

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2025 at 7.00pm **in Scoriton Village Hall**

Present – Cllrs Brent (Chairman), Feasey , Knowling and Le Marchant
County Cllr Dan Thomas and Dist Cllr Pannell and Clerk - Karen Gilbert.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

DEVON COUNTY

Cllr Thomas advised that he had been selected to serve as Cabinet Member for Highways at Devon County

He advised that the sum of £350 million was estimated as being needed to place Devon's roads in a reasonable condition - with the sum of £112 million to maintain them in that condition . The budget currently stands at approx £60 million

It was there for asked that Parish Councils and residents remain realistic in their expectations

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

New Leader of South Hams elected

Following Full Council yesterday, we have issued a press release announcing the appointment of our new Leader of the Council, Cllr Dan Thomas.

Here is a reminder of the Executive appointments:

- Cllr Dan Thomas - Leader
- Cllr Simon Rake - Deputy Leader
- Cllr Julian Brazil - Waste and Recycling, Community Services & Operations, Leisure Centres
- Cllr David Hancock - Planning, Strategic Planning
- Cllr John McKay - Climate change and biodiversity
- Cllr John Birch - Economic Development and Commercial Strategy, Governance
- Cllr Nadine Dommett - Community Development, Decarbonisation of council operations, Arts and culture
- Cllr Denise O'Callaghan - Housing, Environmental Health & Licensing
- Cllr Jacqi Hodgson - Waste and community composting
- Cllr Nicky Hopwood - Service quality, including customer service and improvement, IT and digital services

Celebrating our young local heroes

Cllr Bernard Taylor, in his role as Chairman, also met up with Kai and Willow Wakeling recently to present them with their 2025 Young Persons Community Award.

Kai and Willow, have over several years helped monitor Kingston Playing Fields with their Grandpa.

On behalf of Kingston Parish Council, they have gone out on weekends every 6 weeks to inspect the play equipment, grass areas, collect litter and report back their findings.

Continuing support for VCSE organisations in the South Hams

As part of the continuing support for our Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE) organisations in the South Hams - please find the May edition of Funding News for South Hams VCSE communities [here](#).

Please share this with voluntary and community groups and organisations in your Wards and please encourage them to sign-up to the new partnership offered by our neighbouring Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) organisations: West Devon CVS and Teignbridge CVS, at the new South Hams' email address: southhamsvcs@outlook.com

By signing up, they will receive regular sector updates, details of upcoming events and training opportunities as well as Funding News.

DARTMOOR NPA

SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT

The Supreme Court judgment in favour of DNP in the backpack camping issue generated a lot of publicity, the vast majority of which was positive. The review of Dartmoor National Park Byelaws, which triggered this case, is now able to proceed in light of the positive judgement.

CHANGES TO AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

We have four new Members joining the Authority as a result of the Devon County Council elections. The new Members are highlighted in bold below.

The County Council appointees are:

Stuart Rogers – Ashburton & Buckfastleigh

Sally Morgan – Bovey Rural (was previously a Teignbridge District Council appointee to the Authority)

Richard Keeling - Chudleigh & Teign Valley

Dan Thomas (re-appointed) - South Brent & Yealmpton

Michael Fife Cook – Yelverton Rural

Teignbridge District Council have appointed:

John Nutley - Ashburton & Buckfastleigh

Jack Major - Ashburton & Buckfastleigh (replacing Sally Morgan who remains on the Authority as a County Council appointee – see above)

West Devon Borough Council have appointed:

Mark Renders – West Devon Dartmoor (Princetown)

Caroline Mott – Bridestowe

South Hams District Council have appointed:

Guy Pannell – South Brent

25/06/01 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Rolls and Owen - approved

25/06/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting held on 6th May 2025 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record

25/06/03. Declarations of interest - None **Dispensation requests** None

25/06/04- PC admin - No co-options to consider

25/06/05 - Clerks Report

The Police report had been circulated prior to the Meeting

It was **NOTED** that work was still in hand with regard to the amendments required to the website

The Clerk also advised that she had recently attended a webinar on the Transfer of Assets and Services - but that there was little to note for Buckfastleigh West at this stage

25/06/06- Planning

0184/25 NOTED	Prior Notification	Land At Bowerdon, Buckfastleigh,	Erection of agricultural storage building
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25/06/07 Finance - Approval of cheques - AGREED by all

Karen Gilbert	expenses , mileage DCC + stamps	59.92
Zurich Municipal	PC insurance 8/6/25	264.00

25/06/08 Councillor reports

- a) Tree Warden report. - No report
- b) Councillors reports from other meetings. No report
- c) Footpaths Warden Report. - No report

25/06/09 - Village Matters

a) Highways - Various issues were highlighted during discussion with Cllr Thomas

b) Village Hall - No update

25/06/10. Date/time of next meeting - 1st July 2025

There being no further business the meeting was closed at. 7.45 pm