BUCKLAND FILLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Community Day Centre, West Heanton

Thursday 7th May 2026, 7.55pm

Present, Cllr Bond (Chair), Cllr Davies, Cllr Nethacott (Vice Chair), Cllr Salter, District Cllr Wheatley, Selina Woollacott (Clerk) One member of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Balsdon, District Cllr Cottle-Hunkin.

2. Declarations of interest, Councillors to declare any interests in matters on the agenda. None.

3. Open Session for members of the public to speak.
3.1) Discussion of matters raised by members of the public. None.

4. Reports
4.1) Report from District Councillor. Report given in Annual Parish Council Meeting.
4.2) Report from County Councillor. No Report.

5. Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th March 2026. The Minutes were sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting. All Councillors agreed the Minutes are an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Bond signed the Minutes.

6. Urgent matters raised by the Chairperson which are not included in the agenda. Cllr Bond received a letter from Sir Geoffrey Cox office, with regards to the Broadband in rural areas that Airband had the funding for and did not complete. Communication is ongoing with a number of companies. The goal is better and faster broadband to rural areas. Address details wrong on the letter Clerk to inform Sir Geoffrey office.

7. Clerk's Report. .Gov email address. The Clerk has set up a new email address for the Parish Council. clerk@bucklandfilleighparishcouncil.gov.uk The Clerk will monitor the gmail email account until all companies and organisations have been informed and are using the new email address.

8. IT Policy, Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice. The Policies were sent out to all Councillors to read prior to the meeting. All Councillors agreed to adopt the new and updated policies. The Policies will be uploaded to the website.

9. Finance
9.1) Bank Account Balance and update on accounts.
On the 5th February 2026 the bank account balance was £14,057.62
Outstanding Cheques
£167 Shebbear Youth Club,
Cheques on this agenda total to £924.26
The account holds £398.22 of P3 Money.
This leaves a useable balance of £12,568.14
9.2) TDC cheque for Payroll and Clerk Salary. £473.87
9.3) Cheque £60 Village Hall Storage of filing cabinets.
9.4) Cheque £42 DALC for AI Training. 3 courses and each of the Clerk Parishes is paying for 1 course.
9.5)Cheque £116.71 DALC Annual membership fee.
9.6) Invoices to be paid not listed above. An insurance quote has been sent £231.68.
All Councillors agreed to pay the above invoices. Cheques were signed at the meeting.

10) End of year accounts and complete and sign AGAR form. Each Councillor has the end of year account printouts and heard the end of year report in the Annual meeting. No questions on the end of year accounts. The Clerk read through the AGAR form with the Councillors. The Clerk and Cllr Bond as Chairman signed the relevant parts of the form. The end of year accounts and the AGAR form will be on the website before the 30th June 2026.

11. Planning.

11.1) 1/0256/2026/FUL Demolition of existing extension and outbuilding, erection of two storey extension with lower floor buried underground, replacement garage and associated alterations. Modbury, Buckland Filleigh, Beaworthy. Comments by 8th May 2026. Councillors were sent the planning information prior to the meeting. The Clerk had the planning applications open on her laptop at the meeting. The Councillors discussed the planning which is very similar to the application 3 years ago for the same work. The Councillors agreed No Objections.

11.2) Planning Decisions. None.

12. Footpaths and Roads

12.1) Footpath update. P3 funds. The contractor has confirmed that as soon as someone can they will be completing the work on the steps on The Glebe to Challhanger footpath.

12.2) Drainage update. Galmington and Glebe roads. No update.

12.3) Bridge. No update.

12.4) Filleighmoor Gate road. Still on the schedule. The dragon patcher is now out working in the County.

12.5) East Lodge Drain. Member of the public sent a letter to the Parish Council with regards to the drainage pipes and water on the road causing potholes at East Lodge. Councillors agreed with the information in the letter and instructed the Clerk to contact the Highways Officer and the County Councillor. Cllr Wheatley asked to be copied into the email as well.

12.6) Road Warden Scheme. Cllr Bond and Cllr Cottle-Hunkin were discussing this at the last meeting. Cllr Bond is going to spend some time reading up on the scheme and how it works. He will report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Bond wanted to voice his thoughts on a few Highways matters. It is good to see that the road edges are being clean and cleared for water to run off and not sit on the roads. However there are still too many potholes and damage being done to people's cars who can not afford to keep replacing tyres. People are driving further to avoid bad roads. The County Council is not being efficient. Who monitors the County Council and their lack of efficiency. Why did I have a Devon Highways lorry driver wanting to sell me a load of Tarmac when it has passed over a dozen potholes to get here. No one is holding Highways accountable. It is the same with the rural Broadband AirBand is given money to complete a contract, they don't as they say they have run out of money and then given a load more money to finish the original contract. Again no one holds them accountable for failing to complete the contract. Cllr Wheatley asked to be provided with details of all the roads with issues in the Parish.

13. Correspondence email to Councillors prior to the meeting. All items on the Agenda.

14. Matters for inclusion in the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.30pm. Clerk Appraisal.

Meeting Closed 8.24pm

Members of the public are invited to attend.

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