

## BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at  
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

### **Those Present**

John Slater – Chair (JS)  
Nicola Janus-Harris (NJ)  
Jane Halse (JH)  
Jo Knight (JK)  
Geoff Wright (GW)  
Andy Curnow (AC)  
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were no members of the public present.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Alasdair Bruce EDDC (AB)  
Cllr Richard Jeffries DCC (RJ)

### **2. Election of Officers**

Ian took the chair for this item, and having confirmed that John and Jane were happy to stand once again, it was proposed that John be re-elected as Chair and Jane as Vice Chair. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

### **3. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

### **4. Matters arising (not on agenda)**

- a) John had already spoken of the sad death of Chris Jacob, a former councillor, at the preceding Parish Meeting. He had talked of his service to the Buckerell community.
- b) John informed the meeting that he had received a visit from a local resident wishing to know about installing a studio in their garden to run exercise classes. John had referred them to EDDC Planning.

### **5. Declarations of interest**

The only declaration of interest was from John in relation to the payment for the floral displays at the War Memorial which had been purchased by his wife.

## **6. Public questions**

There were no questions.

## **7. Approve and sign off “Certificate of Exemption” from External Audit**

The “Certificate of Exemption” from external audit was unanimously **APPROVED** as all the relevant criteria had been met. A copy will now be sent to the external auditor. A copy will also be published on the Parish Council website.

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## **8. Receive and Approve the Annual Accounts, Internal Audit Report and Annual Governance Statement**

The accounts and governance documents forming part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2025/26 were unanimously **APPROVED** and signed off. These will now be published on the Parish Council website.

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## **9. Receive and Approve the Accounting Statements 2025/26**

The AGAR 2025/26 Accounting Statements were unanimously **APPROVED** and signed off. They will now be published on the Parish Council website.

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## **10. Finance**

Balance at bank £2745.40 (Current) and £5823.32 (Savings) at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

- a) The following payments were proposed by John and **APPROVED** unanimously, apart from the payment to Clare Slater for the floral display which was proposed by Jane and **APPROVED** unanimously.

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Doug Cowan - Venue hire May	£30
Ian Tucker – Bottle of wine for auditor	£8.50
Peter Gent – Village works	£241.50
DALC – Annual renewal (previously approved by email)	£114.84
Ian Tucker – Quarterly pay – Jan to March 2026	£163.47
Ian Tucker – WordPress website renewal	£43.20
Community First Insurance annual renewal	£177.52
Clare Slater – Plants for the War Memorial floral display	£128.94
TRIP – Charitable donation	£150

Hospiscare – Charitable donation	£150
Open Arms (Honiton) – Charitable donation	£150

### **11. Councillor Richard Jefferies – Report**

No report received

### **12. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report**

No report received

### **13.Planning**

#### a) 26/0866/MFUL – The Quiet House

It was noted that John and Ian had attended a meeting to preview the planned application which has now been submitted to EDDC. The applicant had communicated his wish to hold a drop-in session for residents to see the plans and ask any questions. (*Post meeting note – this will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May between 6pm and 8pm at Doug’s Shed*).

In view of this it was suggested by John and **AGREED** that further discussion by the Parish Council would be deferred until after the drop-in session at a date yet to be set.

Ian was asked to request an extension to the deadline for comments to be made to Planning at EDDC.

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#### b) There had been no update on any enforcement issues. The Parish Council will continue to chase.

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### **14. Roads Report**

a) A response had been received from Devon County Council to the effect that any emergency road closures by utility companies are notified as a matter of course to the emergency services with appropriate diversions. The Clerk will update the resident who raised concerns about this.

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b) No response had been received from South West Water to either a letter to their PO Box address in Worthing or an attempted WhatsApp dialogue. Efforts will continue.

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### **15. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains**

No report

## **16. Village Maintenance**

There was a discussion about the need to re-paint the telephone box. It was **AGREED** to ask Peter Gent to quote for the task and this will be considered **IT** at the next meeting.

## **17. Matters for next meeting**

- a) Telephone Box re-paint
- b) Planning enforcement issues
- c) Planning application

## **18. Date of next Meeting**

The provisional date for the next meeting is –

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** (subject to agreement with venue)

The proposed provisional dates for the next 5 meetings are :

16<sup>th</sup> September  
18<sup>th</sup> November  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
17<sup>th</sup> March  
19<sup>th</sup> May