

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May 2026 at 7.00pm **in Scoriton Village Hall**

Present – Cllrs Brent (Chairman) , Feasey, Le Marchant and Owen
Clerk - Karen Gilbert. and District Cllr Guy Pannell (left 7.15pm)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

DEVON COUNTY - NONE SENT

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - FULL REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CLERK

Parkwood Leisure FAQs

From Monday 1 June, Parkwood Leisure via Active Communities Together, will formally be running the leisure centres across South Hams on behalf of the councils.

We are currently having weekly calls with Fusion's administrators and Parkwood, and we're pleased to say that as of this week, everything remains on track for transfer on 1 June. Feedback from the centres is that memberships and centre usage has not been negatively impacted by administration and services have been running smoothly.

We have now updated our website with standalone FAQs from Parkwood along with letters that are being sent to all members and customers.

You can find the information here.

Members are encouraged to refer residents to the online FAQs where appropriate, as these will continue to be updated if further questions arise.

The Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative

The next closing date for applications is 7 September.

The Better Community Business Network Grant Initiative is offering small grants to support charities and community-led projects across the United Kingdom. The initiative provides one-off awards of up to £3,000, with a total annual allocation of £36,000 distributed through 12 grants each year.

The funding is intended to improve quality of life and opportunities for individuals and communities, particularly those experiencing social or economic disadvantage. Eligible applicants include community groups, voluntary organisations, charities and local branches of national charities, as well as organisations with charitable aims.

To qualify, applicants must be based in the UK and registered with a recognised governing body such as the Charity Commission or Companies House for at least 18 months. They must also have submitted annual accounts.

Grants may be used to support a range of activities, including education projects such as schools and extra-curricular clubs, health initiatives covering mental wellbeing and healthy eating, and services for ex-offenders including mentoring and rehabilitation.

Support is also available for homelessness and poverty work, arts and cultural activities, environmental projects, services for older people, disability inclusion and social cohesion efforts.

Better Community Business Network (BCBN) Grant Initiative

DNPA

Guy Pannell advised that the DNPA annual report had been published - a copy would be emailed to the Council . He also advised that the Chief Financial Officer for DNPA had moved on to Devon County which he felt was a great loss

POLICE REPORT - NOTED

26/05/01 - 24/05/01 - Election of Chairman

Cllr Brent confirmed his willingness to act as Chairman to Buckfastleigh West Parish Council . Cllr S Brent was proposed by Cllr Feasey & seconded by Cllr Owen with all in agreement.

26/05/01a Apologies for absence - Cllrs Knowling & Rolls (accepted) & C Cllr Thomas

26/05/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting both held on 7th April 2026 were approved and each signed as a true and accurate record

26/05/03. Declarations of interest - None

Dispensation requests None

26/05/04- PC admin

a) To consider any Co-option requests and note any publicity of the Vacancy -

No expressions of interest had been received but the Council would continue to promote the vacancy

b) Update re replacement defibrillator and quotes for cabinet at Combe

Cllr Feasey explained that no quotes had been received - It was AGREED that the purchase of the cabinet be delegated to the Clerk in association with Cllrs Brent and Feasey - after email consultation

c) Website compliance - correct email usage - It was confirmed that the.gov website and emails were in place

26/05/05 - Clerks Report - Nothing to report

26/05/06- Planning

There was a brief discussion regarding Planning matters in the Parish

26/05/07. Finance - Approval of cheques - AGREED by all

Karen Gilbert	expenses for April 2026	£41.00
Chris Jebb / Hawthorns accounting	Internal Audit 25/26	£75.00
ZURICH MUNICIPAL	Parish Council Insurance	£264.00

b) To consider the Internal Auditors report - The Clerk presented the internal Auditors report which highlighted no issues **NOTED**

c) To consider & approve the Parish Council Accounts y/e 31/3/26 /exemption form

The Clerk presented the Accounts for Buckfastleigh West Parish Council for the year ending 31/3/26 The Clerk also presented the Exemption from Audit form
Both were **APPROVED** by all - SHOW OF HANDS

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the Accounts as adopted and sign the exemption form

d) To consider/ agree Annual statement of Governance y/e 31/3/26

The Clerk read out the statement of Governance

APPROVED by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

e) To consider & approve Statements on Annual return y/e 31/3/26

The Clerk presented the Annual Return - previously circulated

APPROVED by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE RETURN

26/05/08 Councillor reports

- a) **Tree Warden report.** - No report
- b) **Councillors reports from other meetings.** No report
- c) **Footpaths Warden Report.** - NOTHING OF NOTE

26/04/09 - Village matters

- a) **Highways** - Various issues were discussed and the Chairman recommended that Councillors and residents should report defects online using the following link

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem>

- b) **Village Hall** - Nothing to report

- c) **POW stone** - DEFERRED TO 07/26

26/05/10. Date/time of next meeting - 7th JULY 2026 at 7pm

NO MEETING IN JUNE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at. 7.50 pm