

BICKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present; Cllrs Briddock (Chair), Bruckner, Cox, and Meek.

Clerk - Carol Retallick, Dist./County Cllr Rogers, no members of public.

Cllr Briddock welcomed everyone.

2026/07/01. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received and approved from **Cllr Warren** and **Cllr Nutley**.

It was noted that **Cllr Rogers** would arrive later.

2026/07/02. Declarations of Interest / dispensations

None

The Council will adjourn for the following business

2026/07/03. 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

2026/07/04. To receive County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Rogers reported that Teignbridge District Council should keep the Parish Council informed about enforcement matters within the parish.

The speed and condition of local roads were discussed, including commitments to rectify identified problems.

An urgent question from Steve Darling concerning the reorganisation of local government in Devon was accepted. It was reported that, due to changes within government, the timing would depend on when further information about the future structure was received. Once district councils had been informed, parish councils would be invited to attend a meeting that would include a presentation.

It was reported that Devon Communities Together could provide support and equipment relating to village halls. Cllr Briddock requested information about grants available for the Village Hall. A Locality Fund grant of £1,000 was reported to be available for Bickington.

The Council will convene to conduct the following business

2026/07/05. To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th June 2026

These were signed as a true record of the last meeting

2026/07/06./Parish Council admin and clerks report

- a) Bi-monthly meetings – discussion, a The Council discussed moving to a bi-monthly meeting schedule. All councillors present agreed that ordinary meetings would be held in:

September
November
January
March
May

Additional meetings may be arranged if required. **Proposed by:** Cllr Meek
Seconded by: Cllr Briddock and all in favour.

- b) Councillor vacancy - information and discussion The current councillor vacancy was discussed. No expressions of interest had been received.
Cllr Briddock suggested that councillors encourage suitable members of the community to consider joining the Council.

Clerks report - The Clerk reported attending the Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Meeting with Cllr Bruckner. Topics discussed included Martyn's Law and legal advice concerning council-owned land and buildings.

Regarding planning application 26/00876/MAJ, it was reported that Cllr J Nutley had requested that the application be called before the Teignbridge District Council Planning Committee for consideration. Relevant correspondence confirming this had been received.

2026/07/07. Bus shelters—update on damage Claim & discussion related to new shelter at a different site.

The Council received an update on the claim relating to the damaged bus shelter and discussed installing a replacement shelter at a different location.

It was clarified that the new shelter would be located on the Toby Jug side of the road.

Councillors agreed to proceed and to fund the new shelter using Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Resolved: To proceed with the new bus shelter and fund it from CIL monies.

2026/07/08. Defibrillators – update

Cllr Briddock has checked the defibrillator battery at the Village Hall. A replacement battery would cost £294.

Councillors agreed to purchase a new battery for the unit.

Resolved: To purchase a replacement defibrillator battery at a cost of £294.

Cllr Briddock was due to meet representatives at Dartmoor Halfway to agree a location for a new defibrillator unit.

2026/07/09. Financial matters

a) Cheques for payment	Clerks Salary June	£ 433.05
	HMRC June	£ 127.07
	Clerk's expenses July	£ 44.19
	Village Hall rent for May & June	£ 52.00
	Channon & Co Payroll ¼ly bill	£ 64.80

All payments were authorised for payment proposed Cllr Bruckner and seconded Cllr Meek with all in favour.

b) To consider any information leading to expenditure against CIL monies.

The Council considered information relating to expenditure against Community Infrastructure Levy funds, including the proposed new bus shelter.

2026/07/10. Planning matters - to consider applications

a) To include applications received since publication of agenda see TDC /DNPA 26/00941/FUL- : Location: Lemonford Caravan Park, Bickington – Proposed: Retention of use of part of the application site from touring holiday caravans to 7 static holiday caravans. The Council objected to the application on the following grounds:

The proposal would change the nature of the site as a camping and touring caravan site.

The Council understood that the site was currently in breach of planning requirements.

The Council could not support the application until there was greater clarity regarding the use of the site.

Resolved: To submit an objection to planning application 26/00941/FUL.

b) General Enforcement matters - General enforcement matters were noted and discussed.

2026/07/11. To receive reports on

a) Bickington Village Hall inc CIL – A new chain had been installed at the Village Hall car park.

b) Highway matters - matters had been addressed during Cllr Rogers' report,

including concerns about speeding and the condition of local roads.

c) Dartmoor National Park Authority and Ramshorn - It was reported that the nightjars had returned and that green-lane vehicles were no longer using the area.

The tracks were recovering, and the barriers were reported to be working well.

d) Footpaths - The Clerk was to arrange a date with Cllr Warren to complete the annual footpath survey.

2026/07/12. Correspondence - Matters for future agenda

Concerns were raised regarding a property within the parish that had recently been placed on the market. The property had been unoccupied for some time, and it was considered that future occupation could create access issues.

An **update on local government reorganisation** was requested for a future agenda.

2026/07/13. To note date of next meeting. 14th September 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 20.45pm

Signed Dated

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