

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Annual Council meeting held on 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Bickington.

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair), Humphreys, Meek and Warren
Clerk - Carol Retallick, District Councillor Cllr Nutley, DNPA Ranger
Sam LeBailey and 0 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

2026/05/1. To elect a chairman and sign the declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Meek nominated Cllr D Briddock, seconded by Cllr Humphreys, Cllr Briddock signed to accept office.

2026/05/2. To elect a Vice Chair

Cllr Briddock nominated Cllr Meek this was seconded by Cllr Humphreys, Cllr Meek accepted this office.

2026/05/3. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Bruckner, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Major

2026/05/4. Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None

The Council will adjourn for the following business

2026/05/5. 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

2026/05/6. To receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Rogers DCC - sent report which was previously circulated

Cllr J Nutley TDC– handbook for highways building positive future for Devon NHS looking to reduce staff. The Lido in Teignmouth will be opening, and run by volunteers' from the 23rd May – a new observation wheel has been erected at Teignmouth there for a short period of time – great views
CEO of Dartmoor National Park Kevin Bishop has now retired and the new CEO Tom Surry is in office.

Sam Le Bailey DNPA sector ranger – Sam will be in post for 6mths he will be covering this area until August, the rangers have been replacing finger posts and working to protect Ramshorn from any further fly tipping. The park are working toward the 75th anniversary in March next year and he confirmed the new CEO is now in place.

FIPL funding have had 64 project benefit from the funding. The new DNPA magazine out and will leave some in the hall for residents

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

2026/05/7. To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Full Council meeting held on 13th April 2026

These were signed as a true record of that meeting the Annual Parish meeting were amended slightly and will be corrected before publishing onto the website.

2026/05/8. Parish Council admin

To note the need to review the Council Policies – All policies adopted.

To Confirm the dates for the next 12mths of meetings – 8th June 2026, 13th July 2026, 14th September 2026, 12th October 2026, 9th November 2026, 14th December 2026, 11th January 2027, 8th February 2027, 8th March 2027, 12th April 2027 and 10th May 2027. The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 12th April at 7pm All dates approved.

To confirm councillors individual responsibility:-

- a) Snow warden - Cllr Humphreys.
- b) Personnel matters – Cllr Briddock
- c) Parish Paths and Highways – Cllr Warren
- d) Emergency planning – Cllr Meek
- e) PC rep for Village Hall - Cllr Briddock
- f) Bus shelter - Cllr Bruckner
- g) Defibrillator – Cllr Briddock plus a parishioner

2026/05/9. Clerk's report

TDC have requested again that all councillors update the ROI's- all confirmed they are

Invitation: Local Leaders Update 2 – clerks has registered to attend.

Precept has been received.

The highways officer has been in contact regarding small potholes in the road in the village which will be filled asap.

2026/05/10. Annual Parish Meeting – feedback and actions discussed

Policies all uploaded on website and councillors have reviewed.

Request from parishioners for new dog waste stickers through the village

Query for planning application at Chipley Quarry – no planning application listed or necessary.

2026/05/11. Defibrillator

A new defibrillator is on order for the Dartmoor Halfway Inn. The unit at the Goodwill nursery is privately owned and managed, the village hall unit is up to date and live on the circuit.

2026/05/12. Bus Shelters- Update

Clerk contacted DCC for other suppliers of shelters. Awaiting the quote for the removal of damaged shelter and reinstallation of new before processing the insurance claim.

Meeting agreed Cllr Bruckner can assist with this process of decision making also agreed to purchase 2 shelters as previously resolved for new shelter for bus stop opposite the old Toby Jug site.

ACTION: Cllr Bruckner assist clerk to choose shelters – clerk to process Insurance claim.

2026/05/13. Financial matters

a) Cheques for payment

C Retallick	£ 433.25
Clerks Expenses	£ 36.20
HMRC	£ 108.20
Zurich Insurance	£ 300.00
Village Hall Rental	£ 26.00

ACTION: All payments approved

b) To consider Internal Auditors report – Noted with one action point for the clerk to contact PAYE Accountant.

c) To consider & approve Parish Council Accounts y/e 31/3/26 & exemption form – Approved

d) To consider/ agree Annual statement of Governance y/e 31/3/26 – Approved

e) To consider & approve Statements on Annual return y/e 31/3/26 – Approved

f) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies. This council has committed to purchase a second bus shelter. Still waiting further information from the village hall committee regarding the new meeting hall.

2026/05/14. Planning matters - to consider applications - NONE at publication
To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA Planning application lists

GRANT OF CONDITIONAL CONSENT

- 26/00233/LBC Replacement wooden window inside toilet block building Bickington Village Hall, Bickington

2026/05/15. To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL – the committee are working on plans to create the new meeting room

b) Highway matters – road markings have been refreshed. Residents have noticed speeding traffic through the village the clerk will contact the police with these concerns.

It has been noted that soil from road ploughing has been spread on to the verges.

c) DNPA matters inc Ramshorn - The fly tipping has now all been removed

d) Footpaths – The handrail at the foot bridge on Love Lane need to be replaced – clerk will seek a grant from DCC. The councils will repair this themselves.

2026/05/16. Correspondence

None received

2026/05/17 Matters for future agenda -

Grant for money for footpath repairs from DCC

2026/05/18. To note date of next meeting. 8th June 2026

Apologies from Cllr Briddock

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 20.35pm

Signed Dated

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