - you will see them on main roads. These style cats' eyes with the iron shoe in the road are being replaced as we redo roads by modern stick on's, so we cannot replace the inners I'm afraid'.

Cllr Humphreys has resigned and TDC has been notified and the notice of vacancy has been published – the council will be able to co-opt at the next full council meeting subject to an election not being called.

Under new legislation passed councillors home addresses no longer need to be within the public domain and I have ensured the website is compliant.

We have received a hard copy of the Community infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule which will be kept within the filing cabinets within the hall.

The clerk attended the local leader's webinar on the 3rd of June – informative meeting with members of TDC in attendance and Rebecca Walker from DALC gave an update on matters of information and covered within their regular bulletins.

2026/06/07. Financial matters

Following the advice received regarding the payments of PAYE/National Insurance liabilities due to HM Revenue & Customs Junes amount of £145.54, includes an underpayment from month one of £18.67 of Employment Allowance that had been claimed in error.

a) Cheques for payment Clerks Salary March	£ 433.25
HMRC May	£ 145.54
Clerk's expenses March	£ 36.20
Village Hall rent	£ 30.00

- b) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies
Cllr Meek reminded the meeting of Cllr Rogers locality fund. It was agreed to ask for funds toward the fixing of the new bus shelter opposite old Toby Jug site.

2026/06/08. Planning matters - to consider applications

- a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA
26/00876/MAJ - Location: BICKINGTON - Land At Chipley Mill, Bickington
Proposal: Retention of the use of the site as a satellite SEND recreation-based education facility in association with The Greater Horseshoe School
Applicant: Wessex College Ltd

Support – Because this application both for the employment opportunities it will provide in the local area and for the creation of a recreational and educational space for the SEND school. The proposed area will offer a safe and supportive environment for children and young people, delivering important educational, social and wellbeing benefits.

Planning Decision received

26/00601/CLDE - Location: BICKINGTON - Chipley Farm , Bickington
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land for siting of one mobile residential unit – **Granted**

- b) General Enforcement matters
20/00182/ENF - Nature of complaint: Unauthorised change of use of agricultural land to education use (Class
F1) Location: BICKINGTON - Land At Chipley Mill Bickington Devon – A new application has been received with respect of this development and has been discussed this evening.

2026/06/09. To receive reports on

- a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL – None
b) Highway matters – Surface dressing scheduled for 12th – 16th July at the road from Burne Cross to Wrigwell Cross, details will be displayed on the website.
Fly tipping has been reported on the road between Burne Cross and Longstone Bridge Cross this occurred yesterday – TDC has acknowledged and will investigate.
c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn. – No report
d) Footpaths – Cllr Warren has repaired the handrail on the steps that lead down to small bridge near Love Lane. We have spoken to DCC and discussed the P3 scheme. The parish must complete an annual survey.
ACTION: Cllr Warren will complete this creates the annual grant ready for claiming.

2026/06/10. Correspondence - Matters for future agenda

Parish/town council development forum – sessions on Monday 20th July 13.00 – 15.00 in person and Tuesday 21st July 17.00 – 19.00 via Microsoft Teams. Response date 17th June 2026

2026/06/11. To note date of next meeting. 13th July 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 20.09pm

Signed Dated

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