

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Jane Halse – Chair (JH)
Nicola Janus-Harris (NJ)
Jo Knight (JK)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 2 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

John Slater (JS), Cllr Richard Jeffries (RJ) and Cllr Alasdair Bruce (AB)

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 17th September 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2025 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

There were none.

4. Declarations of interest

There were none.

5. Public questions

a) One of the residents attending the meeting raised concern about the apparent lack of consistency in comments from Highways on planning applications. He cited the application 19/2315/VAR in which Highways did object to a proposed planning application and 25/1785/PDQ in which Highways make no objection despite the similarity in outcomes.

There followed a discussion about the latest application being for Permitted Development, with an expectation of approval within 36 days.

It was **AGREED** that the apparent inconsistency in comments from Highways should be brought to the attention of our District and County councillors for comment.

b) Another resident raised concern about the possible overdevelopment at the Broadlands Glebe site with possibly 10 vehicles requiring parking.

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £2891.94 (Current) and £3782.85 (Savings) at 1st November 2025

a) Payments approved unanimously -

Peter Gent – invoice for August to October 2025	£289.75
Ian Tucker – Pay for quarter July to September 2025.	£127.58
Doug Cowan – venue hire November 2025	£30

7. Councillor Richard Jefferies – Report

The report from Richard had been circulated to parish councillors prior to the meeting and a copy will be placed on the Parish Council website.

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

The report from Alasdair had been circulated to parish councillors prior to the meeting and a copy will be placed on the Parish Council website.

9.Planning

- a) Curscombe Lane – The update received from Alasdair was that he had heard nothing more from Planning Enforcement since being informed that the dumped vehicles “warrant further investigation.” To be raised again at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) In the same way Alasdair had heard nothing further from Planning Enforcement concerning Sunningdale. This will also be carried over to the next Parish Council meeting.
- c) Love Cottage – The approval of the planning applications was noted.
- d) 25/1785/PDQ – Broadlands Glebe Farm – The approval of the application was noted.
- e) 25/2118/CPE – Broadlands Glebe Farm – The Parish Council had no comment to make of this application.

- f) Appeal decision 25/0874/PDQ – Barns North of Sowton Farm – the dismissal of the appeal was noted.

10. Roads Report

- a) Residents had raised with a Parish Councillor the mud and dust on the road at the Cabbage Lane junction. There followed a discussion in which it was accepted that the farmer had made efforts to clean up and that this was a “one off” situation.
- b) Concern was expressed about the length of time road signs were left in place following the completion of road works.
- c) Geoff will clear the gully running down the hill at Avenhayes to try and keep the flowing water in the channel. It was noted that there is a constant output of water from the bank at the top of the hill and it is unclear whether this is a spring or a hidden pipe. Geoff will speak to the landowner to see if anything is known about any pipework. There is a similar output of water from the bank on the track down from Orchard Farm and Ian will contact South West Water to ask them to test both outputs.

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11. Village Maintenance

Ian explained his responsibility for managing Peter who does all the strimming, weedkilling and general tidying around the village. Peter carries out approximately 20 hours work for the Parish Council each year, and for some years now the pay per hour has been £19. Peter uses his own strimmer and after discussion it was **AGREED** that the amount paid per hour should be increased and be reviewed annually. *(Post meeting note: The amount per hour was further discussed by councillors after the meeting and unanimously **AGREED** as £23. This figure was arrived at after some research into comparable gardening / handyman posts and work in and around Buckerell).*

12. Matters for next meeting

- a) Planning – inconsistency of comments from Highways.
- b) Planning – enforcement action (9a and 9b above).
- c) Request for a 20 mph speed limit through the village.
- d) Water on the hill at Avenhayes and track from Orchard Farm.

13. Date of next Meeting

January 14th 2026 – Dougs Shed (TBC)