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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 5th June 2025 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

Councillors I Farmer, A Rich, K Every, R Barton & K Albon. Councillor Farmer was elected to assume the position of chair for the meeting.

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs S Coombe & Cllr J Kenton

2025/23 To receive apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received from Councillor Parsons, Councillor Marshall & Councillor Wale.

2025/24 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/25 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 1st May 2025.

Minutes were received & approved by all councillors.

2025/26 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

2025/27 Reports from Somerset Councillors

Councillor Kenton reported on the review of Somerset County Council Boundaries & public consultation on parking due to inconsistencies across the county & will be introducing Sunday charges from October. Councillor Kenton also reported on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill the is currently going through for government approval to get Britain building again and deliver economic growth. The Bill will speed up and streamline the delivery of new homes and critical infrastructure, supporting delivery of the government's Plan for Change milestones of building 1.5 million safe and decent homes in England and fast-tracking 150 planning decisions on major economic infrastructure projects by the end of this Parliament.

2025/28 AGAR

(i) Approve & Sign Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement was agreed by all Councillors & signed by the Chair.

(ii) Approve & Sign Section 2 – Accounting Statements

The Accounting Statements was agreed by all Councillors & signed by the Chair.

(iii) Approve & Sign Certificate of Exemption

The Certificate of Exemption was agreed by all Councillors & signed by the Chair

(iv) Notice of Public Rights

Notice of Public Rights set as 13th June 2025 – 24th July 2025.

2025/29 Finance

- (i) The following payments were approved for payment

BSM Village Hall Hire – May 25	£15.20
Gallagher Insurance	428.15
Clerks Pay – Jun 25	£442.02
Clerks Expenses – Jun 25	£45.40
HMRC PAYE – Jun 25	£44.00

2025/30 Approve Fixed Asset Register

The fixed asset register has been amended as requested & was approved by all Councillors present.

2025/31 Village Fete – Saturday 5th July 2025

Councillor Barton discussed setting up for the village fete & provisions of tents, tables, chairs & stalls. Councillors agreed to purchase an alcohol licence for the Pimms stall at £21 & a pop up gazebo at £169.99.

2025/32 Tents & Tables,

As discussed at Agenda item 2025/31 it was agreed by all Councillors to purchase a pop up gazebo at a cost of £169.99. Clerk to order.

2025/33 CBO Life – Update & Transfer of Funds

The clerk reported that she has transferred sum agreed of £300 for the setup of CBO Life.

2025/34 School/Community Playground- Fobs May Fair Totals

The clerk reported that Fobs made a profit of £2500.00 at their annual May Fair for future match funding request.

2025/35 Repair to Footbridge – Bottom Bishopswood Meadows

The consensus from councillors was that it doesn't need repairing, the parish council will await to hear further from Mike Canham re a quote before making a decision.

2025/36 Parish Matters

Councillor Every agreed to check out the Mill Walk footpath that has also been reported.

2025/37 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd July 2025.

N Parsons - Chair
3rd July 2025

S Coombe – Clerk