

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

John Slater – Chair (JS)
Nicola Janus-Harris (NJ)
Jane Halse (JH)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 4 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Alasdair Bruce (AB), Jo Knight (JK) and Cllr Richard Jeffries (RJ).

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 21st May 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2025 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Election of Vice Chair

John nominated Jane as vice chair of the Parish Council and this was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

4. Matters arising (not on agenda)

- a) Recycling of upholstered items – councillors noted that as yet no response had been received from Richard about investigating what could be recycled at local recycling centres. RJ
- b) Clare Slater was thanked by the Parish Council for looking after the planters around the War Memorial.

5. Declarations of interest

John declared an interest in the payment to his wife for the planters around the War Memorial at item 7(a).

6. Public questions

- a) Barbara Hook asked about the possibility of a 20mph speed limit through the village. She pointed out the lack of visibility around the

junction in the centre of the village. John explained that the Parish Council would support such a change, but that it would depend on the criteria used by Devon County Council to make 20mph limits. Ian was asked to check the criteria with Richard at DCC.

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b) Several of the public asked if anything could be done about the unsightly and untidy bins left outside Treaslake. After discussion it was **AGREED** that Ian would write to the owners to ask if the bins could be screened.

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7. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £1837.86 (Current) and £2766.36 (Savings) at 1st July 2025.

a) Payments PROPOSED by Jane and approved unanimously -

Ian Tucker – quarterly salary for April to June 2025	£151.79
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Clare Slater – Planters around War Memorial	£79.63
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Peter Gent – Maintenance and strimming around Parish	£150.00
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Doug Cowan – Venue Hire July Parish Council	£30.00
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b) AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) – it was noted that the Certificate of Exemption from external audit had been received from the auditor. This is because Buckerell is a small Parish Council with low expenditure.

8. Councillor Richard Jefferies – Report

Due to a clash of meetings, Richard had forwarded some links to items of interest which will be placed on the Parish Council website.

9. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

Due to a clash of meetings, no report had been sent.

10. Planning

The latest planning decisions were noted

Geoff raised concerns about vehicles being dumped in fields along Curscombe Lane. It was **AGREED** that the matter would be reported to Planning Enforcement for action.

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11. Roads Report

Tom Cox (Neighbourhood Highways Officer, Devon Highways) had reported starting the jetting at Crosshills before the appliance ran out of water. Devon Highways had also been seen to return on 15th July for more jetting. A substantive response from Tom Cox is awaited.

12. Community Infrastructure Levy

East Devon District Council had requested a report on the use of CIL monies from the Parish Council which Ian had provided. All the monies had gone towards the cost of tarmacating the parking area around the War Memorial.

13. Arrangements for Remembrance

It was **AGREED** that Ian will represent the Parish Council in leading the act of Remembrance around the War Memorial in November. This includes preparation and publicising.

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14. Recruitment of new councillors

John discussed the current vacancy for a councillor and **PROPOSED** that Andy Curnow be co-opted as a councillor. Andy accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

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Ian will forward the necessary paperwork to be completed.

15. Matters for next meeting

- a) A possible 20mph speed limit through the village
- b) Storage of bins at Treaslake
- c) Crosshills jetting
- d) Recycling of upholstery

16. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 17th September at 7pm**.

Due to absences the meeting in November needs to be booked for **Wednesday 19th November**.

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