

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

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

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 19th May 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2026 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

There were no matters arising not already on the agenda.

4. Declarations of interest

Nicola declared an interest in item 9(d) on the agenda as she attends the Pilates classes run by the applicant.

5. Public questions

There were no question from the public.

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £1395.27 (Current) and £5832.32 (Savings) at 26th June 2026

a) The following payments were approved unanimously -

Doug Cowan -Venue hire

£30

HMRC – Penalty payment for late submission (Previously approved by email. Successfully overturned by appeal and awaiting repayment from HMRC)	£100
Ian Tucker – Clerk’s pay (April – June)	£219.26
Peter Gent – Village maintenance	£245.75

7. Councillor Richard Jefferies – Report

No report received

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

A report from Alasdair had been received prior to the meeting and shared with councillors. A copy will now be placed on the Parish Council website.

9.Planning

a) 26/1038/VAR Treaslake

This application seeks to remove the current holiday home condition so that the property can be used as a permanent residence.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council has no objection to the application but would include a comment to the effect that access to the site should remain as it is. Councillors also noted that complaints had been received regarding the siting of refuse bins at the site entrance which was unsightly at the entrance to the village. *(Post meeting note: Draft consultee comments were shared with councillors before submission to EDDC).*

b) 26/0866/MFUL The Quiet House

This application is for a proposed new build on land owned by the applicant. The Chairman pointed out that the applicants were promoting the application in compliance with paragraph 84e) of the National Planning Policy Framework and he read out the criteria that any application had to meet. There was a consensus that the proposal would not constitute a significant enhancement of the immediate setting nor was it convinced that the applicant had demonstrated that the proposal would help raise standards of design generally in rural areas. It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council objected to the application and that John would draft some representations to be circulated to councillors before submission to Planning at EDDC. *(Post meeting note: Draft consultee comments were shared with councillors before being submitted to EDDC)*

c) Update on outstanding enforcement issue

With the absence of Cllr Bruce this was deferred until the September

meeting of the Parish Council.

d) 26/1301/FUL The Old Barn

This application sought to permit the building of a building within the curtilage of the residential property which would be used for a mixture of domestic purposes and the use as Pilates studio for up to 8 people. Councillors **AGREED** to support the application but suggested that it needed some conditions related to the commercial usage , such as being a personal consent to the benefit of the applicant only, limits to the timing of the sessions as per the application and limits on the number of attendees .There was also concern about the proposed parking arrangements as advanced by the application, and it was considered that a temporary planning consent would be appropriate in terms of the Pilates use to allow the applicant to demonstrate that the use will not lead to on street parking. John agreed to draft some comments for submission to EDDC.

10. Roads Report

a) Water leak on hill down to Avenhayes – Geoff was aware that some work had already begun by SWW on resolving the issue and further works were imminent. It was agreed t that the Clerk should contact Tom Cox (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) to see if reinstatement of the badly damaged road surface can be brought forward as a priority.

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b) Blocked pipe at sewage works – South West Water have now replaced the crushed pipe.

11. Village Maintenance

a) Ian had spoken to Peter Gent about repainting the telephone box. It was not possible to get an accurate quote but based on the cost of the last repaint an estimate of no more than £600 was suggested. Councillors **AGREED** that this could be approved but the cost of the work must not be exceeded without reference to the Parish Clerk.

12. Matters for next meeting

a) Dog owners – there is an on-going problem in the village with dog mess and dogs not being under proper control on roadways. This will be reviewed further but in the interim Ian was asked to put out a village email asking if residents had any ideas about resolving the problems.

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13. Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 16th September 7pm Doug's Shed