

BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor Neal Parsons

Parish Clerk: Mrs S Coombe

Public Session

The Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Buckland St Mary Parish Council held at The Village Hall on Thursday 4th September 2025 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

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

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs S Coombe. There were no members of the public.

2025/48 To receive apologies for non-attendance

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

2025/49 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/50 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 3rd July 2025.

Minutes were received & approved by all councillors.

2025/51 Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Barton thanked everyone for their help at the summer fete.

Councillor Every has repaired the rotten boards on Mill Walk footpath, all councillors present approved the purchase of materials needed to carry out the work.

2025/52 Reports from Somerset Councillors – No reports were received.

2025/53 Planning

Application No	25/01863/FUL
Applicant	Mr Frank Aplin
Proposal	Proposed erection of a young stock building to replace existing less functional buildings on the farm Location
Location	Wetherhayes Farm, Birchwood Road, Buckland St Mary, Chard, TA20 3QQ

Application approved by all councillors present

2025/54 Finance

i. The following payments were approved by all councillors:

MJP Bookkeeping – Audit	£63.75
HMRC - PAYE	£127.44
Minute Binders	£32.48
BSM Village Hall Hire – 3/7/25	£14.00
Clerks Salary & Expenses – Aug 25	£469.82
Clerks Salary & Expenses – Sep 25	£469.82

- ii. The clerk shared the 1st Quarter Year to Date Spend with all councillors
- iii. The clerk shared the Bank Reconciliation with all councillors

2025/55 S137 Grant Application – Friends of Buckland St Mary School/School Playground

All councillors discussed the further application for money by FOBS towards the new playground in school grounds. They all agreed to the additional payment of £3500 but asked the clerk to enquire about the annual maintenance of the equipment & removal costs. The annual maintenance will be carried out by the Trust & removal costs are reduced due to much of the work being carried out by Rob & Jennie Farmer over the summer holidays.

2025/56 Parish Preparedness Survey

All councillors agreed that there is no requirement to complete the survey.

2025/57 Parish Matters

Councillor Every reported that he has checked all the grit bins & will pass the list to the clerk for action.

There was a short discussion by all councillors re the meeting to discuss the A303 junction by the Eagle Tavern on Thursday 23rd October 2025. Councillor Albon stated that she would be attending the meeting.

Councillor Parsons discussed the possibility of having a fish & chip van come to the village in order to buy a meal for parishioners over the age of 70. There was a suggestion to coincide it with the Christmas light switch on in the village. Clerk to place on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

2025/58 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd October 2025.

N Parsons - Chair
2nd October 2025

S Coombe – Clerk