

BRIDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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25th February 2025

To Members of Bridford Parish Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Bridford Parish Council, to be held **on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business.**

Members of the public and press are invited to attend the meeting.

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Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. (Standing Orders 3e and 3f). Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

2) Apologies For Absence:

3) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February 2025.

4) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at District Council within 28 days of the change.

5) Review actions from previous meeting:

a) Clerk's action points: Euro Forest lorries, DCC Highways: trees on Pound Lane, grit box by pub, back lane verge and Westcott rocks, Good Sam defibrillators, DNPA Ranger - footpath by Pooks, Locality Funding bids – play park bench and APM, Vision ICT cancellation, play park lease length, verges management plan, neighbours planning query, contact Glasdon, book VH for APM, Unity article on VE Day, DALC training dates and needs analysis, CC online account and carton recycling trial

b) Councillors' action points: training needs analysis and training requests – all Councillors, APM plan – PM, VE Day wording for Unity – JT, Smatter group and WhatsApp – JT

6) District and County Councillor Reports –

7) Chairman's Report (for information only)

8) PLANNING

Planning Applications - Dartmoor National Park has asked for observations from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

0052/25 - Westcott Dairy - road From Plaston Green to Plaistow Green, Bridford, Exeter, EX6 7EJ – new farm tracks – prior notification

0061/25 - Higher Neadon, Bridford, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7JE - Replacement single storey extension on existing footprint plus external repair/alteration work to existing chimney – full planning permission

0070/25 - Conversion of redundant rural building to single residential dwellinghouse at Lower Lowton Farm Lowton Lane, Bridford, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7EN

Planning Decisions

0250/24 - To retain an existing mobile home as permanent accommodation for an agricultural worker Seven Acre Farm, Bridford, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7AR - Withdrawn

9) FINANCE

Income

None this month

Expenditure

Clerk's salary February - £566.46 (reduced for Pension – see below) SO

Clerk's homeworking expenses - £6 per week SO

Clerk's SIM and data plan - £3.99 DD per month

HP Instant Ink £3.99 by SO per month to Clerk as paid on Clerk's own CC

Clerk's employee contribution pension payment to Nest Pensions (taken off salary) DD £62.94

Employer's contribution to Clerk's pension payment to Nest Pensions DD £18.88

ICO fee for 2025/6 subscription - £47 by DD

CC monthly fee £3 by DD to Lloyds Bank (for Unity Trust)

Bank Reconciliation and Statement for February 2025.

Council to resolve to accept the accounts.

10) Disciplinary and grievance policy (circulated prior to meeting) - to be adopted

11) Publication Scheme (circulated prior to meeting) - to be discussed and adopted

12) Verges management plan – circulated prior to meeting for comments and approval

13) APM plans; Smatter group and WhatsApp – plans to be discussed and agreed

14) VJ Day – 15th August – discuss and agree whether celebrations to be organised - Cllr. Symons to lead

15) Clerk's report (for information)

Update on locality funding bids

Highways update

Logging update

Planning update

Footpaths update

Fouling in the churchyard/village

16) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on **Monday 7th April 2025** at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Email information

DALC bulletins - up to #9 (2025)

NALC bulletins

DNPA Planning applications

DCC Highways updates

Euro Forest update