

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September 2025 at 7.00pm in Scoriton Village Hall

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

DEVON COUNTY

Cllr Thomas commented on the latest update regarding the Local Government review

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

LGR engagement events reminder

This is an opportunity for our residents to have their say on our local government reorganisation (LGR) proposals for Devon, ask any questions and give us their feedback. The team will be visiting South Brent and in the Village Shop from 10.00 to 12.30 on Monday 22nd September to hear residents' views

AVIAN FLU

As a Local Authority, we collect dead birds on public land if they pose a public health concern. Instances of dead birds can be reported through our [website](#) where locations will be triaged as to public health risk. Reporting dead birds is important for agencies to understand how diseases are spread. You can report any sightings [here](#). England is in an avian influenza prevention zone (AIPZ) with mandatory biosecurity measures. All bird keepers must follow strict biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the threat of avian flu. Further information on the biosecurity measures can be found [on the Gov.UK website](#).

DARTMOOR NPA

Dartmoor Partnership Plan Review

A public opinion survey on the Dartmoor Partnership Plan - the strategic plan for the moor guiding the priorities and management decisions for Dartmoor over the next five years - is now live. The consultation ends on 14th September. The council is providing its own response to the plan. Cllr Guy Pannell is on the DNPA representing the council.

More information is available on the DNPA website

25/09/01 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Rolls and Knowling- approved/ Cllr Owen absent

25/09/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting held on 7th July 2025 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record

25/09/03. Declarations of interest - Cllr Feasey in Licensing Police consultation

Dispensation requests None

25/09/04- PC admin

- a) To consider any Co-option requests and note any publicity of the Vacancy - NONE
- b) To note the 3.2% cost of living increase backdated to 1/4/25 on Clerk wages. NOTED
- c) To decide if wish to respond to consultation re SHDC Licensing Policy - NO RESPONSE
- d) To note need for replacement contractor / volunteer to maintain War Memorial area

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT ALTERNATIVE CONTRACTOR

25/09/05 - Clerks Report

The Police report had been circulated prior to the Meeting

The Clerk asked that **ALL** Councillors changeover to the new .Gov email addresses as soon as possible

25/09/06- Planning

DOC/0451/22 8 9. NOTED / APPROVED BY DNPA	Discharge Of Conditions	Scorriton Court Farm, Scorriton, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0JB	Partial demolition of existing barns, conversion of Threshing Barn to agricultural workers dwelling (C3) and erection of a separate agricultural store
0276/25 NO OBJECTION	Full Planning Permission	Parklands Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0HJ	General purpose agricultural and machinery building

25/09/07 Finance - Approval of cheques - AGREED by all

KAREN GILBERT	CLERKS EXPENSES JUNE TO AUGUST	£123.00
KAREN GILBERT	BACK PAY TO 04/25 AT 3.2%.	£82.08

25/06/08 Councillor reports

- a) **Tree Warden report.** - No report
- b) **Councillors reports from other meetings.** It was reported that a Flower Show catch up meeting had taken place -Footfall in the day was slightly down but the evening attendance was up
- c) **Footpaths Warden Report.** - No report
- d) **25/09//09 - Village Matters**

a) Highways - No specific issues were mentioned

b) Village Hall - No update

Cllr Feasey advised that the defibrillator had been classed as obsolete - due to the fact that Batteries and leads are no longer available . The cost for a replacement machine was approx £900 + Vat

It was **AGREED** that it was essential that this equipment was replaced

ACTION ; CLERK TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING

25/09/10. Date/time of next meeting - 7th October 2025

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