

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Cllrs Feasey (Chairman) Knowling , Owen and Rolls
Clerk - Karen Gilbert.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

DEVON COUNTY - NONE

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Local Government Reorganisation Bid Submission

Our Reimagining Devon: Believe in Better proposal for LGR has been debated and agreed upon by seven of the county's 11 councils ahead of today's submission deadline.

It has taken many months of planning and preparation to get us to this stage, working across geographical and political boundaries to develop the proposal with our colleagues at East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, Teignbridge, and Torridge, along with additional input from Torbay Council.

Our own officers have led on many aspects of the creation of Reimagining Devon, which has been a colossal undertaking in the timeframe we've had. It has been a monumental effort.

South Hams can hold its head high, having led on the coordination of a proposal and a submission document that all seven districts have been able to stand behind.

Help keep our green spaces clean

Fly-tipping — the illegal dumping of waste — is a serious issue that damages our environment, endangers wildlife, and spoils the places we all enjoy.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have recently been issued for multiple fly-tipping incidents across Roborough, Cadover, Totnes, and Deancombe. These cases involved a range of dumped items including household furniture, toys, black sacks, and loose domestic waste in Roborough; wooden furniture, mirrored panels, soft furnishings, and a punch dummy in Cadover; and shelves, bedding, crockery, clothing, and metal cookware in Totnes, where CCTV footage was obtained. At Deancombe, the waste included rotten OSB boards, plastic debris, and loose gravel and mud.

Messages for residents:

Fly-tipping is illegal, harmful to the environment, and costly to clean up. We urge residents to dispose of waste responsibly and use licensed waste carriers.

Reporting fly-tipping helps local authorities respond quickly and remove dumped waste, deters repeat offenders and protects our shared spaces and supports enforcement efforts — including issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to those caught fly-tipping.

Fly-tipping is a crime - offenders can face fines of up to £500 through FPNs, and in some cases, prosecution. Reporting helps us take action.

If you witness fly-tipping, report it to your local council or use the official reporting app. Every report makes a difference.

25/12/01 Apologies for absence - Dist Cllr Guy Pannell and Cllrs Brent / Le Marchant

25/12/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting held on 4th November 2025 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record

25/12/03. Declarations of interest - None

Dispensation requests None

25/12/04- PC admin

a) To consider any Co-option requests and note any publicity of the Vacancy - **NONE**

b) To adopt an IT policy -

Cllr Feasey presented a draft for comment and amendment where necessary

It was agreed that the updated version be presented to the February meeting for adoption

ACTION ; IT POLICY ADOPTION DEFERRED TO 02/26

25/12/05 - Clerks Report

The Clerk asked whether there had been any progress re the replacement defibrillator

Cllr Feasey presented three costed options for consideration

It was **RESOLVED** that the Lifepak CR2 at a cost inc VAT of £1134.00 be ordered

ACTION ; CLERK TO ORDER DEFIB MACHINE

25/12/06- Planning - NONE

25/12/07 Finance - Approval of cheques - AGREED by all

G SQUIRES	TIDYING WAR MEMORIAL AREA FOR 2025	140.00
K GILBERT	EXP 11/25 AND ANNUAL MILEAGE	81.50
K GILBERT	REIMBURSE - DEFIB MACHINE	1134.00

25/12/08 Councillor reports

a) **Tree Warden report.** - No report

b) **Councillors reports from other meetings.** No report

c) **Footpaths Warden Report.** - No report.

25/12/09 - Village matters

a) **Highways** -It was **NOTED** that the buddle holes along the road past Mltchelcroft had become blocked creating potential flooding issues

ACTION ; CLERK TO ADVISE HIGHWAYS & CLLRS TO SEEK LOCAL SOLUTION

b) **Village Hall** - No update

25/12/10. Date/time of next meeting - 3RD FEBRUARY 2026 at 7pm

NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2026

There being no further business the meeting was closed at. 7.40pm