

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 7.30.pm, at Bridgerule Village Hall.**

These minutes are provisional until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

**Present :**  Chairman: D Hale,

Councillors, F. Cogdell, J. McDougall, K. Bowditch, S. Whatmore, J. Trayford

Apologies K. James, S. Cholwill, M. Tape.

In Attendance : Clerk.

**Declarations of Interests:** The Chairman asked that interests be declared as they arise.

**3530. Public Open Question Time :** No questions raised.

**3531. District Councillors Report :** No report received this month.

**3532. Council Meeting Minutes :** Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2025 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and were agreed by all present and signed by the chairman as correct. Proposed 1st, JMD, 2nd FC, all councillors in favour.

**3531.**  **Matters Arising :** FC had spoken to PH regarding the demolition and removal of the old bus shelter at the corner of the carpark. There was an existing concrete base that the wooden bench from the playpark could be placed on. To Agenda this item next month.

**3532:**  **To Receive Correspondence:** received invitation for a council representative to attend Open Afternoon at North Devon Records office at Barnstaple,

First Aid course, dates chosen 2nd or 4th October, clerk to check availability with SC and confirm. A poster could be placed on both notice boards next month, and possibly the next edition of the Buzz.

New secretary for local M.P, laminated posters had been provided for display for resident’s information and contact details.

**3533 :** **Chairmans Report :** DH wished to thank FC for his help with delivery of the new playpark benches which arrived last week. Councillors thought they looked very good, although some concerns of the siting of one were discussed. FC would liase, regarding this.

**3534 :**  **Accounts and Accounts due for payment -** Finance sheets had been circulated to councillors,

Invoices this month, SC Garden Services, £240.00 for grass cutting

Kedel Ltd, £1390.78 for Rainbow benches for playground.

A.Harvey, £84.99 for Annual Microsoft subscription for council,

Current account balance agreed at £8064.44 on 5th July 2025.

Interest received on reserve account from Unity on 30th June, £81.64

Proposed 1st, JMD, 2nd JT, show of hands, all councillors in favour.

**3535 : Playpark Update :** DH asked that clerk write a letter of thanks to the hall committee for their donation towards the costs, when received.

**3536: Vas Signs, Speedwatch Update and Highways :**

JT reported that two Speedwatch sessions were held during the last month. On 4th June, at Chapel corner area, 3 had been recorded as speeding. JT had been unable to file this at HQ, as they had not been notified of the change of Traffic Order in March, but this had now been done and their records updated. On 23rd June at the Green, 23 vehicles had passed with no speeding. It was planned for two sessions per month to be held, more frequently than that was not possible due to time constraints. An appeal would be launched for more volunteers needed.

Two more site locations would be added soon.

SW provided Vas data for the month, Sign 1, Vicarage Hill,

17th June -14th July, 5798 passing vehicles, 4889 were speeding. 553 were travelling over 30mph which equates to 1 in 10.5. Average speed was 23.7mph, which is down 0.2.mph. Maximum speed recorded 54 mph, which is up 10 mph.

Sign 2, Middle Road, recorded 3941 passing vehicles, 142 speeding which equates to 1 in 27. Average speed recorded was 19.9mph, down to 1.6mph. Maximum speed recorded was 42.1mph which was up 1.5 mph.

Highways- Road Closure on the B3254, Bevills Hill to Newacott Cross on Wednesday 3rd September, for up to 5 days, for Pole replacements and testing.

**3537** **: Bridgerule Open Space Group :** DH reported that the group were going to visit Woodford, near Morwenstow to see what had been done there, over a 3-year period. Some pallets had been acquired to be

 re- used for compost bins. The visit would give the group some ideas. Paths had been marked out, and the school had been invited to become involved in visits and suggestions in due course.

**3538 :** V**illage Hall/Shop Update :**  The Hall was continuing to do well.

The shop had had a couple of very busy days last week. The Annual Members meeting was to be held next week in the hall to report on the previous year and give details of the newly appointed Shop manager.

**3539 : Clerks Report :** Electoral Register changes this month, 10 deletions.

**3560 :** **Exchange of Information :** It was noted that the road at Borough Cross had been re-tarmacked, but the road had been dug up due to a water leak. The condition of the road at Newacott Cross to Under lane is bad, with multiple potholes, clerk will photograph and contact the NHO. The potholes near Aquarious have opened up again, despite repairs.

If there is any AirBnB in the village, do they pay council tax? Business rates apply.

A white van had been noted in the car park, and appeared to look abandoned, on checking the vehicle was currently untaxed. Clerk to write letter to place on van and ask for immediate removal.

**3561 : Meeting closed at 8.07 pm :** Date of next meeting Tuesday 19th August at 7.30 pm.

**Signed by Meeting Chairman : …………………………………………………………………………………..**

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