

BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
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Public Session

The Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Buckland St Mary Parish Council held at The Village Hall on Thursday 30th January 2025 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

Councillors N Parsons, I Farmer, A Rich, K Every, R Barton.

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs S Coombe & 1 members of the public in attendance.

2024/69 To receive apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received & accepted by Councillor Marshall & Councillor Wale.

2024/70 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/71 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 7th November 2024.

Minutes were received & approved by all councillors.

2024/72 Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Barton reported that there has been progress re the New CBO, although they are still looking for a treasurer & advertising manager.

2024/73 Reports from Somerset Councillors - No report received.

2024/74 Councillor Co-option

Kate Albon has been put forward for co-option as a parish councillor. All councillors in attendance voted in favour. The clerk will arrange for Councillor Albon to sign the Declaration of Office & Complete the Register of Interest.

2024/75 Finance

(i) The following were approved for payment:

Christmas Lights Mince Pies & Mulled Wine	£74.95
Village Hall Hire – October & November	£30.00
RBL (J Farmer) – Remembrance Wreath	£20.00
Clerks Pay – January 2025	£424.94
Clerks Expenses – January 2025	£45.40
HMRC Paye – January 2025	£61.00
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Christmas Light Timer – L Marshall	£67.97

(ii) Budget - Year to date spend for April – December 2024 – Councillors approved the year to date spend

(iii) Precept Bid 2025/2026 – Councillors agreed to increase the precept bid to £12,000.00

(iv) S137 Grants – Councillors agreed to award the following grants

Fobs – Nursery & School	£300.00
Buckland & Bishopswood Cricket Club	£150.00
Bishopswood Short Mat Bowls	£150.00

2024/76 Football Goal Request from Residents

Councillors agreed to purchase 2 new goals from the bequest account to place in the cricket field for children to use

2024/77 Correspondence

All correspondence circulated via email.

2024/78 Parish Matters

The clerk discussed councillors email addresses & the setup of an account for Councillor Albon.

Councillor Barton discussed the overgrown trees on Madgeon Lane.

Councillor Barton has reported the pot holes along Tower Lane.

Councillor Barton expressed her concerns around the cancellation of village events. Clerk to email the PCC.

Councillor Every asked the clerk to report the bad pot holes down Little Hill.

Councillor Farmer queried about the ongoing road closure & road works at Harveys Lane & Dommett Road respectively & the lack of progress. Clerk to query & request meeting with Highways.

2024/79 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 6th March 2025

N Parsons - Chair
6th March 2025

S Coombe – Clerk